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Welcome Back!

By Rob Dunn

The air is getting colder, the days are getting shorter, and Matignon life is getting started back up again. After another sweltering summer, the vibrant student body is back for the 2011-2012 school year. It seems like every day the hallways are bustling with people talking, catching up, and preparing for another busy year. With new faces mixed with familiar ones, there is never a shortage of people to talk to. Whether you're a wide-eyed freshman desperately searching for an elevator to the pool on the roof or a veteran senior that knows the building like the back of your hand, coming back to school after summer vacation is an exciting time for all.

The return to school is a very unique time, and therefore has its own customs and traditions. Between finding your classes, playing sports, signing up for clubs, and remembering how to open your locker, it is a minor miracle that students of all ages manage to have any time for anything fun. And yet somehow it seems like each day there is something new going on, whether it's a group trip for pizza after school or going to cheer on one of the teams with some friends. The fun, tight knit community at Matignon is what makes it so special to the majority of its students. That type of unique environment was center stage at the first Friday night football game of the year. After the tiring first week of classes and homework, the community gathered together to support the home team. Warrior pride was on display all night, and it was obvious to everyone that the new school year had been started on the right note.

It is nights like those that define the high school experience, not what you got on your first algebra quiz. Clearly, just as the weather is starting to get cold, things at Matignon are just starting to heat up. Grab your backpacks, dust off your green and gold sweatshirt, and welcome back Warriors.

Matignon Clubs

By Elena Meuse

As a new school year begins, Matignon clubs spring into action. From S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) to Science club, Matignon has a large variety of clubs available for students to participate in and get involved in the school. Within the first few weeks of school many clubs such as photography club, science club, and year-book have already begun meeting regularly.

National Honors Society is preparing for their first service project at the WGBH All Classical Cartoon Festival at Symphony Hall in Boston in late October. Also in October, the Key Club is organizing a bake sale to raise money for a donation towards UNICEF.

In addition to all the clubs previously mentioned several more including French club, Latin club, Spanish club, Academic Decathlon, Dance club and International club are also preparing for a year of fun activities. All clubs are still open to new members and are thankful for all the support they receive from students. Listen to the daily announcements to learn more about each club and their meeting schedules. Overall, it should be a fun and productive year for all Matignon clubs and organizations. For more details of our clubs, please turn to page 6.

**Matignon High School
Open House**
Wednesday, November 9, 2011 6:15 – 8:00 pm

Coco Chanel

By Dan Milch

Wake up, take a shower, brush your teeth, and put on your uniform. A trivial occurrence that takes place every day without much thought put into what you're doing. Well fortunately, you will start putting more thought into your mornings when deciding what to wear. No longer will you mindlessly throw on your uniform, not thinking about your appearance and looking like a borderline Neanderthal. Now you might say you can't put any variations in your uniform to make it fashionable, this is where you are wrong.

For you gentlemen out there who think being fashionable is only for women, try telling that to Giorgio Armani who's getting all the ladies, and Ralph Lauren who's making millions off of fashion. Even Mark Twain had a sense of fashion, and the man wrote *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*; so that should really tell you something. He stated "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society". For those of you running around bare bottom, you might want to read up now. So gentlemen, when you wake up in the morning take a shower and fix your hair first of all, the bed head look has not, and will never look good. After that find your way to your closet and the most fashionable choice would be picking out a nice shirt and tie combination, preferably no extremely vivid colors. Make sure the shirt fits, don't roll up the sleeves and don't leave the top button undone, you just come off as an unprofessional slob. Most importantly do not and I repeat DO NOT have your slacks drooping below the derriere; no one wants to see that. If you really want to one up your wardrobe, toss on a nice sweater vest with a man scarf. Europeans do it, so why not us? Follow these tips and you'll be rolling in with all the fine females just like your boy Giorgio.

For you ladies out there, listen up. I know you spend hours upon hours getting ready for school. Stop pounding on the makeup, you're already beautiful and we disapprove of clowns walking the halls of Matignon. Ladies, another fashion habit to break is hiking up the skirts because as Coco Chanel once eloquently put it "A girl should be two things: classy and fabulous." Sadly and most certainly tragically, yoga pants have been taken off the Matignon dress code menu. We all know how "comfortable" and "relaxing" they are, unfortunately they'll have to be left at home. If you really wish to look good, go for a nice classy look with a nice blouse. You can also accessorize with a number of options such as: bracelets, necklaces, earrings, and pocket books. You'll be making Coco proud if you follow these tips.

If looking fresh to death in your school uniform is what you're looking for, looking fresh to death is what you're going to get when following my expertise on fashion.



Welcome Back with September Mass

By Katherine Morrison

The first school Mass unites Matignon High School as a family. Each year, the students and faculty are greeted by celebrant Father Nedder, as well as by the familiarity of the Communion routines and choir songs. Campus Minister Ms. Cunningham collaborates with student volunteers to put together the monthly masses by dedicating students as lectors, altar servers, and Eucharistic Ministers. On Wednesday September 14, 2011, the Matignon family flooded the auditorium seats, eagerly awaiting the celebration. Students filed in beginning with the senior class, and who are immediately followed by the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. The procession began with the choir singing Ben E. King's, "Stand By Me," marking their first debut at mass for the 2011-2012 school year. Toward the end of his homily, Father Nedder wished the freshman class the best of luck for their first year at Matignon, as well as shed light on the senior class's endeavors, with regards to college applications and continuing to nurture their minds with learning and growth. He wished the juniors well as they embark upon one of the toughest years of their high school careers, and the sophomores with all of their academic pursuits and activities as well. The first Mass of the year celebrates Matignon's community, and the pride each member holds in their heart. The Matignon community thanks Ms. Cunningham, Father Nedder, and all of those who participated for their hard work and dedication in putting together one of the most exciting spiritual events to kick off the school year!



EDITORIALS

September 11th

By Brian Bevilacqua

10 years ago on a normal Tuesday morning our nation changed forever. There is no need to explain what happened on that day, September 11, 2001. We all have heard the stories of the evil actions taken against innocent Americans that day. Many upperclassmen may remember the appalling events of that day despite being no older than 7 years old at the time. The memory of being picked up early from school by our parents, or coming home and being sat down in front of the television and having the breaking news explained to us is burned in many of our hearts and minds for life despite being completely incapable of comprehending the significance of what we were bearing witness to. Even if you were too young to remember that day, every time you watch the news you are reminded of how life in America was permanently altered from that moment on.

I am encouraging you to do more than just recall the events of September 11th. Anyone can remember the events of an important day in history. Instead, I hope that everyone recognizes how the entire world was transformed. The magnitude of the evil seen in the acts of terror we witnessed that day was unbearable. We entered into a different America, one with multiple wars and a new fear in its people; a fear never mentioned but visible at all times. However, it also spurred a new bravery and heroism in Americans. From the very instant that American Airlines flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center Americans developed a new sense of brotherhood that we still carry 10 years later. This bravery was evident in the actions of the first responders who perished attempting to save others, and remains evident today as young patriots enlist in the armed forces. I hope that as we begin our adult lives we do not abandon this sense of brotherhood as that infamous day falls further and further into the past.



The Matignon community gathered in front of the school at the American flag to honor and remember this day.

To Drink or Not to Drink?

By Rob Dunn

Like the Lochness Monster, Bigfoot, and Inception, the Matignon water fountains were not too long ago a source of great confusion. Besides naïve freshmen and transfer students, no student can claim to forget the days when Matignon water raised more questions than a final exam. What made it so they couldn't be used? Who on earth plugged them up with paper towels? How did something as innocent as water fountains become the most feared thing in the entire building? Matignon attempted to push these pressing questions to the side with the quick installation of sparkling new fountains over the summer. However, it was initially unclear whether this renovation cleared the air, or left the issue as murky as dirty water.

To gauge the school's reaction to the new fountains, perhaps the most important critics are the seniors. The class of 2012 has dealt with Matignon's Watergate for four years, and therefore has the best understanding of the developments. Senior Jake Summers was strolling down the halls en route to a theology class when he was stopped and asked to drink from the water fountain. After a long look of apprehension, Mr. Summers took the bold step and took a hearty sip. The courageous gentleman then offered the feedback Matignon is looking for, proclaiming "I was honestly a little frightened at first, but it really isn't bad at all. I think they did a solid job fixing it up." Jake showed no signs of sickness later in the day, and resumed his day cheerfully.

However, for every fountain fan there is a bubbler basher, and the one that offered his two cents on the issue was Nicholas Murphy. The student in question was offered the same ultimatum as his classmate Jake. Nick responded quite differently however, proving that old habits really do die hard. The senior looked at the fountain in disgust and quipped "No way. They could tell me that the water comes straight from Poland Springs, I just can't bring myself to drink from these fountains after four years of avoiding them like the plague." Mr. Murphy is not alone, as many students not only forget about the water fountains, but actively evade them. Many will admit that they believe the water is clean and refreshing, but still will not drink from it due to the memories of years past when even considering quenching your thirst at a fountain was taboo.

In an extremely unified school such as Matignon, perhaps the greatest dividing issue is the choice on whether to drink or not to drink. The new water fountains are available all around the school, and yet will remain unused by a great number of students who recall days past. It may be a few years before trust completely returns and plastic water bottles become less of a safe haven for Matignon students eager to avoid sipping from the famous fountains.

Paying for College:

A Financial Catastrophe, or Easier than it Looks?

By Nikko Mejia

The current climate of our economy is bleak to say the least. Many high school seniors and their families are finding it difficult when choosing a college, often worrying about tuition. However, there are a few things one should know about the cost and what sort of help is available. Some good places to start is your High School's guidance office, the financial aid offices at the college of your choice, and seeking out scholarships from colleges or other organizations. Your school has information about scholarships, but some other places to look are www.mefa.org, www.osfa.mass.edu, www.dollarsforscholars.org, www.teri.org, and www.amsa.com. With these types of websites helping those in need get financial aid, is paying for college really as catastrophic as it seems?

One can do general searches under federal student aid, Mass student aid, and scholarships; public and private. There are also scholarships exclusive to your major, some of which you do not even have to apply for, but will be chosen for when you apply to your college of choice and choose a major. This information is commonly available on the college or university website.

A good resource is Mass211help.org where you can search the site or call 211. Keep in mind most of this information is available for free to anyone who is willing to do the work. However, despite these outlets for help, the process can still be a task. It is certainly not easier than it looks, but can be less overwhelming if one takes the correct steps and procedures.

Having said the above, and in the midst of a search myself, I cannot help but wonder; "Is the cost worth the education if there are no jobs available when I graduate, be it in four, six, or eight years?" So many people I know who hold degrees at many levels are out of work due to our economy and outsourcing, making the job search seem more daunting than the college search. I am only left to wonder one thing after realizing this; what will come of the class of 2012?

College Fairs at Matignon High School

The Matignon High School Guidance Department ran two mini college fairs at the school for juniors and seniors on October 13th and October 27th. The fairs gave students opportunities to talk with representatives from approximately 100 different colleges and universities.



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MATIGNON SPORTS

A Rally To Remember

By Elena Meuse

Friday September 30th was the first pep rally of the year at Matignon High School. Unlike previous years, the rally had four announcers. Senior student council officers John Murphy, Sean Hannigan, Rob Dunn, and Nick Murphy each took turns announcing teams and games. Each of the fall sports teams got their own personalized introductions and a chance to introduce their players. Each team asked the school community to continue to support them by attending their games.

After introducing all the sports teams, there was a performance by the cheerleaders followed by games. Each fall sport had representatives partake in different athletic games as the student body eagerly cheers on their fellow classmates. Traditionally, the most excitable games are the ones involving teachers. This year was no exception. Mr. Johnson won the Munchkin eating contest and Mr. LaClair defended his title by winning the push up contest for the second year in a row. Finally, things were wrapped up with a performance by the band.

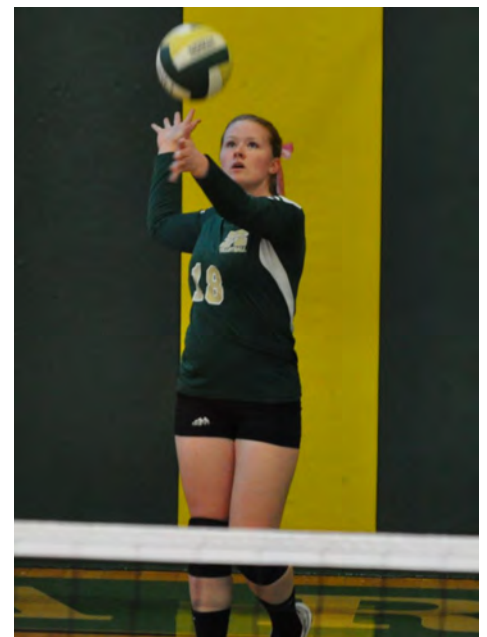
Overall the pep rally was a true representation of Matignon student's spirit and talents. All the efforts of the student council to put things together paid off. Everyone is eagerly anticipating seeing more games and performances at the upcoming November rally.



Bump, Set, Spike!

By Katherine Morrison

It is not without seeing various signs of encouragement taped to the lockers of Matignon's volleyball team that any member of the school community can walk down the hallways. Enthusiastic and positive phrases such as, "Never let the fear of spiking out keep you from playing the game," attract everyone to the decorative posters. The varsity team itself, with the aid of its fans, has had a fantastic season so far. Freshman MeiMi McDonagh commented on the progression of the season, saying that, "We're working together better as a team as we get more into the season." MeiMi also hopes for the team to make the state tournament as a result of the team's efforts. The volleyball team has had an overall successful turn-out this year resulting in a varsity, junior varsity, and a freshman team. The student fans continuously cheer for all of the players, which was made evident by the Matignon vs. Medford High School home game in the gymnasium. Medford High School fans traveled along with the volleyball team to cheer throughout the game, but the Matignon students' spirit did not fail, as they cheered louder and louder after sizing up their competition. The result of both the team's hard work and the cheering fans was, of course, a win by Matignon. Everyone is encouraged to come and support the team at the home games, which are located in Matignon's Mirabello gymnasium. Good luck with the rest of the season, ladies!



Coach Carabello and Team Swing into Greatness

By Dan Milch

"We are the champions - my friends - And we'll keep on fighting - till the end - We are the champions - We are the champions No time for losers 'Cause we are the champions - of the world." Commonly sung by the legendary Freddy Mercury, this has become an idiomatic phrase sung during times of celebration, and for Matignon's finest, the golf team, the situation was no different as they clinched their well deserved Catholic Central League Champion title.

Matignon's premium group of athletes finished off their season with a strong record of seven and two. Every match was hard fought, especially against league rivals such as Marion and Trinity. The team would average about twenty points a match, just enough to roll over opponents and walk the team into the state tournament. Their home course of Newton Commonwealth has played a large role in their victories this year, upon asking the golfing great, Coach Carabello, he stated, "It's a short course with fast greens that suits the team very well."

Led by captains Geoff Guerin and Cam Collier, the team had a great showing at the tournament but unfortunately, did not advance to the next round of the tournament. With the league champion title under their belt this year, the Matignon golf team can still can sing it loud and sing it proud once again. "We are the champions - my friends - And we'll keep on fighting - till the end - We are the champions - We are the champions No time for losers 'Cause we are the champions - of the world."



Girl Power

By Elena Meuse

The Matignon Warriors girls' soccer team is in the midst of an exciting season. The former league champions of 2009 and 2010 have moved up from the Catholic Central small league to the large league. They are now facing more challenging teams and have been working harder than ever before. Led by senior captains Stephanie Babineau, Sarah Gauthier, and Maretta Guiendon, the team's record is currently 3:8. They've also tied four games, two of them being hard fought games against rival Arlington Catholic. Captain Stephanie Babineau says, "moving up a division this year has definitely been a tough transition but our girls have been working hard through it and showing how good of a team we are. I'm hoping we will be able to continue our league champs title for this year again."

The girls play their home games on the field behind Matignon High School. Come and support this great team as they finish a great season.



MATIGNON SPORTS

Athlete's Foot– Boy's Soccer

By Brian Bevliacqua

“Soccer is not a real sport.” “Soccer isn’t for Americans.” “Soccer is for sissies.” We have all heard these deep and enlightening sentiments before from countless people who dismiss soccer because of its foreign origins. However, it requires remarkable athleticism and teamwork, and in order for a group of men to be successful at this sport they need the proper mix of hard work and team unity. This is certainly possessed by our 2011 men’s soccer team.

Don’t look now, but our boys soccer team could be making a state title run this year. The squad of young footballers, which has had its share of struggles in past seasons, has gotten off to a strong start this year. The team has posted a record of 10-7-1, meaning they are already in the state tournament. Matignon is not known as a soccer school; the success of the team may come as a surprise to some. However, the boys are far less taken aback by their success. They continue to march through the season with a cool confidence. Led by captains J.B. Thompson, Ricky Canales, Nick Murphy, and Rob Dunn, the team looks forward to making noise later on in this fall season.

Recently the boys played Arlington Catholic, a highly competitive match that ended in a 0-0 draw. After the game Dunn expressed his disappointment in the outcome, saying, “We outplayed them today; we should have won, but that is how the game works sometimes.” Later, when asked about his team’s chances at making a deep postseason run he said, “If everything works out well and we play the way we should then I don’t see why not.” I would have to agree with the senior midfielder. With strong goalkeeping by Tommy Thompson, a strong defense held together by John Murphy and Ryan Anglin, and an attack led by Santiago Gonzalez and captains J.B, Ricky, and Nick, the rest of the season is looking very bright.



Run This Town

By Juliet O’Leary

The Matignon cross country team runs long distances and trains very hard to win meets against other tough and competitive high schools in the area. Led by their new coach, Coach Welch, the team practices almost every day after school. The boys captains are Matt Regan, Mat Altekruise and Timothy Barrett and on the girls side, the captains are Sara Berndt and Megan Doherty. In a recent meet, Matt White placed fourth overall in the freshmen-sophomore category.

The cross country team requests that more people support them during their meets. “Cross country is a sport and we don’t just “run for fun”. We need support like every other team in the school. It would help if our classmates came out and showed support,” says Captain Tim Barrett. Although the season is coming to a close, there are still a few more chances to go support your classmates in the next meet.



Warrior Beat

By Nikko Mejia

Matignon’s cheerleading team is one of great commitment and perseverance. They have come a long way since our current seniors were freshmen, and have become much more competitive than they once were. In all the competitions the team has been through, they have placed very frequently, and have even won two first place trophies! Though it may seem cold during some of the winter games for the cheerleaders, team captain Nichole Raver says that she does not mind the freezing weather too much. However, Matignon’s cheerleaders do wish some of the audience would participate in the cheers a bit more!

In the near future, the cheerleaders will be going to nationals in Texas. They are staying on their toes, however, because the names of the other schools who are attending are currently unknown. Matignon is one of the few schools in the Boston area that are attending nationals. The confidence that the cheerleaders have is great, and they believe they can take home the gold this time. “We’re a good group of girls,” Nichole says, “we get along well, and we love each other.”



The Boys of Fall

By Rob Dunn

Country superstar Kenny Chesney wrote a very popular song entitled “The Boys of Fall”, a catchy tune that focuses on the joys of playing high school football. The song paints a vivid picture of the spirit and traditions that go along with putting on a helmet and shoulder pads as the leaves begin to fall from the trees. Like Mr. Chesney explains, every high school boasts their own team, their own traditions, and their own unique love for the game. Matignon is no different, and this year’s squad is a great group of kids focused on winning games and supporting one another.

Senior captain and running back Owen Bullock defined the ambitions of the Warriors by saying “Our goals are very simple, we want to come together as a team every week and do everything and anything possible to win football games”. The Warriors put in a lot of hard work at practices each week, doing everything they can to pick up wins. Whether it’s the grueling practices or long film sessions, the team is always working hard to achieve their goals. Although their record is only 3-4, the Warriors far exceed the mere figures on a stat sheet. Quarterback and captain John Flaherty remarked that “This team doesn’t have the greatest numbers, but we have a lot of drive and determination to get better every day we step on the field”. They certainly display their determination after each long day of study hall and practice, putting in long hours in order to reach their goals.

Each time the football team puts on their green and gold helmets on game days, they have come to expect big contributions from many of their players. A senior captain and leader, Flaherty has been having a great year, throwing for 7 touchdowns while leading a dynamic offense. He offered a great summary of his teammates’ accomplishments, saying “Owen Bullock has continued to run people over as he has been doing for four years at running back and leads the Warriors in rushing touchdowns. Junior Ron Slager has had a breakout season on both sides of the ball and currently leads all of Division IV in touchdown receptions. Tommy Kervick, Bob Crane, Mike Clark, and Mike Lydon have led the Warrior defense with multiple sticks and forced turnovers”. Many other Warriors have helped their team win games this year, and each of their wins have been complete team efforts. The return of senior playmaker Jonathan Barry from injury puts the team in a great position to finish the year strong.

With great leadership, lots of talent, and dedicated players, the Warriors seem poised to get back on track and continue to play good football. The team has their home games at Dilboy Stadium, a five minute walk from school. Games are always exciting, and the team never fails to give the fans a gritty, inspired performance. So bundle up and come out and support your team, Matignon’s very own boys of fall.

The Players of Matignon High School

By Katherine Morrison

Most people are afraid to exert themselves in extra-curricular activities involving the arts, particularly drama. The Matignon Masqueraders have put on a variety of performances, and the existing "Drama Club," composed mostly of juniors and seniors, has continued to flourish and develop, presenting a plethora of themes and characters which transform the auditorium into a fantastic escape from reality. The past three years have served as breeding ground for new talent; each student added to the club simultaneously contributes to the realm of individualism which is so valued within the auditorium walls. Incorporated in these past years have been shows such as *Winners, Laughin', Jake's Women*, selections from *Spoon River Anthology, Chamber Music*, with monologues expressing said individualism, titled, "Me, Myself, and I," and finally two one-act plays compromised to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild, *Can Can* and *Songs of Love*. Ranging from romanticism to death, insanity and comedy, each play has brought out a different side in all members of the drama club. Most involved would say things such as how he or she cannot believe they portrayed a character so different from his or herself, and how well the final product turned out to be. Once again the drama club is up and running, collaborating to decide on the new image of the group under the direction of new club adviser Tierra Bonser. The club will be exploring a vast array of plays from Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* to Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. As a whole, the club encourages anyone interested to audition for the upcoming winter show or to volunteer as members of the crew. Auditions were held in late October, preceded by an audition workshop that took place on Tuesday, October 18th and Thursday, October 20th. If you have ever wanted to be a star, now's your time to shine!



Working Hard, Thinking Smart

By Victoria Cappucci

Academic Decathlon is a local / national competition in which students from Matignon participate. The competition focuses on seven subjects with a theme each year. Matignon's Academic Decathlon team was formed three years ago and made it to the finals every year. Because the competition is hard, many schools do not participate or have Academic Decathlon teams. The Academic Decathlon team began preparation over the summer and will continue throughout the year. It is open to all students of all levels. The first round will be held here at Matignon on November 19th. The second competition will be in February followed by the state finals in March. Good luck to the Academic Decathlon team in their upcoming competitions!

A.R.T. – A Rad Time

By Andrej Klatecki

The art club is a biweekly club which meets every other Monday and is run by Mrs. Murphy. The members of the club are free to express themselves in any medium they deem necessary such as drawing, painting, sculpting, etc. New members are always encouraged to join and will find it to be a fun and exciting experience regardless of artistic skill levels. Current members of the club are getting their masterpieces ready to submit to the January art fair.



International Club

By David Jang

Matignon High School's International Club meets bi-weekly on Tuesday afternoons. It is moderated by Mrs. Crass and Mrs. Tartaglini. The club's focus is to foster understanding of the various cultures from which Matignon students come and to encourage friendships between American and International students. At each meeting, the club samples different international foods and listen to music from around the world.

Recent and upcoming meetings feature: a contest for the best International Club tee shirt design, a talk given by UMass Chemistry professor Changning Wu titled "Strategies for Choosing a College and Becoming a Successful College Student", ping pong contests, volunteer trips to local soup kitchens, and celebrations to highlight individual country's holidays.

"If you want a chance to meet fabulous Matignon students, please stop by for a meeting sometime soon. We'd love to have you join us for a fun time and *really* great food," said Mrs. Crass. The International Club awaits you!

Footloose

By Elena Meuse

Of the many clubs that Matignon has to offer, one steadily growing in popularity is the dance team. Started last year by junior Amanda McKenzie, the dance team currently has twenty-one members. Amanda serves as team captain as well as choreographer. Akeem Anderson is the male captain. The club is overseen by Ms. Sacoto who enthusiastically complements her team on their creativity and good communication skills.

This year the team plans to perform in the Magic of Matignon as well as perform in a competition. Last May, the Matignon dance team won gold for their performance "Remember the Name" at the Step Up Two dance competition. It was an exciting experience for members of the team and they are excitedly anticipating their next competition the date of which will be determined in the near future. Until then, the team meets in the morning before school to practice with the hopes of a repeat of last year's gold.

Sing it Loud

By David Jang

Choir and band are the musical extracurricular clubs at Matignon. Choir is officially led by Mr. Kumin and the Band is also partially under his conducting. The Choir prepares songs for Masses and school events as such as Christmas tree lighting and senior's graduation night. Band usually collaborates with Choir. They have their own performance on special occasions such as Pep Rally. The genres usually sung in choir are Gospel and few mid-tempo Pop songs.

I interviewed Thomas Laskey, the guitarist in the band, about the music program he took during the summer break at Berklee College of Music. It was a 5 week summer performance program that lasted from July to mid August. The program was constituted of vocals and band instruments, focused on contemporary music genre. He said they mainly worked on ear training and focused on theories. The genre was mainly hip-hop and gospel. He said the program was very tiring and required much work done but it was worth the experience, especially because he was able to work with musically talented people from around the world. He also received a scholarship from them and continues to go to their weekly music program these days after school, which only constitutes of 30 students from around Boston.

Choir and band meet together in 118 (Coach Q's room) on Mondays, Fridays or both. Sometimes we practice together and sometimes we practice choir and band separately. The choir and band are practicing for upcoming Thanksgiving events. New members are always welcome to join.





Think Pink

By Victoria Cappucci

On Friday October 14, Matignon High School showed their support for the many patients suffering with Breast Cancer. 1 out of 8 women develop breast cancer, while 1 out of 1,000 men develop it over a lifetime. Matignon's \$5 pink tag day to support the cause raised \$1,700. All the proceeds were donated to the Cambridge Health Alliance Breast Care Center. The money went to patient care and survivor programs. In addition to the rest of the student body and faculty, Matignon sports teams also showed their support by wearing pink and donating proceeds from game admissions and sale of pink products to our collection.



Don't Get Lost in the College Process

By David Jang

On September 21, the seniors took a visit to Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts. The college visit was from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. All the seniors and the teachers who went on the tour were excited to be there, not just because we took a day off from classes but because it helps with an important part of our last year in high school: searching for colleges where we will be starting the next chapter of our lives.

As we arrived and got off the bus, some Regis students welcomed our community. First, we went to a conference room to learn about the college. Robert Outerbridge, the Associate Director of Admissions, gave us a brief introduction to the college and virtual tour of the campus. At the request of Mr. Carabello, we received general information about how to apply to college and what Admissions Directors look for from applicants. Then, we got out of the building and had the real tour around the peaceful campus. Divided into two groups and led by two Regis undergraduates, all the seniors were able to thoroughly explore and enjoy a campus tour. At the end, we were provided with campus cafeteria food for lunch, which was, of course, one of the best parts of the trip.

The trip to Regis College provided all seniors with a sense of what is ahead and what to prepare for in the college search and application process.

Underclassmen Award Ceremony

By Katherine Morrison

The Underclassmen Award Ceremony is held at the beginning of each school year in order to celebrate the achievements of the previous year's freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. This year, students were seated in the auditorium curious as to who would receive which awards. After a few words from Mr. DiSarcina, certificates were awarded on behalf of the academic departments for excellence and improvement in all subjects. Next, awards recognizing students' honor roll status were presented, followed by the book awards given to this year's graduating seniors. Book awards were presented from an abundance of colleges and universities, illuminating the talents, spirit, and intelligence of the selected students who received them. Directly after the ceremony, students, parents, and faculty were invited into the cafeteria for refreshments and desserts. Each year, the Underclassmen Award Ceremony recognizes the accomplishments of Matignon's students and serves as a source of encouragement for the school year ahead.

Bienvenidos los Estudiantes de Cadiz (Welcome Cadiz Students)

By Juliet O'Leary

Hola! As you may know, a group of students from Matignon participated in a Spanish Exchange program with the students from Furte de Cortadura, from Cadiz, Spain. The Matignon community was proud to welcome our new amigos with open arms on September 27th. The young travelers stayed at a family's house during their stay to see what the American life style is really like. The first day after they arrived, the students experienced a day at Matignon High School with their host students. Whn the Matignon hosts were in school, the exchange students went on excursions, visiting the Museum of Science, the New England Aquarium, going on Duck Tours around Boston, observing the Prudential building, and much more. On Friday, October 7th, the Spanish students said "adios" and headed back to their homes.

I participated in the Exchange Program as a host. It was a great experience to enhance my Spanish vocabulary, and meet new people from other countries, I'm so lucky that I got to take part in this program. Most of the students who hosted will be traveling to Spain in late March 2012 to see what it's like to be a student from Spain. It is also not too late to sign up if you are interested in traveling to Spain. See Profesora Salim for more details if your interested!



Bruins Preview: With much of their Stanley Cup roster intact, Bruins have chance to repeat

By Danielle Ayube



It's that time of year again. It's time for the Boston Bruins to get back to work and playing against the Montreal Canadiens, Philadelphia Flyers, and the rest of the NHL. It seems that every year Boston is excited to see the Black and Gold take the ice. The past 39 years the town has been asking, "Will we FINALLY end the Stanley Cup drought?"

We don't have to ask that question this year. That's because, the B's were the victors last year, and now the question becomes, "Can we become the first team since the Detroit Red Wings of 1998-99 to repeat?"

This summer each player and member of the staff got his day with Lord Stanley's Cup. But it wasn't all fun and games. When free agency started up on July 1, defenseman Tomas Kaberle and forward Michael Ryder didn't sign with the Bruins, but went to the Carolina Hurricanes and Dallas Stars respectively. They also lost Mark Recchi to retirement.

The Bruins didn't waste much time getting personnel to fill Ryder and Kaberle's gaps, signing Benoit Pouliot, a free agent who spent the last couple seasons in Montreal, and getting Joe Corvo in a trade that sent a draft pick to the Carolina Hurricanes. The Bruins, who were at first thought to either name one alternate captain or rotate throughout many worthy candidates, announced just before the Oct. 6 season opener against the Philadelphia Flyers that defenseman Andrew Ference and forward Chris Kelly would split the duty, with one of them wearing the "A" on the road and the other at home.

FORWARDS

The top line is intact, with playmaking center David Krejci flanked by the team's leading scorer Milan Lucic and sniper Nathan Horton. Krejci will need to step up and become the team's number one center, with Marc Savard's season and possibly career over due to post-concussion symptoms. Horton, who missed the rest of the Stanley Cup Finals with a concussion after being hit by Vancouver Canuck forward Aaron Rome in Game 3, is feeling a hundred percent and should add to his 26-goal, 53-point total from last season.

The second line is ready headed by Patrice Bergeron, the

team's best two-way forward. He was 56.6% in the faceoff circle in the regular season, and led all players in faceoff percentage as well during the playoffs. Flanking him on one wing is agitator Brad Marchand, who set a team rookie record with 11 playoff goals on top of his 25 in the regular season. With Mark Recchi gone, the player who takes his spot is to be determined. It could go to either second overall pick in the 2010 draft Tyler Seguin, or Rich Peverley.

Boston's third line sees two of the three players coming back, Rich Peverley and Chris Kelly. Peverley saw some time on the second line in the regular season and is a great penalty killer. Kelly adds some toughness too, and both have some scoring ability. The third member is open since last year's player Michael Ryder went to Dallas via free agency.

The fourth line for the Bruins has returned with Gregory Campbell, Daniel Paille, and Shawn Thornton. They earned the nickname from NESN play-by-play announcer Jack Edwards as the team's "energy line." If the Bruins need a boost after an opponent ties or scores the go-ahead goal, they're the line that the team can depend on. Benoit Pouliot is the team's lone newcomer on the forward line. Coming over from Montreal as a free agent, Pouliot only had thirty points overall last season. He's facing tough competition for one of the few spots on the roster with prospects such as Jordan Caron and Zach Hamill, who both saw some time briefly in the NHL last year. If Pouliot does get a spot, the Bruins and the fans will have to hope that he brings something to the ice (and hopefully the fans can resist booing him, since they did that last season).

These players are something to look forward to this season. Some of them need to step up their game, such as Krejci and Seguin. Others, such as Horton and Lucic, look to put up more impressive numbers than last year. If the forwards can mesh together as beautifully as they did last season, it will be exhilarating to watch Boston score many goals.

DEFENSE

Besides Kaberle heading to Carolina, everyone in the B's defensive corps are back with the addition of newcomer Joe Corvo., Captain Zdeno Chara, "Z", who was nominated for the Norris this past season, leads the defense as one of the best, if not the best, shutdown defenseman in the NHL. Whether it's opponents such as Sydney Crosby or Evgeni Malkin, Chara has the ability to keep top players at bay and off the score sheet. His long reach has saved the

Bruins from many goals. He was +33 in the regular season and +16 for the playoffs, both tops in the league.

Z's partner for the vast majority of the playoffs was Dennis Seidenberg, who has been near the top of the leader board in blocked shots the last couple of seasons. Together, these two made for the best shutdown pairing in the NHL. This year, the pair will most likely be split up for the regular season, meaning that one of the other defensemen will be getting the honor of playing with the captain on the top line.

Johnny Boychuk has seen some time as Chara's partner, but a broken forearm forced Boychuk to miss four weeks last season. He slowed down offensively after he returned, but could still get the spot with Chara. Andrew Ference can play offense, but he was paired in the playoffs, leading to the suspicion that he will take the same role for this season.

Adam McQuaid fills one of the roles in the third defensive pairing. The other spot is still undecided, with Joe Corvo, Steven Kampfer, 2011 first-round draft pick Dougie Hamilton, and Matt Barkowski vying for the defense position. With the vast majority of defensemen back, there should be no issue with the defense this upcoming season. As the season progresses, the team will define the defense pairings.

GOALTENDING

The Bruins have the best goaltending tandem in the NHL. Tim Thomas, who won a Vezina, Stanley Cup, AND Conn Smythe Trophy in the same season, was a monster in net last year. Whether you agree with the statement or not, the numbers tell it all: 9 shutouts (2nd), .938 save percentage (1st and an NHL single-season record), and a 2.00 goals against average (1st).

The Bruins' future in goaltending looks bright with Tuukka Rask getting ready to take over in net. The goalie from Finland had an awesome rookie season in 2009 with Thomas injured, leading the league in save percentage and GAA (.931 and 1.97 respectively). Unfortunately, he had one of those "sophomore slumps" last year, with only a .918 SV% and 2.67 GAA.

But he should get much more playing time this year, since Thomas played well over eighty games last season. They also have Anton Khoubidin in the system

to backup for Rask when that time comes.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The special teams were subpar for the Bruins last year. The power play was dismal, ranking only twentieth in the league, converting only 16.2% of their opportunities. The Bruins tried different combinations of power play units, but they couldn't quite get it going. They thought the situation would improve when they got Tomas Kaberle at the trade deadline, but he was a bust.

Boston's penalty kill was okay. The Black and Gold ranked 16th in the season at 82.6%, down from 86.6% the year before. Although they won many face-offs in their own zone, turnovers and the inability to get the puck out of the zone cost the Bruins. They allowed 46 total power-play goals, with 24 at home, which was a tie for 15th in the league. If the Bruins can improve on getting the puck out of the zone and cut down on turnovers, then the team might once again get into the playoffs.

The Bruins had some issues on special teams last season, with a dismal power play and a less than stellar penalty kill. With the addition of Corvo to help solve their power play woes and with tweaks to their penalty kill, the special teams will be something to be excited about every game.

OUTLOOK

As the defending Stanley Cup champs, the Bruins will need to make adjustments on their special teams (especially on the power play) if they want to have any chance of repeating. Boston's offense should only improve with the youngsters developing. Once more, the defense will be one of Boston's trademarks, and goaltending will be great. But they must use the talent of many players to make up for the two free agency losses, Kaberle and Ryder, and the one retirement loss (Recchi) suffered in the off-season.

If the Bruins can bring out the best in their veteran players (such as Chara, Bergeron, and Corvo) and youngsters (Seguin, Kampfer, and Marchand), they will, once again, be a force to contend with this season.

