

# CHANGES TO CAFETERIA BENEFIT STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

Students exposed to healthier lunch choices with introduction of new chef

By Dana Morrone  
Class of 2013

After first block on the first day of school, students close to the lunch room got their first whiff of the creations being made

in the cafeteria. Rumors buzzed the halls about a new chef behind their school lunches. The words of the halls was confirmed true on the first day of school when students buying lunch were exposed to the healthy creations of our new chef, Vinny.

Photo/Phil Reidy



Chef Vinny poses for a picture with cafeteria staff.

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New salad bar gives students healthier food choices.

Chef Vinicio Cordon was brought to our school in order to help improve food choices among the student body. He is the owner of Sabor, a restaurant in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Sabor will soon be featured this fall on Phantom Gourmet because of its popularity for authentic and flavorful food. In addition to cooking for the high school, Vinny will also be cooking the lunches for all students in the District of Walpole. Hence, each day, Vinny and the staff will prepare food for the entire town, and it will then be transported by van to each school to be served. This change in transportation — one of the many changes under the Director of Foods and Services Maria Hall — is anticipated to save the town \$200,000.

While this additional revenue will please many taxpayers in town, many students have expressed concern about the potential loss of their favorite foods. Last year, the new health guidelines were a downer for most students. Strict guidelines got rid of "Buff Chick" (buffalo chicken), a student favorite, along with Pasta Thursdays and the popular Twix Ice Cream Bars for sale at the snack shack. The \$1 selection of gooey fresh-out-of-the-oven chocolate chip cookies were changed to a more hearty and whole wheat cookie choice. This year, because of both the override and new Massachusetts school health laws, Walpole High School's lunches were recently replanned and revamped.

New changes in the lunchroom include a salad bar, meals under 600 calories, along

with original and healthy food choices.

The Act Relative to School Nutrition was signed a Massachusetts law in the late summer of July 2010. This law requires the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to set standards for food and drink sold in public schools. However, all public schools in Massachusetts must obey these guidelines by July of 2012. As a result, and in an effort to continue or ongoing push to have students choose healthier lunches, Chef Vinny will be behind the counter handing out leafy salads and whole wheat sandwiches. Beginning in January, all schools in the Walpole school system are under specific guidelines for lunch nutrition. All meals must be 600 calories or less. Zero trans fats will be in the dishes. At least half of the grains in the meal must be whole grain rich. Fruits or vegetables must be served with every meal. No more than 500 grams of sodium are to be in the meal. Though they are strict, certain substitutions may be made. One quarter cup of dried fruit can be substituted for one half a cup of fresh fruit. No more than half of the fruit or vegetable servings may be in the form of juice. These restrictions, along with many others, compose up the rules for this year's nutrition guidelines.

All information for nutrition guidelines are posted on the Walpole Public Schools' website. Students, teachers, and parents are encouraged to try out the new lunches in order to help improve the overall health of the Walpole High School population.

Photo/Phil Reidy



The new menu provides healthier choices for students at lunch.

## New cell phone policy grants students freedom at lunch

By Daria Grady  
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For as long as students can remember, cell phones were an automatic detention; but now, the Walpole High School Administration has tweaked the previously prohibiting cell phone policy. There will be no more need for the old, "I'm just digging at the bottom of my backpack for something" or the more commonly used, "I'm just casually sitting at a 150 degree angle in my seat with my hands underneath the desk while sporting a double chin and spotlight on my face."

According to the 2012 handbook, students are now able to use cell phones, but usage is limited to only during lunch time. Students must be in the lunch room during their designated lunch in order to read or send texts. Previously, if a student was caught with a cell phone the teacher would not only take

away the phone, but the student would also be passed a pink slip for an hour detention.

Though the policy gives students a newfound independence, the students in lunch are not allowed to communicate with students that are in active classes. Essentially, in order to text or make a call to a friend during lunch, it has to be with someone that is sitting at the next table over. However, the new policy does allow for easier communication between parents and students, so now all pressing issues on pick ups, play dates, and moms' concerns on how the day is going can all be effortlessly resolved during lunch.

The Walpole High Administration has granted this new privilege with caution, trusting that students will not abuse the boundaries that have been set. The new policy is subject to change at any point during the year if teachers are dissatisfied with the way students are handling the new freedom.



On lunch duty, Ms. Lisa Conley allows students to text at lunch.

Photo/ Bryan Kelleher

# THE OVERRIDE PASSED — NOW WHAT?

By Deirdra Chapman  
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The votes were counted, and the override passed. So the question is — now what? Many Walpoleans are curious to see just how much the override, which created a \$3 million property tax hike, will impact the Walpole school system this year. Some individuals seem to think there is a surplus of override money in the town budget; however, while the Town of Walpole may have a surplus, this is not the case for the School Committee budget.

The bulk of the override money went to replacing faculty positions that had been cut in recent years and more that would have been cut this year. So, for elementary school students, the replacement of these positions ensured that their class sizes would remain manageable — which means most classes would have 25 or fewer students. For middle school students, the override preserved the current Foreign Language Department at the middle schools, which is the feeder system to a very successful Advanced Placement program at the high school. In addition, this money allowed for the School Committee to withhold increasing Athletic User Fees and Bus Fees.

After the School Committee had replaced the faculty positions, it had \$600,000. This money was not excess however. Rather, Superintendent Lincoln Lynch said, "It has been allocated for instructional materials. Specifically, the School Committee allocated \$300,000 to create a brand new math program for grades K-8 and \$100,000 to replace outdated textbooks. The other \$200,000 will be held onto until mid-year in case any additional costs arise; then, it will be put to more instructional materials. And, as he stated before the override vote, Dr. Lynch repeated that the School Committee would not request a tax increase for the school for at least the next five years.

The greatest impact seen at the schools involves staffing. During the summer, Walpole High was given the go-ahead to hire four new teachers for Technology, Spanish, Science, and English. Also, the override restored five additional elementary teachers, and in total, the override restored 12 new teachers for the district. Without the override, several teachers would have been laid off. Principal Stephen Imbusch said,

"What is important to realize, however, is that without the override, not only would we not have these new teachers, but we would also have lost several positions: Social Studies teacher, Math teacher, Custodian, two Instructional Aides, and a cut to our secretarial staff."

Lincoln Lynch added, "We avoided laying off 15 staff members" in the entire district. Between saving 15 jobs and creating 12, a gross of 27 staff members were either welcomed or preserved. Many of the new staff members are the result of the override, but because a couple teachers retired last year their spots were going to be filled anyway — override or not. For example, two new Spanish teachers were hired at Walpole High this year, but only one was the result of the override. The other was to take the spot of Mr. Chris Alberg, who left after last year. Along with the new teachers, Walpole schools are to be allocated an increase in their operating budget.

Mr. Imbusch said, "[This] will allow for more adequate materials to be purchased for classrooms, or increased professional development for our teachers." As for specific materials, Mr. Imbusch cited one example by saying they would be purchasing brand new Social Studies textbooks to replace the ones that were 12 years old.

As for class sizes, last year's classes were usually filled to the brim, with the number of students ranging from the high 20's to the low 30's. The addition of 12 new teachers in Walpole has helped to preserve lower class sizes and bring back some popular elective courses at the high school like Web Design and Computer Programming. Also, AP Chemistry and media classes were again offered at the high school. Vice Chairman of the School Committee, Mrs. Nancy Gallivan said, "Almost all of our classes max out at 25." Even though there are still some large class sizes, the additional staff has overall lessened the amount of students per class.

Smaller class sizes tend to be more engaging places for students because they're able to have a more personal connection with teachers. Mr. Imbusch said, "I see [the override] impacting the atti-

tude of both the staff and students. When teachers have lower class sizes, both the teachers and students benefit from the increased level of instruction, and the ability for more individualized attention."

Elementary class sizes were one of the primary concerns of the override because students typically spend most of their day in only one classroom. One Second Grade class currently has 18 students instead of 25 (with a failed override). Similarly, a First Grade class now holds 22 instead of 29. Individual attention in the classroom is crucial at this level while the kids learn important developmental skills like reading and writing.

The Foreign Language Department was preserved in the middle school level because the override passed. If the override had not been successful, the Foreign Language Departments in the middle schools would have been eliminated. There would be no introductory course for French and Spanish in 6th grade, so the core subjects would therefore have been cut in 7th and 8th grade as well. In effect, Spanish V and French V would eventually have been cut for seniors at the College-Prep 1, Honors, and AP levels because students would not have those extra two years of preparation. One less AP course on a transcript, particularly one in the five core academic areas, could have possibly been detrimental to

students applying to competitive colleges. Because of the override, these classes remain intact in both the middle schools and the high school for future generations.

Another important impact from the override is that the athletic fees have stayed the same. With a failed override, \$25,000 would have been cut from the athletic budget. The fees would have been doubled per student, per sport. Instead of paying \$200 per sport, parents would have had to pay \$400. Athletes already have to do major fundraising for their sports, so the increase in fees could have been a deciding factor as to whether they played or not.

Of course, there is still work to be done with allocating the new budget. Mr. Lynch said, "We are always looking for more efficiencies."

Due to the success of the override there have been several changes and additions to Walpole Public Schools seen just in these first few weeks. Mr. Lynch approved the purchase of new Special Education vans the reorganization of food services — two measures that should greatly reduce future costs.

New teachers, smaller class sizes, no increase in fees, and no cuts in programs are just a few of the major impacts seen in the 2012-2013 school year because the majority of Walpole residents voted "yes" and produced a successful override.

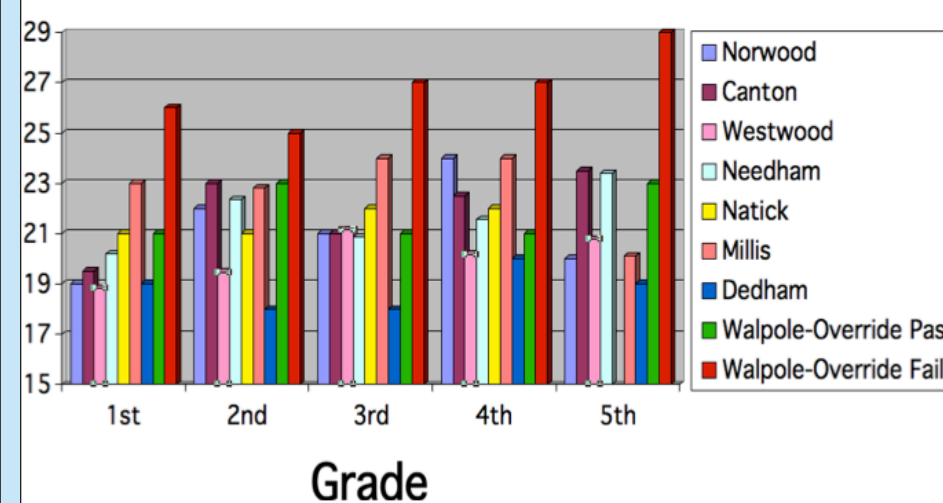
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Johnson Middle School students take a Spanish exam in Senoria Stuart's class. If the override did not pass, students would not take a Foreign Language until high school.

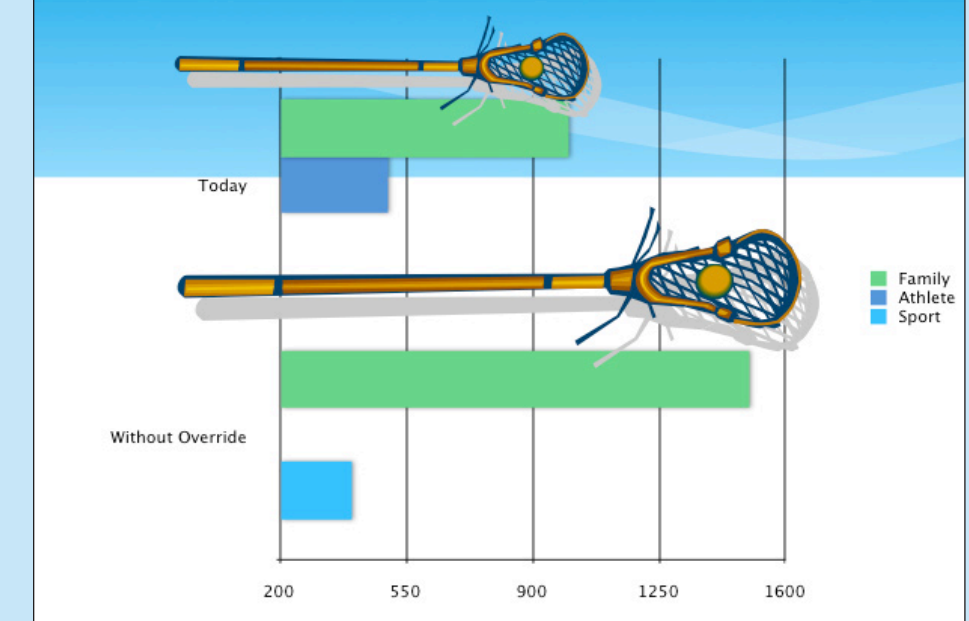
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## Class size comparisons to Average Class Size



The override reduced the average class sizes to 25 at Walpole schools.

## Athletic fee increases



The athletic fee was not doubled due to the override.



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## WHS GOES PINK TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER

### STUDENT COUNCIL HOLDS SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER WITH A FIRST-EVER PINK DANCE

Photos/ Bryan Kelleher



Sophomore Annie Gallivan, freshman Stina Cofsky and Alyssa Rosen, sophomore Claudia Schoenthaler, and juniors Karolyn Kickham and Stephanie Sem show off their pink attire and cotton candy at the dance.



Cupcakes — donated by Student Council members — were decorated with pink frosting in support of the cause.

By Abbey Smith  
Class of 2014

Fundraisers can be held in a variety of ways — ranging anywhere from a car wash to a bake sale. This year, Walpole's Student Council decided

they wanted to have a fundraiser to benefit the fight against breast cancer. Instead of going with one of the more traditional options, they decided to hold a dance—a fundraiser which also doubled as a social event for students. Walpole High School's Student Council

held the first Pink Dance on Saturday, September 29 in the high school cafeteria from 7:30-11:00 p.m. Although attendance was lower than expected — with about 140 students rather than the 200 Student Council had hoped for — the dance was overall a success.

"Next year I expect there to be more of a turn out because students who did not go will be able to see what a great time it was," junior representative Ashley Waldron said. Numbers were low to start, but more students began to arrive as the night went on.

Student Council spent the entire afternoon on Saturday setting up for the dance, decorating the cafeteria and main hallway with lights, pink breast cancer ribbons, and pink streamers. Not only were the decorations pink, but so was the food—cupcakes, lemonade, and cotton candy. Although Student Council had to pay for the decorations, lemonade, and cotton candy mix; the cupcakes, cotton candy machines, and lights were all generously

donated. Tickets were sold for \$10 at lunch for three days leading up to the dance and also at the door. Bracelets, sold for \$2, and Breast Cancer ribbon temporary tattoos, sold for \$0.50 a piece, were also available at the door for students to buy. Despite not making any money from the event for themselves, Student Council was pleased with the outcome because they were able to raise money to donate to the American Cancer Society in order to benefit breast cancer research.

Unlike previous dances, Student Council made the decision not to hire a DJ, which is generally expensive, in order to save money. Even without a DJ, students seemed to enjoy the music which was instead played off of a playlist put together by sophomore representative Rachel Goula. Junior Olivia Casey said, "Everyone seemed like they were

having fun, I don't think anyone really minded that there wasn't a DJ." The majority of students in attendance showed their support for the fight against breast cancer by wearing pink shirts, dresses, pants, and shoes—some even had pink face paint and headbands. Attendees especially seemed to enjoy the more fast-paced songs, which were easier to dance to, and taking plenty of pictures with their friends.

Senior Emma Comiskey, Student Council President, said, "The only improvement I think would be to stress that the doors close early so people need to come to the dance earlier."

Despite having a fewer number of students in attendance than Student Council would have liked, the dance was still successful. Comiskey said, "We will definitely have it next year because the proceeds go to such a good cause." Since this is the only dance held at WHS that is informal—the Winter Ball, Prom, and Semi dances are all either semi-formal or formal—and also acts as a fundraiser, hopes are set high that it will be back again next year.

## UPCOMING BREAST CANCER WALK TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 14

By Andrea Lee  
Class of 2013

As the first month of school ends, most students at Walpole High, new or returning, are now settled into their schedules and are used to their classes and teachers. Such little time has passed in respect to the entire school year, but students already have so many events — Mr. WHS, Spirit Week, Pep Rally, Pink Dance, Athletic Events — to put on their calendar. However, students should make sure to allot some time for one of Walpole High School's newer traditions: the Breast Cancer Walk.

Student Council and other interested students will be attending the 4th annual walk on Sunday, October 14th. Like previous years, buses will be provided to take the participants to the DCR Hatch Shell to partake in a 3 mile scenic walk by the Charles River.

Tents and booths will be set up along the route with information about breast cancer, and walkers can hear stories from survivors themselves.

Last year's walk was very successful, and the amount of participants exceeded expectations again. As this annual event reaches its fourth year, participants and donation continue to exceed expectations. The team that represented Walpole High last year had 100 participants and portrayed perseverance as they walked despite the rainy weather. Based on the previous successes, Student Council has even higher expectations for this year too. Senior Micaela Barry, co-treasurer of Student Council and team leader of the Walpole High School team, said, "I want to improve the fundraising from last year by getting more people to join our team and to allow underclassmen to walk as well." Donors are not required to walk, but any and all amounts are appreciated. Among Student Council's goals are also

to have at least 200 guests and participants and to raise \$500 dollars for the American Cancer Society.

To sign up, students can go to the Walpole High School Student Council page on Facebook to find the information. The Walpole High School has their own team page on the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer website. On the Facebook page is a link that leads to the team page where there is a list of members and donations. If students want to sign up or even give a donation, this is the page to visit.

Instead of seeing the typical fall colors around Walpole High — orange, yellow, red — students have been sporting pink shirts and pink ribbons for the cause. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Student Council is doing a lot to bring awareness to Walpole High. If students did not attend the Pink Dance, there is still a chance to support the cause — just join the Walpole High team for the pink walk.

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# EDITORIALS

## New cell phone policy is nothing but positive



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Cell phones have been absolutely prohibited in Walpole High classes, for different reasons. We as students know this by now — it's what we've gotten accustomed to. With all the detentions and scoldings from teachers over the years, students are definitely aware. But what seems like a breakthrough has occurred; the school has changed the cell

phone policy, making it so that students are allowed cell phone use during lunch only. If anything, this is nothing but a step in a good direction. It was surprising to hear that the school gave more thought to a rule that we had all thought would never change and now we are finally given privileges we feel we can handle, even if they are still limited. Students clearly disobeyed the cell phone policy to some extent before the new change, and probably still

do. But the chance to freely use them during lunch block offers a time period to answer what needs to be answered, or contact whoever needs to be contacted. It's more likely that after lunch students won't be so preoccupied on checking their phones because of the opportunity they just had to use them. The urge that many kids probably feel to check their phones is alleviated during those 25 minutes. In the technological modern world, society is obviously moving towards more frequent and advanced use of electronics. Every common household has one or more computers, televisions, phones, etc., and cell phones have become a necessity, as we all know. So it should only make sense that such technology be used during school, where students spend most their time. Being given access to cell phones during lunch is allowing us to participate in the still-growing technology all around us. Cell phones should be able to be used in school because of the simple fact that technology is heavily relied on nowadays. Obviously cell phones potentially

make cheating easier or harassment more constant. But the prohibition of them does not stop these things from happening either. Making cell phones off limits could even tempt people to use them for things like that. If someone is cheating or harassing someone, they probably don't hesitate to use their phone in class. So some may argue that the school is allowing some of this to take place, but truthfully it will happen no matter what. This adjustment in the policy is a positive change that shows the school boards' confidence in the students. We are given a block of time where the teachers trust us to use our phones without causing trouble. The small change, though some may call it unimportant, could be an indication of changes to come. Maybe someday students can have more lenient access to cell phones in the future. Students are not at more of a risk for harassment, or at a better advantage for cheating because of the difference. It is a positive change that shows trust in the student body and makes lunch an even more recreational break in the day.

## Updated PLC schedule works for WHS

By Nick Fuller  
Class of 2014

Another summer is over, and another school year is already here for Walpole High School's students and administration. Seniors are back for their final year, juniors and sophomores are back at it again, and freshman are here for their first year of high school. With a new year comes plenty of optimism and hope for the future, and Walpole High is hoping that certain new schedule changes this year will pay off. They have a justified reason to be optimistic because this PLC schedule has the components it did not have last year. Mainly, what the new schedule has is consistency and clarity. What is different about this year's PLC program is that every Tuesday this school year is a PLC day, rather than every other Tuesday. Additionally, PLC's time slot is from 1:37-2:05 p.m. rather than in the morning like previous years. These changes of the PLC schedule are due to criticisms from students, parents, and teachers. These criticisms were justified, as last year's PLC schedule was confusing for both students and parents. The school did the best it could to communicate to students, but the variation of each PLC day made it difficult for students to understand whether or not they should come into school late that day. Common questions among students were usually about what time PLC was or why we had PLC, but perhaps the most important ones for some students included: "Are they taking attendance? Will I get hours if I don't show up?" Now, during every PLC day a particular grade or group of students has to stay for PLC for important assemblies or meetings with guidance counselors/teachers. All other students are free to leave at 1:37 p.m. if they can, which is great. Teachers often meet to discuss school related issues and to help stay on page with each other. Last year, teachers felt their time was restricted because they had a specific time slot before classes started. Now, they have until 1:37-2:05 p.m., and additional time after that if needed. This benefits teachers enormously because they are not time restricted and are free to get to everything they need to cover. But how do the students feel about the new PLC schedule? The answer to that question is very clear, unlike what PLC has been in past years. Students agree

that this PLC schedule is easier to understand and has more upsides than ever before. Junior Steve Lynch agreed that PLC this year works for him, saying that "getting out of school earlier helps me because I can do homework before I take the bus to soccer practice." What he is referring to is that little bit of extra time and freedom for everybody to do what they want and feel a little more relieved from the stress of school and extracurricular activities. This is extremely important for students, who often feel overwhelmed with the stresses of their every day lives. Additionally, other students who take a bus home that do not want to do homework feel the positive effects of the new PLC program. Junior Kevin Curran thinks that this PLC schedule works for everybody, because "upperclassman with cars can go home, and other people who have to stay can do homework or talk outside in front of the school with their friends."

Other than having to report to PLC that day, what is the downside to this new PLC program? Whether or not students and teachers approve of the new PLC schedule eight months from now is uncertain, but what is certain is that right now it functions affectively. The new PLC schedule has a stableness and continuity that it never possessed in past years. Students, parents, and teachers do not have to worry about what day is PLC because it is every Tuesday. The schedule is more simple, clear, and helpful for everyone rather than confusing, unclear, and unhelpful like in previous years. Changes had to be made, and the school has done a great thing by reforming the PLC schedule to suit the needs of everyone. Now, the school's optimism is not from a blinded hope that things will work out on their own, but it comes from the confidence within that this schedule works and that it works for everyone who is part of Walpole High School.

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# NEWS

## Adam's Farm provides music and fun for Walpole

Photo/Aurora Hebner



*Battle of the Bands winner Maria Earabino performs her original songs.*

By Aurora Hebner  
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The Adam's Farm Field Day certainly attracts a particular kind of crowd. On Saturday September 15, young families and music-loving teens gathered in the otherwise desolate Adam's Farm for the annual day of games, music, food and fun.

Most teenagers remember the Adam's Farm Field Day as an event they were brought to when they were young; however, the stage filled with young local bands is what brings the flood of teenagers back to the yearly function. The audience truly enjoys watching the familiar faces duke it out in the Battle of the Bands. Audience member Brien Gillis said, "The music is the best part! Seeing local bands is great!" Among the musical bunch was Walpole High School senior Brandon Chin who played with his band Cloud Nine at this year's field day. Chin said, "Adam's Farm is really good exposure for the bands and it's always fun!" Along with Chin, bands

such as Red Fox Motel, Downdraft and solo artist Maria Earabino performed on Saturday. Probably the most well-known of the musicians, Walpole High junior Maria Earabino sang four songs from her new extended play, including "Heartbreaker," "City Lights," "History Tonight," and "Less Like Me." Her charisma and incredible talent at the microphone and on the guitar earned Earabino the grand prize of three hundred dollars. After two years of placing second in the competition, Maria said, "Winning felt amazing, I guess the third time really is the charm."

Apart from the music, there are activities for children of all ages set up around the field. From moon-bounces to pumpkin painting to hayrides, Adam's Farm provides entertainment for everyone.

The field day also arranged a martial arts tent for people to try their best at splitting a piece of wood with a sword. What seemed to attract most children was the speedy train ride around the field. Alex Marcinkowski, a three-year Adam's Farm goer, said, "the field day provides a good environment for

kids," and expressed that his favorite part is the atmosphere, adding, "really nice, really nice." Even adults can find their revelry at Adam's Farm in the car show and food choices that appeal to everyone. The Commonwealth Dance Academy and Walpole High School's National Honor's Society came together to run the booths at the field day. Commonwealth dancer Catherine Murphy helped out at CDA's table for tattoos and nail-painting; Murphy said, "interacting with the little kids is so fun, I can't wait to help out again next year." NHS member Erin Richardson ran the cotton candy machine on Saturday and said "I loved it, working in that environment was so enjoyable." National Honor's Society member, senior Amber Walsh, summed up Adam's Farm Field Day in the best way possible: "the music was great, the air was hot and the moon-bounces were bouncing." Adam's Farm Field Day is truly underrated; what better way is there to spend an autumn day than in a diverse environment with your family and friends? Be sure to join in on the fun when the Field Day comes around next September.

Photo/Aurora Hebner



*The Commonwealth Dance Academy participates in a group performance.*

## A remorseful speaker cautions teenagers against drunk driving

By Kinsey Hirae  
Class of 2013

As every year passes by at Walpole High School, there is always a mandatory meeting held to deliver messages of health concerns and warnings for the Walpole High athletes and their guardians. Chemical Health Night always consists of a school official or medical technician addressing high school athletes to convey messages of new rules and regulations that are given out by the State Department of Health and any other messages necessary for the athletes and their guardians to know. But the special and privileged part of the night is a first hand message or story from someone who had experienced troubles in their lives dealing with drugs and alcohol. The guest speaker always tends to be the highlight of the night because their real-life stories intrigue the students and families alike. This year, the event took place on Thursday, September 26. Mrs. Kathi Garvin, a school nurse, stood at the podium and informed the crowd on the new concussion regulations. She also spoke of a 13 year old football athlete named Zack who sustained a traumatic brain injury and suffered for many years of recovery. Her point to the story was that had he sat out the next game, his previous injury would not have created a compound concussion; she said, "When in doubt, sit it out." Garvin also informed the athletes that it would be better to sit out just one game rather than the season, and it would be better to sit out the season rather than change one's whole life by sustaining other serious injuries that will grow to worsen if one doesn't take care of them.

This year the guest speaker was 29 year old named Corey Scanlon who battled with drugs and alcohol in the early stages of his adolescent life. His story was heart-wrenching and extremely scary, but the significance of his presence shows that he moved on from his battles and is taking steps day by day to become bigger and better than his younger, troubled self. When Scanlon was entering seventh grade he already realized the power and 'enjoyment' of drugs and alcohol, and suddenly steered away from the sporting activities he used to participate in. When Scanlon hit the age of 17 he managed to get a fake ID, and was able to get drinks whenever he liked. Scanlon barely passed high school but he had plans to join the coast guard so he had thankfully had something to fall back on.

Scanlon then proceeded to talk about a specific night that changed his life. He and his three friends, Mike, PJ, and Brendan, went out to celebrate for a birthday. Scanlon was the driver that night-but not the designated driver. After a night of drinking and partying, Scanlon was driving Mike and PJ back to PJ's house when, due to the drunk driving, they were flung into a guard rail and flipped in the car three times. The passengers were thrown out the windshield as they were not wearing seat belts. All of them ended up in the hospital last night, but Scanlon was the only one that survived. He lost his two best friends that night because he drank two beers underage (his blood alcohol content was only .06). From then on Scanlon decided to turn his life around, using the death of his two friends to change for the better. After Scanlon told his story he be-



Photo/Kinsey Hirae

*Mr. Scanlon meets with students after his speech.*

gan to tell the moral to his tragedy. He said, "if I had stopped for one second... then Mike and PJ may still be here and I would not be standing in front of you all today." He begged the audience to step back if they were in a position where drinking and driving was involved, not only on his part but from Mike and PJ too. Scanlon never thought that this situation would happen to him, as most never do. He told the audience to "Be true friends and take care of each other. Don't let your friends get in bad situations." Scanlon enjoys speaking in front of a crowd, despite the nerves, because he feels as if he is redeeming himself a little bit at a time by spreading the message to be safe and to not drink and drive. He knows that, by spread-

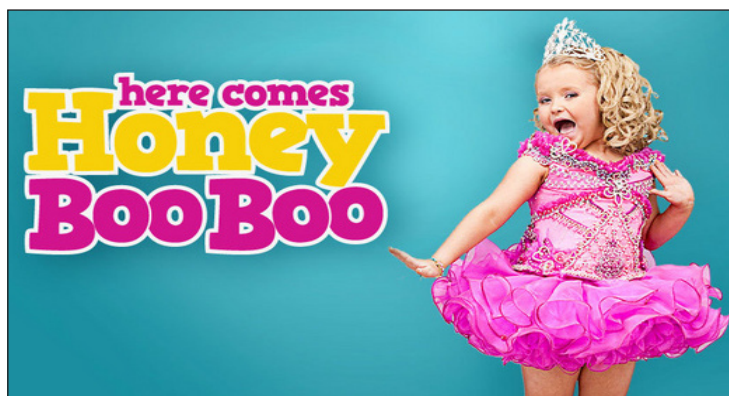
ing the story, he keeps Mike and PJ alive and that's what keeps him going.

By the end of the meeting Scanlon had parents and students alike in tears, and many of them shook Scanlon's hand and gave out hugs with his wife at his side. Senior Mary Reedy, with tears in her eyes, said, "The story really educated me on the dangers of drinking and driving, and Scanlon's words really touched me." The meeting lasted for a bit more than an hour but at the end it was clear to see that the audience was enlightened by Scanlon's story. Chemical Health Night successfully ended with the sound of applause reverberating throughout the gymnasium, with the audience absorbing Scanlon's story and message on the dangers of drinking and driving.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## “Honey Boo Boo” fans fail to “redneckognize” foolishness



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She came. She saw. She redneckognized. Alana Thompson, the spunky starlet of TLC’s newest hit series, “Here Comes Honey Boo Boo,” is certainly giving Jersey Shore’s Snooki a run for her money, as the energetic fireball of a tot is clearly the new face of reality television. At just seven years old, this Toddlers and Tiaras alumna turned reality star is liable to become a household name very soon; that is, assuming her new show continues to gain popularity with each passing day as it has since its premier in August of 2012. In season 5 of TLC’s original series, “Toddlers and Tiaras,” Alana—better known as “Honey Boo Boo Child”—was an audience favorite, and her spinoff series provides viewers with an in depth look into her strange life. However “cute” or “endearing” fans may find Honey Boo Boo, the stark reality is that Americans are—willingly—wasting not only precious time but vital brain cells watching this z-snapping, finger-shaking, head-bobbing, flab-grabbing, sass-dispensing 7 year old and her insane family eat junk food while yelling at each other in a language one must assume is some primitive form of English. Yet, for some odd reason, people (with little to no knowledge of quality television, no doubt) deem “Here Comes Honey Boo Boo” a “really great show” or “hilarious,” leaving actual critics to wonder what has happened to humanity. Honey Boo Boo’s saucy personality and uncanny ability to come up with strange—yet thoroughly amusing—catch phrases on the spot (ex: “A dolla make me holla, Honey Boo Boo!”) have somehow captured the hearts of millions and leave viewers begging for more Boo Boo. Alana’s charm cannot take

all of the credit, however; for it is the unpredictability and ongoing mystery of what her bizarre, mud-clad clan will do next that truly draws in the viewers.

Alana’s father, Mike “Sugar Bear” Thompson, is the monotone and expressionless father figure who adds nothing to the show save a few unintelligible murmurs and grunts. Usually asleep on the couch during interviews, “Sugar Bear” is as riveting as the dead road kill he and his family gleefully grill up every time the local police station alerts them of a recent kill. His personality easily pales in comparison to his daughter’s dynamic disposition.

The sisters come next, starting with Anna “Chicka-dee” Shannon. Described lovingly by Alana as “the preagnantest,” the 17 year old just recently gave birth to a baby girl, Katelyn. Lauryn Shannon (15), known fondly as “Chubbs,” is calm, yet slightly embarrassed of her family’s rough appearance and backwards lifestyle (and rightfully so, one might add). Then comes 12 year old Jessica “Pumpkin” Shannon, easily the most careless and impolite of them all. When attending an etiquette class, the only valid point she made was that it is not “etiquettely” to pass gas at a dinner table.

Last but not least, June “Mama” Shannon serves as the matriarch/ ultimate pageant mom/ extreme couponer of the family. When viewers first meet June, she comes across as an ignorant and uneducated 40-something-year-old who exploits her daughter as a means to get attention and a large paycheck for each episode. However, closer examination into her character and careful scrutinization of the series reveals that “Mama” is actually an ignorant and uneducated 30-something-year-old. Some supporters of the family argue that June is an excellent mother, supporting their opinion with the fact that she refused to let her children swim in the bacterial-infested waters of the nearby pond. However, she considers several events in the town’s annual “Redneck Games”—like jumping in a pit of mud or bobbing for raw, fly-infested pig feet—safer alternatives. Parenting at its finest, ladies and gentlemen.

The series showcases the wildly outrageous life of these self-proclaimed “Rednecks,” whether they be preparing for a pageant, concocting their famous “Go-Go Juice,” or constructing a play pen for their



*Alana and the gang pose for a family*

new piglet, “Glitzzy.” In another episode on a particularly hot summer day, the family cools off at the nearest water park, only to be traumatized by Mama’s infamous mutant “Forklift Foot” (appropriately named for the accident in which it was mutilated). As one could probably surmise, there is never a shortage of entertainment in the household—yet when it comes to the show’s instant popularity and ever increasing attention, the burning question is not how “Honey Boo Boo” caught on so fast, but why. Why do 2-3 million Americans tune into TLC every week to watch Honey Boo Boo’s crazy antics? What is so intriguing about this family that makes fans eagerly anticipate next week’s episode? Why did Honey Boo Boo beat the coverage of the Republican National Convention in ratings? Well, with the help of social media sites like Twitter, Facebook, and Tumblr, “Honey Boo Boo” is becoming something of a pop culture icon in today’s society. Politics, on the other hand, are not as popular with social media users, as the majority of them are teenagers and young adults.

“Here Comes Honey Boo Boo,” TLC’s new reality series, has been described by many as watching a train wreck; you are hesitant (and a bit afraid) to look, yet you cannot seem to stop watching once you have. The concept of the show is so idiotic and pointless, it proves difficult to describe in words, yet with a show like this in which fabricating imaginary lingo is not only practiced but encouraged (ex: “redneckognize, beautiful, vagiggle-jaggle, etc), it is only fair that one tries.

That being said, here goes nothing: Upon watching the show, one will find that “Honey Boo Boo” is ridicupid (ridiculous+stupid), and should never be telemaired (televised+aired) again.

## "Breaking Bad" breaks new ground with its final season

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Since its premiere in 2008 on the channel AMC (American Movie Classics), the TV series "Breaking Bad" has questioned morality and raised eyebrows as it follows the underachieving science-genius turned high school teacher, Walter White as he discovers that he has Stage III cancer and only two years to live. Desperate, White decides to make and sell high quality meth-amphetamines in order to support his wife and teenage son, demonstrating the consequences that terminal diseases can have on a middle-class working man and what he considers right and wrong, as well as showing how fast money and power can lead to corruption, even for those who would normally be nice, respectable people.

Season Five of AMC's hit series "Breaking Bad" picks up where the finale of Season Four, Episode 13: Face-off, left off, shortly after the untimely death of drug kingpin Gustavo Fring, who was killed by a bomb explosion. Fring, who teamed up with protagonist, Walter White in the previous season, was a drug kingpin who distributed meth throughout the southwest, and in season four ordered a hit on Walter and Jesse. Just like every season



prior, there are a number of important moments from Season Five; for example, in Episode Three, Hazard Pay, Walter moves back in with his wife Skyler and Mike Ehrmantraut joins Saul Goodman's meth operation. Also notable, Skyler begins a torrid affair with her boss, Ted Beneke in retaliation to Walt's dangerous and corrupt life at the beginning of the season.

Throughout Season Five, the audience watches as Walt's relationship with his wife deteriorates. The audience also sees how White is being corrupted by the drug trade, as well as by the power he has within it. Furthermore, we see more of how Walt's corruption takes a toll on his family. Walt's corrupt lifestyle provides a bad influence for his children, and angers his wife, who realizes the negative effect his lifestyle is having and wants desperately to save her and her children from it. This leads to White's children being taken into the care of Skyler's sister, Marie and her



husband Hank, with Skyler threatening to claim spousal abuse if Walter attempts to bring the children home.

As the season progresses, and White's operation starts to take more and more heat from the authorities, cooking becomes more risky, dangerous, and difficult. And with a rising death count and the operation struggling to stay afloat, tensions within the group begin to boil. Things really start to escalate when Mike, taking heat from the DEA, wants out, and Jesse, appalled by the death of a boy for the cause of cooking meth, proceeds to bow out as well. Abandoned by his partners and hated by his unfaithful wife, Walter finally starts to realize he has left himself with nothing; which he then proceeds to hold over Jesse's head. Filled with intense action and electric drama, the final season of "Breaking Bad" encompasses the captivating mood and signature feel of the series, as actor Bryan Cranston continues to prove himself capable,

not only as a comedy star, but an enrapturing and intense character as well.

Season five continues with Walt becoming more reckless, and more spiteful, taunting those who oppose them and tormenting them into believing him and doing what he wants them to do. As he becomes more and more manipulative, his wife becomes more and more distant, constantly saying that she "wishes the cancer would come back." The audience starts to realize that in trying to secure his family's financial future, he has lost sight of the reasons why he started cooking meth, and now does it because it makes good money and puts him in a position of power, instead of simply a means to an end.

With the season ending in a high-powered, cliffhanger conclusion full of bittersweet moments and shocking realizations, fans are left saddened by the loss of "Breaking Bad" until the premiere of the next season in the summer of 2013; especially with the season ending with a mid-season finale, cutting season five short (with only 8 episodes). The good news is that Controversial, ingenious, and dramatically intense, "Breaking Bad" will, hopefully, remain a revered work of art in an entertainment world so riddled by mindless "reality" TV, and continue to raise questions in the minds of its viewers.



# SPORTS

## Comiskey recovers from torn ACL to lead girls soccer



Photo Credit/ Kim Levva

Senior Emma Comiskey shields the ball from a Newton North defender

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With the beginning of the school year comes the beginning of sports seasons, and student athletes are constantly complaining about how much conditioning they have to do at practices or complaining about even having practice at all. What some athletes don't realize, however, is how lucky they are just to be able to play the game they love. While many students take sports for granted, senior Emma Comiskey is more than grateful to be able to lace up her cleats and step onto a soccer field this season. Comiskey has just recently recovered from a torn ACL, an unfortunate injury that has been preventing her from playing the sport she loves since before her freshman year began.

Since her return after three years as a spectator, Comiskey's performance on the field is as if she never stepped off. Comiskey was able to begin

her quick footskills, speed, and ability to win 50/50 balls out of the air. She does not hesitate for a second to go to the ball, thus allowing her team to gain possession and help move the ball away from opposing players and up the field toward the opposing team's goal.

Unfortunately, Comiskey's talent will only be displayed for this one year, due to her ACL injury that prevented her from playing soccer during her freshman, sophomore, and junior year. Before her freshman year even began, Comiskey was playing in her first preseason scrimmage, when about ten minutes into the game she planted her foot and twisted it the wrong way, resulting in a torn ACL and the termination of Emma's freshman soccer season. About a year after surgery, Emma began playing again and was met with the same misfortune when she went to receive a ball in the air and her knee gave out upon landing. This second injury was only a partial tear, so Comiskey continued to

again with her team over the summer at Captain's practices, and proved that she was back and better than ever during tryouts. During preseason Comiskey brought her A-game to every practice, scrimmage, and try-out session to earn herself a starting position for this season. During 1v1 games at tryouts,

Emma showed she hadn't lost any footskills during her time off by winning most of her matches and advancing to the highest level field. Since tryouts, Comiskey has helped her team tremendously during their normal season. The girls on the team can rely on Emma to constantly do her job and get the ball into the offensive end. She is able to make moves past defenders time and time again and set up plays that help the rest of her team on the field. Some of Comiskey's several attributes are

play soccer with her club team four months later. At a practice, Comiskey went to plant her foot for a shot and twisted her knee, tearing it once again. Her second surgery was only 18 months after her first.

Luckily, third time's a charm, and Comiskey has recovered from this setback just in time to play the sport she loves for her senior year. One might think that any athlete undergoing this much malady in her athletic career would call it quits, but not Comiskey—there was no way she was going to let this stop her from getting back on the field. Comiskey said, "I think I kept coming back because, before I tore my ACL, soccer was literally my life. I played every day and I was on three teams at once sometimes. I didn't know anything else." The road to recovery wasn't easy, however, as Comiskey had to sit out and watch her team for three years, and this was the first time she hadn't played soccer since age five. Comiskey struggled to sit out and watch for so long, especially when the team wasn't playing so well and she wanted desperately to help out. Helplessly on the sidelines, Comiskey wanted nothing more than to get up and play.

During Comiskey's time out, she focused mostly on rehab. Her desire to play soccer again drove her to go to physical therapy all the time, in addition to training on her own to get back her footskills and get back in shape. Also, Comiskey's injury meant that she had to give up club soccer, which had been a major part of her life, and she misses being able to play against girls from all over. However, Comiskey said, "I wouldn't trade playing with the girls on the high school team for any club team." Besides soccer, Emma is involved in Student Council, and has taken on the role as Student Council President this year, which is a major responsibility.

The Girls' Varsity soccer team is lucky to have Comiskey back this season, and she finally has a shot to play the sport she loves at the Varsity level. Comiskey's highlight of her time at high school so far is being back and playing soccer. Emma said, "It is the best feeling when Coach Erin comes up to me before the game and tells me that I'm starting up top and to get fired up. I think this season is going to turn out great. Everyone is determined to make it to tournament and we will all do whatever it takes to get there." Comiskey and the rest of her team definitely have the right mentality to succeed this season, and Emma's return to the field is a key contribution that will be needed to make this season a successful one.

## Boys soccer elite forced to make tough decision — high school or club?

By Peter Hoegler  
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A chasm has developed in the youth soccer community, one that will force the top high school players to choose between playing for their town, or their club team as they embark on the U.S. Soccer Development Academy's new ten-month season that starts this September. Created in 2007, the academy is in partnership between U.S. Soccer and 78 of the top club teams in the country, including New England Revolution and F.C. Greater Boston Bolts, with the stated aim to develop the next generation of players for the U.S. Men's National Team. Several of the elite Bay State League players have been forced to choose between the two, including Walpole's own junior Bobby Ivatts.

According to the U.S. soccer web-

site, moving to a ten-month season allows players to train together three or four times per week and play meaningful games on the weekend nearly year-round. Fewer games and an extended season will allow for the addition of a substantial number of extra training sessions, which are the primary vehicle for player development.

Jürgen Klinsmann, the U.S. National Team Coach, lauded the new 10-month season, which is modeled after the European training schedule. "This is the model that the best countries around the world use for their programs," he said in his interview on ussoccer.com, "and I think it makes perfect sense that we do, as well."

Two of the most promising players in the Bay State league, senior goalkeeper Scott Greenwood of Weymouth and junior striker Harry Swartz of Needham, have given in to Klinsmann's

new ambition to move the standout athletes away from their high school teams, so they can increase their chances of playing at a Division One school. Thus, they will be watching in street clothes while their former teams take on Walpole later this season.

Of course, not everyone agrees with Klinsmann's assessment or the decision to force the elite players to choose between high school soccer and the academy clubs, including the Walpole midfielder Ivatts. Ivatts opted to play for the high school, rather than competing for his club team, F.C. Greater Boston Bolts, one of the 78 clubs teams in partnership with U.S. Soccer.

"It was one of the hardest decisions I have ever made," said Ivatts, "Socially, there is nothing like playing a sport with the guys you go to school with, but my life dream has always been playing soccer at the professional

level, so I had to assess my values. But after having so much fun at the soccer camp over the summer and winning our summer league in Norton, I knew that the decision was clear—I was going to play high school soccer."

He said later, "The environment is different and club players will miss out on that, but in the near future I bet players won't even have a chance to experience high school soccer because the decision will already be made for them—they will be playing for their club team freshman year."

At the end of the day, it's going to be only about soccer. At the high school level, the focus isn't just on soccer but also the development as a student-athlete and human being. That's where the kids will be missing out. However, each player has his own opinion and will have to decide for himself what his soccer ambitions are.



# Girls Cross Country and Golf set sights on Herget Title

Photo/MacDonald Family



Senior John MacDonald looks on as his shot soars down range.

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As both Girls Cross Country and Boys Golf begin their seasons in arguably the most successful fashion either program's history has ever seen, they coincidentally defeated Wellesley for the first time in nearly a decade on the same day. Both Rebel teams bested the Raiders — long time perennial favorites in each sport — last Thursday, September 20, to gain the edge in their respective Herget divisions. With such a momentous victory under their belts, both teams look not only to make it deep into the postseason but also to achieve something neither team has ever been: Herget Champions.

In their home opener, Walpole's Girls' Cross Country team hosted Wellesley on Thursday, September 20, crushing the Raiders by a final score of 21-36. The girls flourished on their home course in their new uniforms, especially the 17 returning runners, 9 of whom set new personal records. Heading into the race, things did not look good initially for the Rebels due to senior Captain Megan Peterson's leg injury, which sidelined her for the meet.

However, the Rebels kept their cool, and with the help of three freshmen and first time varsity runners—Julia Averill, Alyssa Murphy and Molly Rockwood, the Rebels kept their composure. As the race began, Walpole held a strong lead with junior Captain Kristen Coyne and sophomore Emma Campbell leading the path from the lower field into the woods. However, after about a mile, junior Gina Conti trailed right behind two Wellesley runners in the leading pack, and Coyne followed not far behind them with junior Mackenzie Wilson. Sophomore Kathryn Lawton, Rockwood and Averill lead a pack of Wellesley and Dedham (who was also part of the meet that day) runners going into the remainder of the race.

When the Rebels emerged at the bottom of Porker Hill (at about 2.1 Mile), Conti ran alone and held



Photo/Danielle Levya

Rebel runners go out to lead as a pack at the start of their Tri-Meet with Dedham and Wellesley.

a one minute gap at the top of Porker Hill ahead of Coyne, who also ran alone well ahead of the two lead Wellesley runners. To win the race and place first overall, Conti finished with a time of 16:40. Coyne, placing second overall, finished behind Conti with a personal record on the course with a time of 16:53.

With Wellesley taking the third and fourth place overall (with the score being 3-7, Walpole) fans awaited to see who would emerge next from the Town Forest.

To the joy of the Walpole home crowd, Wilson, Jenkins, and Murphy emerged well ahead of Wellesley's second group. Since the top 5 runners on each team count toward scoring, this group clinched the victory by placing 5th, 6th, and 7th overall. All three runners finished one second after each other, and Wilson set a personal record with a time of 17:39. "We all pushed each other towards the end," said Murphy. "No one wanted to finish last."

Wellesley took the next three spots, but the damage had already been done as Walpole had won the meet, 21-36. Coach Jamie Farrell's addition of the freshman to the varsity lineup paid off as Murphy — in her first varsity race — finished as the 5th Walpole finisher to seal the win against Wellesley.

As for the other two freshman — Rockwood and Averill — they followed Lawton next up Porker, but on to the track for the last 400 meters of the race, Averill broke off the pack on the track to out-kick a Wellesley athlete to place 15th overall.

And with their latest win over Milton on September 25, the Rebels have improved their record to 4-1, cementing their spot atop the Herget Division in the BSL. "We are gonna push it farther and farther every meet until we are on top," said Coyne.

Similar to Girls Cross Country, the Rebel Golf team has had a terrific season. Usually in the middle of the pack of the Bay State League in past years, the Golf team has exploded this season, boasting an early record of 3-1, which is shaping up to be an improvement over last year's 7-5 record. And on the same day as Girls Cross Coun-

try competed, the Golf team took to their home course at Walpole Country Club to face the Wellesley Raiders.

Out of all Rebel golfers, junior Rob Boush played the best round, shooting the low round of the day with 36. Senior John MacDonald struggled, but still played well enough to overcome his opponent. Sophomore Mike Mazzotta played well, shooting a 37 to beat his man handily.

"It feels good to beat Wellesley for the first time in a while," said MacDonald. "[Matt] Bender and I had never beat them in our high school careers before, so this means a lot." According to MacDonald, the team even received text messages from some of the players from last year, congratulating the team and wishing they had been there to celebrate with them. By defeating a seasoned opponent, the Rebels have shown the rest of the BSL that they are the real deal.

"This season means a lot because it is one of the strongest teams we have had in a while," said senior Matt Bender. "A lot of guys got better over the summer which really helped us. If we can just get past Brookline, CM, and Needham I think we have a really good chance at winning the BSL." The boys have set the bar high for themselves this year, deciding early this season that this fall season was going to be dominated by the Rebels, and no one else. So far they're off to a good start, but only time will tell if this team has what it takes to go all the way.

While both teams have found much success this year, there are still some obstacles both need to clear to finish atop the Herget Division. Girls Cross Country's next biggest Herget challenge is going to be on October 16 against Natick. "We just need to keep up our momentum," said Coyne. "As long as we run to our potential, we should find success." And for the Golf team, the next big match-up is on October 3 against Brookline and CM. "Everyone's got to bring their A-game, and hopefully our home course gives us a hand," said MacDonald. Nevertheless, both teams should be proud of their performances regardless of the outcome of their seasons.

## Football trounces Brookline Milton, stays undefeated

By Michael Fortin  
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After fending off Framingham to win a tight game last week, Walpole went back to their dominating ways, destroying the Brookline Warriors 48-13, improving their record to 3-0. The game was nearly flawless—Walpole's high-scoring offense scored on nearly every drive, led by senior captains Cam Hanley (3 touchdowns) and Mike Rando (2 touchdowns). The defense, however, had a few hiccups, specifically a few miscues that led to two Brookline TD's. Brookline came into the game with only two TD's total in their last two games.

The game started off the way the Rebels feared—giving Brookline momentum. Junior Will Bolster's second pass attempt was picked and brought back inside the Walpole 10 yard line. Luckily, Brookline's momentum quickly died after seniors Hanley and Ryan Finn made big tackles for losses that led to a turnover. The Rebels then drove down the field without a problem, scoring off a 44 yard pass from Bolster to Rando.

Rando's play was huge in the win, with 120 rushing yards on three carries and 80 yards receiving on four catches. On the ensuing drive, Brookline could not get anything started once again, going three and out. Walpole again drove down the field, scoring on an incredible Hanley rushing TD. However, Brookline fought back, completing a 70 yard pass to putting them on the scoreboard. However, before the first quarter ended, the Rebels put a 34 spot on the scoreboard after Rando and Hanley combined for three more TD's to end the quarter. The success of the run game was due to the play of the offensive line. Both the offensive and defensive lines dominated, pushing the Warriors' lineman around the whole game. As head coach Barry Greener said, "Brookline's linemen were on roller skates." The Rebels continued to beat up Brookline with Bolster finishing the first half scoring by scoring on a 8 yard run to put the Rebels up 41-13. This marked the end of the game for the Walpole's starters, and the backups finished it off. Bolster improved and impressed most with a strong

performance, with 190 passing yards, two passing and one rushing TD's, and one pick. Walpole's play was impressive, improving their record to 3-0, their offense averaging just under 41 points a game.

Last week, Walpole once again beat up on a BSL foe as they breezed by Milton 34-3, improving their record to 4-0. Walpole started off by dominating the Wildcat offense, constantly getting them to punt the ball on their own side of the field, setting up the offense to do what they do best—score. On the first drive, the Rebels drove down the field, running the ball down the Wildcats' throat for a 10 yard run by Hanley. After a three and out by Milton, Walpole again drove down the field with ease, this time with monster tight end senior Chris Collins hauling in a 10 yard touchdown pass from Bolster.

However it was not all great for the Rebels as another special teams blunder cost them the shutout. Up 14-0 and Milton punting from deep in their territory senior punt returner Brad Webber who is near flawless, fumbled the punt, leading to phenomenal

field position for Milton. But once again Walpole's defense stepped up, forcing Milton to kick a long field goal, their only score on the day. After sharing short, unsuccessful drives for both teams, Walpole picked up the intensity again when Rando scored on a 22 yard run to end the scoring for the half. After the half, Walpole did not ease up as Bolster connected with Rando again on a 36 yard pass play that put the game out of reach. As the backups came in, the Rebels did not slow up as the second and third strings continued to push around Milton's starters, highlighted by junior Kyle Raftery hauling in an incredible 21 yard pass from senior Jared Porack breaking numerous tackles as he carried defenders into the end zone to end the scoring for the game.

As Walpole continues to breeze by their easy first half of the schedule they will take on their rivals from Norwood (1-3) on Saturday October 6th in Norwood. Although their record does not indicate it, Norwood is a good team who has been in every game this season including their devastating loss to Natick in the final seconds of the game.