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BRONXVILLE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TRIFECTA!

Bronco fall sports teams dazzled their fans this past season when three teams came away with State Championship titles! Bronco Football, Girls Cross Country and Girls Soccer swept away their competition and at the end of the season, fought their way through sectional and regional playoffs to win their respective classes. In addition, 17 individual athletes from those and other Bronco teams were recognized with All State honors—a record for the fall season. To celebrate, the Bronxville Chamber held a "Light Up the Town" Parade in December honoring the athletes from all three teams where they were congratulated by state and local officials for their accomplishments.

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL: For football, the capture of the Broncos' first Class C State Championship at the Syracuse Carrier Dome on November 28, 2010 capped a stellar, undefeated 12-0 season, during which Bronxville outscored its opponents 530-82. Up until game five of the season, which ended with a 51-6 victory for the Broncos over Hastings, no team had been able to score on Bronxville. The Broncos' State Championship win against General Brown of Dexter, New York represented the culmination of momentum built up since 2006. In 2007, the Broncos, for the first time since the 1990s, battled their way to the Section 1 finals, where they lost to perennial powerhouse Dobbs Ferry. Two years later, the 2009 team came back with an undefeated regular season, breaking Dobbs Ferry's nine year regular season winning streak and defeating then-defending sectional champ Croton before finally losing in the State Championship to twotime champion Jamestown Southwestern. So the goal of the Broncos in 2010, under Head Coach Jeff Napolitano, was to take home a win from the Carrier Dome. And win they did-the Broncos "brought it home from the Dome" by beating General Brown 34-14. Victory was particularly sweet for Assistant Coach Phil Kuczma, who had been with the team when they made their first trip to the Carrier Dome in 1997.

The stunning success of the Broncos this year came as a result of their hard work as a team with some amazing standouts, many of whom

received all state recognition: Stephen Shoemaker, a three year starter who played defensive tackle and guard, was named Class C Player of the Year. All State First Team honors also went, on offense, to running back Christian Conway and lineman Kieran Borcich. On defense, All State First Team honors were awarded to defensive back Dillon Mitchell (Dad, Jim Mitchell '73) and defensive lineman Henry Palermo. All State Second Team offense awards went to lineman Elliott Bartsch and kicker Ryan Grunseich. On defense, linebacker Jackson Conway received All State Second Team honors.

Six sons of alumni are on the team: Luke Connors (Mark '84), Joaquin Corr (David '76), Luke Marrone (Maggie Griffin '76), Fritz Richter (Nina Reetz '81) and Alex Saralegui (Alvaro '74 and Lisa DeCrane '75). Bronco football talent of the past few years lives on beyond 10708. An amazing 7 members of the 2010 team have committed to play in college: Kieran Borcich, who received over 10 Division I offers, will play at Boston College; Stephen Shoemaker will play at Yale; Elliott Bartsch, Harvard; Henry Palermo, Middlebury (with two 2009 players—Hart Mechlin and Will Karol); Ryan Grunseich at Colby, where Connor McKenna (BHS '06 and Colby '10) played, Dillon Mitchell at Hamilton (with Bobby DeJoy BHS '09) and Ryan Hackett at St. Lawrence (with two 2009 players - Artie Westerfield and Paxton Cane). Hackett will be following his brother, Connor (BHS '06, SLU '10). Connor was captain for SLU and played with Chris Wagner (BHS '06, SLU '10). In addition to those 2010 players who will play football in college, wide receiver Jack Near will be playing lacrosse at Notre Dame. The other '09 players currently on college football rosters are Blair Law, Union; Brian Murray, Cornell along with his brother, Chris (BHS '08); Luke Nichols, Macalester; and James Karol, Dickinson. Other members of BHS Class of '08 playing college football include Brad Marvin, UPenn and Coale Mechlin, Wesleyan. Members of BHS Class of '06 who also went on to play college football are Alex Toth, Dartmouth; Dan Savage, Amherst; and Carl Andrew Vergari, University of Texas.



GIRLS CROSS COUNTY: Bronxville High School has long been home to one of the most successful Girls Cross Country teams in the nation. The Broncos continue to flourish, as this year's team capped off its tremendous season last fall by nipping favored Greenwich 48-51 to win the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class C Girls State Cross Country Championship in Pawling. Legendary Hall of Fame Head Coach Jim Mitchell called the narrow win "perhaps the most gratifying in the long history of Bronxville cross country."



The extremely young Bronxville team was led by Mary Cain, a freshman, who finished with a personal best time of 18:42.7 over the 5,000 meter course to become the first runner in the storied history of Bronxville's Girls Cross Country program to win the individual State Championship. Cain was followed closely by her teammate, sophomore Meredith Rizzo, who finished second with a time of 19:04.8, her personal best on the Pawling course. Cain's and Rizzo's 1-2 finish was key to the Broncos' narrow victory.

Depth, too, is critical to a team's success in cross-country, as the team's point total is determined by the order in which the top five teammates finish. As a result, a team with only one or two top runners, no matter how good they may be, won't enjoy success as a group. Bronxville's State Championship was a total team effort: freshman Courtney Campbell placed 11th, senior Serena Saari placed 16th; and freshman Emilie Hoffer finished 18th, to account for the remainder of the Broncos' 48 points.

Bronxville has long been a juggernaut in girls' cross country, under the guidance of Coach Mitchell, one of the most successful coaches in the country. This year's State Championship was Bronxville's third in a row, its fifth in the last six years, and its ninth overall.

Before winning states, the girls' team won its 31st straight League Championship, an amazing streak of dominance. As a testament to this year's team's success, 22 of the first 25 runners to finish the League Championship were from Bronxville, including each of the top six. Bronxville qualified for the State Championship by winning the Section 1 Class C Championship in overwhelming fashion, taking five of the first seven spots in the race.

Several Broncos received impressive individual honors for their outstanding efforts. Cain and Rizzo were both named First Team All State in Class C and Campbell was named Fourth Team All State in Class C. All three girls were named to the All-Section Team. Cain was named Westchester/Putman Girls' Athlete of the Season by *The Journal News*. The future looks bright for the Broncos. Cain and Campbell are both freshmen, Rizzo is a sophomore, and many of the team's other top runners are also underclassmen.

The girls credit the team's phenomenal success to their hard work and their outstanding coaching by Coach Mitchell and Assistant Coach Ed Stickles. Although he retired last year as a Latin teacher at Bronxville, Coach Mitchell continues to coach the Girls Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field teams. Coach Mitchell has enjoyed unparalleled success at Bronxville. He was the first coach inducted into the National Track & Field Hall of Fame and, under his direction, Bronxville's girls have achieved All-American status well over 100 times for their efforts.

In addition to their enormous athletic prowess, over the years many of Coach Mitchell's student athletes have achieved great success in the classroom, and have attended some of the most academically competitive colleges and universities in the country. By way of only the most recent examples, despite Bronxville's small student body (with roughly 50 girls or less in each graduating class), five Bronxville cross country alumnae are currently competing on Ivy League teams: Olivia Bruton '09 at Dartmouth, Emma Clark '08 at Cornell, Caitlin Hudson '09 (Dad, Jim '74) and Tori Flannery '09 both at Yale and Henrietta Miers '10 at Princeton. These young women represent the latest in a long line of outstanding collegiate runners from Bronxville.

Congratulations to Coach Mitchell, Coach Stickles and the entire team on the latest chapter in Bronxville's long and successful history. Well done!

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER: For the first time in Bronxville School history the Girls Varsity Soccer team won a Class B State Championship!



Coach Don Cupertino is a big part of the girls success. He has coached Bronxville girls soccer for 21 years and during the State Championship run captured his 300th victory.

After playing second fiddle to three-time State Champion Briarcliff in Class B for years, Cupertino was able to get his team over the hump in a thrilling 2-1 win against Briarcliff in this year's section title game. The Broncos went on to win a State Championship with a 1-0 win over Marcellus Central. "The key was playing as a team," Cupertino said. "We did not have any superstars; we had kids who were hungry and wanted to play the game. We did it working together." Championship games often show just how talented a team is. Many Bronxville players contribute offensively which makes the Bronco offense difficult to defend. Top scorers for the Broncos this season included seniors Michaela Donohue and Kirsten Noonan, junior Jessica Tarangioli, and freshman Liz Cory, but in the State Championship games it was Taylor Reynolds and Maddie Campbell who came through for the Broncos.

At the start of the season, there was a lot of uncertainty about how the team would perform since many of last year's starters had graduated. During the post-season playoff run the Broncos collected seven shutouts in the eight games they played. Grace Devlin (Mom, Allison Shuker Devlin '76), who had 95 saves this season, was named goalkeeper of the State Championships and the MVP award went to junior Shannon Crawford, who anchored the defense.

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Alumni Reunions

BHS Class of 1955 55th REUNION WEEKEND

The Bronxville High School Class of 1955 celebrated its 55th reunion in Boothbay Harbor, Maine in late September.

Why Boothbay? The class decided to celebrate every year in a different location depending on which alum wants to host the festivities. This September it was hosted by Gerry and Jan Goold who live nearby in Winthrop, Maine.

Next year could be California and last year was Florida. The class has also been to Hilton Head, Montauk, Lake Lure, Portsmouth, Chicago, San Diego, and, oh yes, even Bronxville.

Our class was 120 strong of which 35 are deceased. There were 21 classmates at the 55th reunion, and we numbered 40 with spouses and guests.

Fellow classmates dined on fresh Maine lobster, walked lots, went to the Botanical Gardens, had a 3-hour boat cruise on a glorious day, reminisced, and enjoyed each other's company immensely.

Thank you Bronxville High School!!



SAVE THE DATES: CLASS OF '71 REUNION - SEPTEMBER 24, 2011 **CLASS OF '61 REUNION - OCTOBER 8, 2011 BHS HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2011 OCTOBER 21-22, 2011**

BHS Class of 1970 Reunion Weekend October 1-2, 2010 **Making the Connection**



Fifty-five people gathered to celebrate the BHS Class of 1970 40th Reunion in Bronxville. The first night we all partied at the home of Pam Lippe and her extraordinary husband, Guy. After the football game Saturday we gathered at Fogarty's for a great meal, music and dancing. The Bronxville School SHA!capella group treated us to musical entertainment. They were poised, enthusiastic and terrific! They sang our music, and took us down memory lane.

There were so many classmates to speak with, and connect with their spouses, and new and previous reunion attendees. Our spouses are a diverse group, some Bronxville alum, others from far away, and they married "our" guys and gals. We were also honored to have a few class mothers attend some events and alums from other classes. It was great to see some of the cute girls from '71, '72, '73 that dated our "boys" and some guys from '68 and '69 that dated our cute "girls".

It is not just about the time spent with each other, but the quality of that exchange. "Remember, 1st grade?" "I was in love with you from the moment I met you!" "OMG, you look amazing!" The hesitant moment when you ask about parents, "...still alive? Children? How are the children? Pictures?" And so much more.

The school tour is always a trip.... down nostalgia lane. For all that has changed, much has not. However, it always looks smaller; despite the massive additions.

Facebook made the reunion easy to organize and promote. So many photos were taken over the weekend and are now posted on Facebook. We even tried Skype Friday night to connect with those who could not get to Bronxville. Yes, technology!

Making the connection to our past and present, we will be 63 at our next reunion in 2015. Retirement will be on the radar for many, if not the majority, of us. We have been blessed with a wonderful hometown, an extraordinary school experience and good friends for life.

BHS Class of 1975 Celebrates 35th Reunion



The Class of 1975's celebration began with a cocktail party at Ann Gannon Hopwood's house in Harrison. It was a lovely evening and a wonderful opportunity for all to reconnect in an intimate setting.

Saturday morning the class enjoyed a tour of our high school given by Bronxville graduates. After the tour some attended the JV football game and other classmates traveled to White Plains to have lunch at Full Moon Asian/Thai Restaurant owned and operated by a fellow classmate, Noy Wongkittiroch.

The celebration continued Saturday night as we enjoyed cocktails and a fabulous dinner at The Bronxville Field Club. The room was decorated in our school colors and Peter Savigny had poster-sized pictures of all our classmates. Peter created a video slideshow that covered all of our years at BHS. We dedicated this montage to three of our classmates who have passed away: Eric Ashworth, David Cassarra, and Tracey Larsen. It was a beautiful tribute to our class.

Planning our reunion was an enjoyable experience that began with "chatter" on Facebook. The three organizers: Ann Gannon Hopwood, Don McElroy and Peter Savigny decided to run with it and the reunion became a reality. They started with information from the 20th reunion and spent a lot of time searching for "lost classmates". Many addresses were updated and 70 classmates and 14 spouses attended our reunion. A Class of 1975 web site was created: www.wix.com/Bville1975/Reunion2010.

The reunion was full of lots of laughs along the way and we all enjoyed sharing "quality time" with our former classmates.

BHS Class of 1990 Celebrates 20th Reunion

What's better than returning to your hometown two decades after you graduated high school, noticing what's changed and cherishing what's stayed the same? Doing so alongside dozens of the people you grew up with. Accordingly, the Bronxville High School Class of 1990 had a great time reuniting for its 20th reunion in October.

Allison Hill-Edgar began planning the event last summer. She felt that the hardest part was finding people. Luckily, with the help of the internet and social-networking services such as Facebook, this task is easier than ever. In addition to their graduating class, people who had never been a part of the class were invited.



Those who made it to the reunion had a great time. The weather was warm and breezy, with just enough nip to feel fall-like. The class enjoyed much of the weekend outside, from drinks at the rooftop bar of the Empire Hotel in Manhattan to a tailgate (hosted by the parents of the class) before the BHS football game to a picnic followed by pickup soccer and softball games.

There was plenty of indoor fun, too. The reunion class got a kick out of touring the school, remembering their school days and checking out the new additions. The highlight of the weekend was an evening at the Bronxville Field Club. A good time was had by all who attended.

Additional Reunions held this past Fall: Class of 1960 - 50th Reunion Class of 1980 - 30th Reunion

Farewell to Faculty



Tina Anchin began her career at the Bronxville School in September 1977 as a Foreign Language teacher. Before she came to Bronxville she taught French and Spanish for a year at Lynbrook. She has had a few different teaching positions while at Bronxville but has spent the most time teaching middle and high school children French and Spanish. She

taught computer exploratory and also taught ESL for a long time.

Mrs. Anchin was very involved with the AFS program and was also on the Bronxville Teachers Association executive council.

Tina has seen technology as the biggest change since she began teaching at Bronxville. The kids are so much savvier with technology. She feels that today's kids think in 3D. Additionally the kids today have a much greater focus on education and are goal-oriented and focused.

She loves teaching, and says the kids are great with a tremendous amount of energy. She enjoys that every day is a little different. Looking to her retirement, Tina has mixed feelings about it. She knows that she will miss the energy, the kids, the variety of every day and the wonderful staff and colleagues.

She hopes in retirement to rediscover her interests. She hopes to take Italian and lots of cooking classes. Additionally her daughter recently got a job in Holland, so she hopes to spend time traveling especially to Holland.

As Tina will miss the energy and kids at Bronxville School, Bronxville School and the parents will miss Tina Anchin and her energy. We all wish her the best.



Clare Gorman will be retiring this spring after 31 years of teaching. She began her teaching career at Hastings as a leave replacement teacher. In 1986 she arrived in Bronxville and has been here ever since. For all of those 25 years Clare has held the same position of MS/HS librarian. Although her position has never changed, other things

around the school have. The biggest change Clare has seen is among the students. She feels that students today are more stressed and live for the future as opposed to past students who lived for the moment.

Clare has served on many committees and helped in many different areas. She was on the very first technology committee, the long term planning committee and Staff Development Board. Clare has worked collaboratively with many teachers over the years on lots of different projects. Additionally, she has organized the annual Food Drive for about two decades. Clare is currently serving on the Board that organizes the Food Drive for schools in Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, and Rockland Counties. She has had many roles within the school including coaching varsity softball, advisor to the MS yearbook and later the HS yearbook, and advisor to the Young Democrats. Clare has helped the PTA with the MS Book Fair each year for the past 25 years. She was also an 8th grade advisor for many years. For the past four years she has been a Tuckahoe Village Trustee which has given her networking connections that have assisted several teachers in their projects or events. Additionally for at

least the past 15 years she has been an officer on the Bronxville Teachers Association.

Clare feels great about retiring and is really happy. Her husband is retired also. They have no set plans except for turning off the alarm clock. Clare has inspired students, faculty and parents with dedication, insight and wisdom over the years. She will be greatly missed.



Betsy Grogan will be retiring this spring after a 42 year career as an educator. Betsy started her teaching career in Greenwich where she taught kindergarten for 11 years. After that she took 3 years off to have her daughter Kellie. Her husband, unfortunately, passed away very young and Betsy was in the building of the Bronxville School asking about pensions

when she was offered a job to teach a morning session of kindergarten. She practically accepted on the spot. She then taught kindergarten in Bronxville for 10 years before transitioning to be a teacher for 1st and 2nd graders. Betsy has taught 1st and 2nd graders for the last 21 years. In fact one of the things she likes most about her job is the loop between 1st and 2nd grade. She feels the looping of classes has kept her fresh and creative with new ideas every two years.

During her time at Bronxville Mrs. Grogan has served on many committees. Betsy has been very active on the Staff Development Policy Board; even serving as Chair. She was also President of the Bronxville Teachers Association for 4 years. She has been a wonderful curriculum leader too.

In reflecting Mrs. Grogan says that the biggest changes in the school are the loss of the traditions that have made Bronxville unique for so many years. Mrs. Grogan feels very emotional about retiring from the school. She knows it is a huge decision and will miss the kids and her colleagues greatly. However she is looking forward to retiring. Her daughter is getting married so she is thankful that she will have more free time to continue with the planning. Additionally she is excited to spend time with her friends that have retired, visit museums and enjoy lunches out. Betsy has been a constant inspiration, full of knowledge and wisdom to all. We are thankful and grateful for her years of dedicated service and we wish her the best. She will be missed tremendously.

Alumni in the News



Michael Gill, Class of '58

Michael Gates Gill, author of How Starbucks Saved My Life, and How to Save Your Own Life, graduated from Bronxville High School in 1958. He went to Yale University and upon graduating was hired by J. Walter Thompson, then a leading national advertising firm. His time at the firm closely resembles the story line of Mad Men, an AMC series about Madison

Avenue in the 1960's -- he moves up the corporate ladder; he hires one of the first female executives; the firm is bought out by an expense-minded British firm in a hostile takeover; and the woman he hired takes him out to lunch and fires him.

Everything went downhill from there - an unsuccessful consulting venture; a brain tumor; a divorce; depression. Until he was "by happenstance," hired by Starbucks. The Starbucks philosophy of customers (and interlopers) as "Guests," the idea of all employees as "Partners," and the concept that all Guests and Partners deserve equal respect, were new to him. But he adopted them, and, through perseverance and hard work, turned his life onto a positive track. He presently lives and works in Bronxville.

When asked about his Bronxville High School experience, Mike has only positive memories, especially of those who motivated him to go beyond what he thought he could do. His friend and class president, Tony Thompson, who convinced him to play football and get involved in other projects (and some pranks), remains an inspiration as does Dr. Harris, his English teacher, who kept in touch with him long after graduation. He is still amazed at how much better, in his opinion, the teachers he had at BHS were than his first year instructors at Yale.

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The Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend 2010 was the Fourth Annual Katie Welling Memorial Run/Walk. Despite many Bronxville families heading up to Syracuse to support the football team more than 400 people gathered on the front lawn of the Bronxville School. The Run/Walk, is a wonderful community event that is becoming a Thanksgiving tradition. It honors Katie Welling, a 2002 Bronxville High School graduate, who died 5 years ago in a fire shortly after her 21st birthday. The Run/Walk is organized by Katie's classmates from 2002.



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PERFORMING ARTS AT BRONXVILLE







The orchestra begins, the curtain rises and it is show time! The timeless classic, *The Sound of Music* was about to hit the Bronxville stage for the first time in 31 years, the same auditorium, the same seats, and the same stage. As I was attending the school for the previous performance, I can say with some authority that the venue appears to have changed very little. But from that first note, it is a very different production. The performers have honed their skills (many going on to a future in music) and technology has given us better lighting and wireless microphones allowing all in the audience to hear and see every performer. One cannot help but leave in awe of today's performing arts program at the Bronxville School. The auditorium, along with this program, has made great strides over the past 31 years and there are great hopes for their futures.

Present day students at all three schools have a very different musical and theatrical experience than they did years ago. Many students, beginning in Elementary School, compete at the state level through NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association). Students are evaluated and can be chosen to be part of select performance groups such as All-County, Area All-State (part of New York State), and Conference All-State (entire New York State). This past year over 100 students participated in NYSSMA and over 40 were selected to All County or a higher performance levels.

New technological programs further support our students' musical development and ability to achieve. Through a grant from the Foundation a new program was introduced to the Elementary School this past fall. The program, Smart Music Interactive Software, helps improve a student's performance through immediate feedback. Students can open assignments on their home computers and play or sing with background accompaniment. Their performance is recorded and immediately evaluated. They can play over and over again to improve their skills. The reception to this program from teachers, students and parents has been overwhelmingly positive. Many parents have commented that the experience of sitting through these young musicians' performances has been made much more enjoyable.

Our drama department has also seen a dramatic increase in size and stature. The fall drama productions generally have more than 50 students participating and the spring musicals have been averaging over 100 students. Bronxville HS averages about 400 students so this number represents 25% of the school's population. Performances have received local recognition through the Helen Hayes Public HS award and twice in recent years the drama department was chosen by the American High School Theater Festival to participate in The Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Fringe Festival began in 1947 to promote peace and unity in the world following WWII. More than 1000 international groups perform there each year. In both 2007 and 2010 Bronxville High School's drama department was selected to be one of 50 high schools in this country to participate in the festival. Each year 24 students performed original theatre productions. It was an honor to have our school represented.

Many Bronxville graduates have moved on to study performing arts at the college level and beyond. Presently there are many graduates studying drama and several singing in renowned college a cappella groups (such as the Yale Whiffenpoofs and the Princeton Nassoons). Among those who have finished school there is a successful conductor in NY, a writer of classical scores for movies and television, a sound booth technician at the Baryshnikov Theatre, and a member of a famous rock band to name a few. There are too many achieving success to mention in this article. All of them share one common thread: each one began their journey in the Bronxville High School auditorium.

All three schools' main assembly space is now the auditorium, which was built in the 1920's. Over the years it has undergone a few changes but the venue remains visibly much the same. In the late 1950's the stage's proscenium and the windows on the walls of the auditorium were covered up. A recent grant approved by the Foundation will restore the original proscenium. Not only will this look better, it will free up significant stage space.

Improvements over the past 25 years have been implemented through privately raised funds and grants from the PTA and the Foundation. In 1990 (through a private fundraiser) and again last spring (through a Foundation fundraiser), money was raised in memory of Joe Raposo to benefit the auditorium. Mr. Raposo was a longtime Bronxville resident and an Emmy and Grammy winning songwriter. In 1990 the funds paid for new lighting, rigging and seating. Last spring's benefit helped pay for the new sound board to support the wireless microphones now used in all performances. Around 10 years ago, a PTA grant installed new carpet and seat cushions. Other Foundation grants have included new improved lighting, new updated sound system and the sound board to support the wireless microphones, choral risers, a scrim and the stage curtains.

The auditorium is an integral part of every student's life at Bronxville from Kindergarten through senior year. As Elementary students we begin with Holiday Sings and recorder concerts. These soon give way to assemblies, instrumental and vocal concerts, performances, lectures and hopefully graduation ceremonies. As parents, we are present at all or most of these accomplishments. Whether you are an aspiring artist, a student or a parent in this community, the auditorium is going to be a place where you will inevitably spend a great deal of time. Although the many recent renovations at our schools have evaded this spot it is hopeful that a major overhaul for this space still lies in the near future. Written by a 1980 Cast Member

Bronxville School Alumni Walk

The Alumni Walk, created in 1994, has been enthusiastically built by donations from graduates of all ages, entire classes, as well as families and friends wishing to honor former students.

More than 1500 bricks grace the path at the entrance to the Bronxville School. Add your brick today by completing the enclosed card or calling the Foundation Office at 914-395-0515.

