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Activities Fair draws hundreds of Upper School students to sign up for their favorite clubs. Story on Page 4.

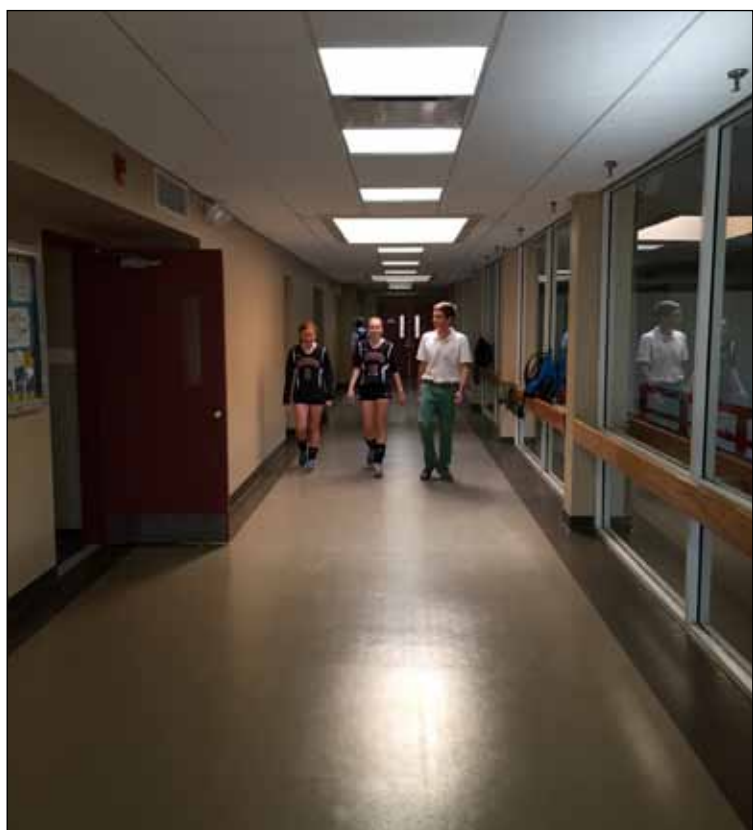


Photo: James Fort

Sara Seuffert, Jenna Racaniello and Ryan Waters stroll down a shiny upgraded corridor in the Athletic Center.

MBS upgrades Athletic Center, step by step

BY MADALYN BRAUNSTEIN WITH REPORTING BY MEGHAN NELLIGAN

Morristown-Beard students have been wondering about the mystery of the Athletic Center renovation, which began August 15. This part of the construction was completed on September 19, but that is just the first phase.

"We plan to do small projects every year but none have been as visible as this (first) phase," said Joanne Dzama, director of upper school athletics. Fixing the air ventilation in the gyms is the second phase project.

"The air in the athletic center simply does not flow," said

Headmaster Peter Caldwell.

As a collaborative effort between the Athletic Center staff and Mr. Caldwell and his staff, an air ventilating system, different from air conditioning, will be installed in the Athletic Center. Students will be able to feel the difference when fresh air is ventilated through the gyms, he said.

The next phases will be done over a span of four to five years for several reasons, Mr. Caldwell said.

In terms of cost, the school's operating budget will be able to absorb the improvements of the

Athletic Center, he said. Each year, the project's budget will be about \$200,000.

The math and science facilities need to be improved as well, Mr. Caldwell said, which is why smaller budgets each year on the Athletic Center will not slow down the renovation of those facilities.

The school is also phasing in the A.C. renovation because the gym is used all day and every day during the school year. It could not possibly be closed down for a three or four-month

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Spirit week sparks debate

BY EMILY BRUNO

Twitter feuds. Aggressive games. Intense competitions. These elements capture Spirit Week of 2013, which caused controversy among students. In response, this year's SGA led by president Will Laud has been meeting and debating ways to make this annual event, set for October 14-17, less controversial and more satisfying for all students.

It has not been easy.

"We have been working on Spirit Week since the end of last year," said Maddie Braunstein, Head of the Spirit Week Committee and SGA executive board member, "but there is still

a lot of progress to be made."

Some SGA officers and students favor changes, while others oppose any change at all.

"I think Spirit Week is indeed due for a revamping," said sophomore class secretary Olivia Land.

Sophomore Madeline Larson disagrees with proposed changes about including freshmen and sophomores in the games.

"Spirit Week is a right of passage and it takes away the privileges associated with being an upperclassman," Larson said.

Because of the controversy

surrounding this event, the SGA is keeping Spirit Week plans top secret. As time begins to run out, they are finalizing the schedule.

The officers want to assure the student body that they have been working hard to make sure Spirit Week 2014 will go down in history, for the right reasons.

"Spirit Week should be about the whole school," says Braunstein. "This year can be a new tradition that embraces bringing the student body together," she said.

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Crimson Sun wins 4th gold award from Columbia U.

BY MOLLY GLICK

MBS's *Crimson Sun* newspaper won its fourth Gold Medalist Award from Columbia University for its 2013-14 publications. This is the highest level for a school newspaper to achieve in its critiques, presented by the Columbia University Scholastic Press Association.

"I'm ecstatic...we worked really, really hard," said Ida Picker, the paper's faculty adviser.

The *Crimson Sun* received a Gold award for its issues in 2009-2010 as well as 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. This has been no simple feat: the four annual issues must earn over eight hundred points (out of a thousand) for everything from writing to photos, layout, captions, and content.

The paper won Silver

awards in 2005-2006, 2008-2009 and 2012-2013.

Each editor and many MBS students work to achieve the paper's final product. Stories are rewritten upwards of three times, photos are often reshot, and editors spend hours finishing the layout.

"Lots of blood, sweat, and tears," said Ms. Picker. "Mostly sweat," regarding how the issues get done.

She credits the paper's impressive photography and daring stories, such as the questioning of Spirit Week in "Spirit Week Raises Cheers and Questions", the upper school survey and related stories on "Love fades for iPads," and the breaking coverage of the Honors Program changes. Last year's top editors, Ben Leigh '14 and Ashley Young '14 had been

Editorials: First day jitters subside

On sunny September 3 as school resumed, students were all smiles as they reunited with friends but felt anxious inside as they forced themselves down the hallways and into their classrooms.

In a perfect world, the first day of school should be the best day of the year but instead it can be the most daunting. Meanwhile, teachers gleefully announce all of the work that needs to be completed in their class throughout the year. History teachers mention research papers, English teachers discuss weekly writing assignments, and who even knows what language teachers are saying?

The poor freshmen—

how can you not feel bad for them? Lost, terrified and often friendless, they spend the first day holding back tears and trying to figure out what "BH" stands for. As for the sophomores, they think they already know how to play the game. Of course, that idea flies out of their head by 8:15.

The juniors are a special case. Junior year is dubbed the most challenging in high school. Nothing says excitement like that. Juniors slinked into new advisories and tried to remain calm as their teachers said the "c word"—college. The truth is the "C word" and junior year go hand in hand. Where do you want to go to college? What do you want to major in? Will

you be taking the ACT or SAT or both—and how many times? These are the questions juniors are bombarded with.

And what about seniors? They start the school year with one foot already out the door and the glow of finally being on the top of the totem poll. And the "c" word is even more of a big deal for the seniors who spend every free moment writing applications and personal essays, visiting colleges, studying for the SAT and more. And after all that work, all they can do is wait.

But, in the end, coming back becomes less painful. Students begin forgetting the worries of the first day as we fall into the rhythm of school.

Athletic Center renovation: Worth the wait

Everyone around campus knows the Athletic Center has been in need of major renovations. It is gratifying to see the school beginning to make changes that needed to happen, such as fresh paint, new pavers, brighter lights, new railings and doors, a new Hall of Fame, and renovated bathrooms. There are countless benefits to the upgrades, all of which students, athletes, visitors and faculty will appreciate.

Even though the Ath-

letic Center needed the renovation, the first phase created a huge inconvenience in September when many school-wide events take place in the gym. Picture day was a source of confusion for many newcomers to the school. Many don't know the back way to the Auxiliary Gym, and got frustrated finding it. This happened again for the Activities Fair. People had to go around the building to the back door of the Main Gym - a route many are not familiar with.

Luckily, in the future, bigger renovations, including upgrading the lower level of the Athletic Center, will occur over a different span of time so that the Athletic Center spaces will be accessible when school starts in the fall.

The minor inconvenience will be well worth it. These improvements will create a finer environment for the athletes and students using the facilities.



Photo: Amanda Sit

The *Crimson Sun* editors celebrate their gold medalist win. From left: Sam Aronwald, Brian Andrzejewski, Chelsea Kramer, Emily Bruno, Ida Picker, William Mallen, Bailey Rechler, Alexa Rojek, Molly Glick, Carlye Cording, Meghan Nelligan and Jared Rosen. Missing: Ben Schreiber, Madalyn Braunstein and James Fort.

in editors positions for the past three years.

"They threw their heart and soul into it last year," Ms. Picker said.

She credited the administration for following through on the First Amend-

ment right to freedom of the press.

The 2014-2015 editors include Emily Bruno '15 and Will Mallen '16 as Editors-in-Chief, and Managing Editors Brian Andrzejewski '15, Bailey Rechler '16, and Ben Schreiber

'15. Alexa Rojek '15 serves as Photography Editor, and News Editors are Maddie Braunstein '15 and Carlye Cording '16. Meghan Nelligan '16 is Feature Editor, Molly Glick '16 is Op-Ed Editor, and Sam Aronwald '15 is Cartoon Editor.

SPORTS



Photo: Steve Patchett

(Top) Quarterback Colin Waters '15 positions himself to throw a pass as Head Coach Timothy Fell looks on. (Below) Nick Fazio '16 lines up for a drill at practice.

Football: Varsity prepares for tougher opponents

BY BEN SCHREIBER

After a breakout year with 6 wins and 4 losses in 2013, the football team returns to the turf ready to face tougher competition. With holes to fill from graduating seniors Travis Nardin and Tyler Shicke, the players are committed to get better. To date, they have 2 wins, 2 losses.

"The whole squad has been working tirelessly throughout the summer on the field and in the weight room to make a statement this year," said senior Nick Rella.

After losing 12-7 to Mater Dei Prep in the first round of the playoffs last year, senior captains Nick Rella, Matt McFadden, Matt Reilly and Matt Stark are aiming for an appearance in the state finals.

Over the past offseason, the Morristown-Beard Athletic Department met with the NJ-SIAA at a conference and decided to move the Crimson back up to a tougher division. This year the football team will return to the NJAC Liberty Conference and play larger public schools including Butler High School, North Warren Regional High School, Hopatcong High School, Boonton High School, and Morris Catholic High School.

"The new conference is a more competitive league and there will be challenges," said Coach Tim Fell. During first year coaching in 2009, "We were not strong enough or physical enough to compete in the NJAC Liberty Conference," he said, "so we went independent."

Since then, Coach Fell and the assistant coaches have been building the team, he said.

Because of stronger competition in their schedule, the football team needed to get stronger themselves. After an eight-week weight lifting plan over the summer and three more weeks of running and lifting during preseason, before school started, the team feels prepared for the tougher competition.

In the pre-season, the Crimson dominated the competition, trouncing Riverdale Country Day School 41-6 and Manville High School 26-0.

Still, in the first game of the season September 12 against a tough North Warren Regional High School, MBS lost 17-14 in a thriller.

After falling to an early 14-0 deficit, McFadden led the charge back, scoring two touchdowns to tie the game at 14. With tremendous team defense highlighted by some big tackles from senior linebacker Matt Stark and senior Jordan LiVolsi, the team stopped North Warren from scoring a touchdown. In heartbreak fashion, Kyle Froisland, kicker for North Warren, scored a 29-yard field goal with a minute and a half remaining in the fourth-quarter to eventually win the game for the Patriots.

"It's a tough loss because we knew we were the better team," said senior Colin Waters. "A few things didn't go our way," he said, "but we are ready to bounce back."

Girls' Soccer:

Girls' soccer champions aim high

BY JAKE RAIMER

With a strong base of returning players and a talented group of new players, the girls' soccer team hopes to build on last season's championship success, and, the team is poised to make that happen. Leadership from team captains Gianna Bustamante, Kristy Cotter, and Samantha Siragusa, combined with a high level of skill across the field, may propel the team to set their sights beyond their current Prep B Championship title.

After the eleven opening games, the team posted a record of 6:4:1. The game against Mountain Lakes on September 19 was particularly noteworthy, not just because it was another win for MBS, but because it showed that the team has "finally found their rhythm," according to Coach Dennis Jackson.

"When the girls trust in each other, [the] cohesion is much better," Coach Jackson said. The game against Mountain Lakes ultimately resulted in a 3-2 victory for MBS. Now that the team has "found their rhythm," he

said, it is looking forward to competing later this season against long time rival Villa Walsh.

Cotter agrees. "The team is starting to get acclimated to playing together," she said. "The team's depth is its greatest strength."

The team coordination is also important. "We are such a small school [and] it is sometimes hard to field a large team with many skilled players," Cotter said.

"We want to win as many games as possible in all events," Coach Jackson said, "because establishing respect in the county by having a strong run is important."

These wins create some of the most memorable moments for the players. For Cotter, a senior, the most memorable team moments include "winning the Prep B final last year; playing our homecoming game against Villa Walsh last year; and beating the only undefeated team in the county, Morris Catholic, during my sophomore year."

With much of this season to come, the team can undoubtedly expect to add to this list.

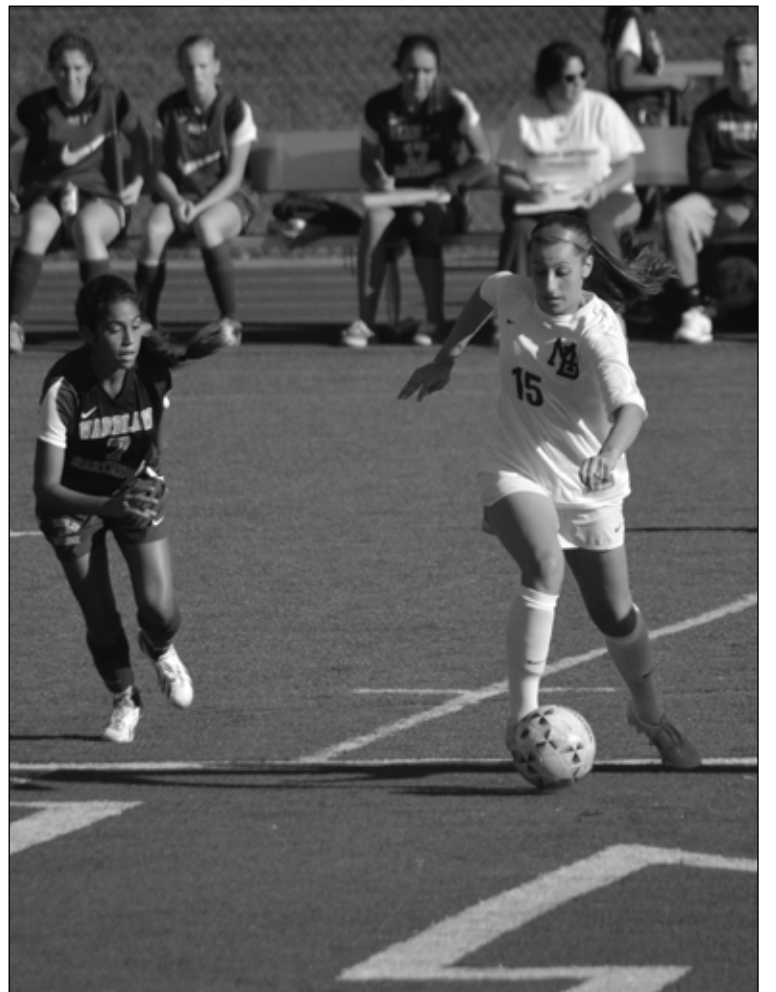


Photo: Jared Rosen

Danielle Kabat '16 dribbles the ball across midfield during the Wardlaw Hartridge game, which MBS won 3-1.

NEWS/FEATURES

Activities fair generates excitement

BY BRETT RUDNITSKY WITH REPORTING BY KRISTY COTTER, DOMINIQUE SMITH, MACH IULIANO, SAMANTHA SIRAGUSA, TEDDY HATFIELD, AND MAX MATILSKY

When the Activities Fair kicked off at 10:00 A.M. on the morning of Wednesday, September 16, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and faculty buzzed around the floor of the main gym as the hit song Sky Full of Stars, performed by members of the CMW club, played in the background. Despite the hot gymnasium caused by the scorching sun on this blue-sky day, students appeared overjoyed to be part of the event.

The gymnasium was packed with students, racing around from table to table, figuring out which clubs their friends joined, and questioning the leaders standing at their assigned stations. Darren Burns, Upper School Head, was so happy with the turnout, he climbed to the top of bleachers and took a picture of the Fair.

Sophomore Emma Blanchard not only enjoyed the posters, but the candy and treats, as well.

"I love the cupcakes," she said.

Senior Courtney Pepper said she was excited about starting the Peru Project Club and bringing in new members.

"We enrolled about 89 people," she said. "I love the Activities Fair environment."

Some club leaders did not wait for students to drift over. Philosophy Club, advised by

Librarian Nicholas Jackson, sent club members out into the crowd to personally bring students over to their table to learn more.

About thirty-five different clubs encircled the gymnasium. Historically popular clubs, such as the Yearbook, Habitat for Humanity, the Crimson Sun, and BFI (Business, Finance, and Investment), attracted the attention of many, but they did not distract from new clubs that appeared (see box on right).

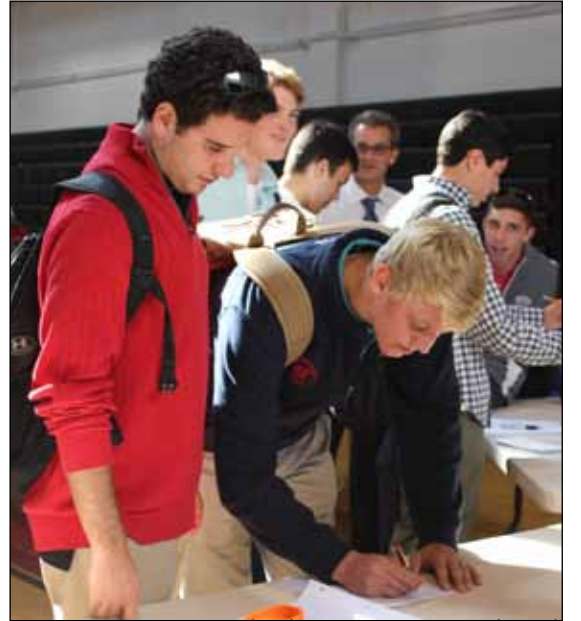
A crowd of eager freshman girls, pens in hand, surrounded the GLOW (Girls Leadership, Outreach, and Worth) club, eager to sign up for this female empowerment club.

Habitat for Humanity stood out for their originality. Instead of using a regular sign up sheet, they used a poster board where students could write their names in different colors.

Despite the energy in the gymnasium on this hot morning, some students who were curious about clubs got frustrated.

"There's a few clubs that interest me, but there are so many kids crowded around them, so it's tough to learn more," said junior Alex Borowiec.

Still, the Activities Fair clearly generated excitement to kick off the 2014 school year.



Photos: Alexa Rojek (left) and Amanda Sit (right)

(Left) Avery Matilsky and Kendall Cairoli sign up for Key Club (Right) Sam Aronwald and Cole Steindfelt write their names down for Business, Finance and Investment Club.

Duffy's Toughies, Peru, sign language and improv clubs show up

BY KRISTY COTTER

Along with 30 returning groups, eight unexpected, original clubs surfaced at this year's Activities Fair, inspired by students' personal interests.

Duffy's Toughies, led by sophomore class President Kate Santaliz and classmate Taylor Pinkin, originated this year with hopes of raising funds and awareness for pediatric cancer.

"Last year a close friend passed away from brain cancer," Santaliz said. "I wanted to start this club at Morristown-Beard in her honor." With 70 sign-ups during the 40 minute Activities Fair, the club leaders feel encouraged.

The Peru Project, set in motion by seniors Jill Burke and Courtney Pepper, was inspired by Burke's effort to attain her Girl Scout Gold Award. The club aims to collect resources to aid a school in Peru, Because of an impressive 89 signups, Burke hopes for successful collection drives.

Aside from clubs devoted to community service, junior Lindsay Friedman began a club reflecting her own interests. After taking sign language as an independent study last year, she performed a song at morning meeting demonstrating her sign language skills.

"After that, I had a lot of people come up to me asking if I could teach them sign language. . . So I thought, what other way but to start a new club?" The sign language club, along with its 74 potential members, plans to learn basic signing, common phrases and raise awareness for the deaf community.



Photo: Alexa Rojek

Sophomore Charlotte Seltzer pitches her new Improv Club, Crimprovs, to Spanish teacher Vaughan Leigh. Crimprovs has scheduled a guest troupe to perform.

The MBS improvisation troupe, "Crimprov," debuted this year under the leadership of Charlotte Seltzer and Taylor Jaskula. These sophomores, along with the 39 new members, have scheduled a guest improv troupe to perform at MBS in early October.

"The performance is not just for club members," Seltzer said, "but for anyone who wants to learn and watch." Despite the large number of sign-ups, Seltzer and Jaskula urge more students to get involved.

"It's never to late for anyone to join Crimprov," Seltzer said.

Other new clubs include Latin Club, Classic Film Club, Societas Liborum and Future Business Leaders of America.



Photo: Amanda Sit

Sophomore Samantha Salazar rushes to volleyball practice through the spiffed up entryway to the Athletic Center.

Athletic Center upgrade

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period during a sports season, he said.

The first phase focused on the Athletic Center appeal. The entryway into the gym was redone with less slippery and more attractive pavers. The common area was relit with environmentally friendly lights to brighten the building.

Equally important, the bath-

rooms were revamped during this phase. The walls were repainted, the railings and doors changed, the Hall of Fame wall adjusted, and even the flooring was replaced.

The third phase will be renovating the locker rooms, a long desired wish of the student body. This phase also includes remodeling the bottom floor. However,

due to inconvenience to student athletes, this phase could take a while.

By the end of this five-year period, the administration hopes to turn the A.C. into an entirely upgraded facility, Mr. Caldwell said.