

## Top Stories

— By ADONIS BUTLER —



Photos from Ms. Roemischer

Top: The wood shop's exterior. Bottom: A look inside Hoosac's new wood shop.

• Hoosac's latest facility is now operational. At the beginning of the year we heard about the EE Ford Foundation giving our school a grant to build a wood shop and that it would be built in time for Spring. Spring has come and the wood shop is done. Mr. Cochran, who is the teacher for this class, hopes to start work as soon as all the materials and supplies have arrived.

• Leaders from the G-20 international organization, which represents the world's leading industrial and emerging economies, meet this week in London to discuss the world's financial crisis. President Obama, early this week, said "We've passed through an era of profound irresponsibility. Now, we cannot afford half-measures and we cannot go back to the kind of risk-taking that leads to bubbles that inevitably burst. So we have a choice: We either shape our future or let events shape it for us." Among his goals are: clean up the global banking system and restore economic growth. As reported on CNN.com.

• No problems so far as April Fool's computer worm awakens. On Wednesday computer experts watched for an April Fool's Day computer worm to damage millions of infected computers. The worm has made no appearance as yet, but experts are still worried. This worm "Conficker.com" is thought to have already infected up to 10 million computers, which are Windows-based. Microsoft is offering \$250,000 bounty to catch the program's creator. As reported on CNN.com.

## The More The Merrier!

— By MELISSA MULLIGAN —



Mr. Tom Kurland '94, seen here with his wife Leslie and son Gabriell, enjoying dinner along side students and faculty during the Hoosac Bleeze Banquet.

One of the aspects of Hoosac School that makes us so unique is the family-style atmosphere that surrounds the campus. We have several students who are siblings, others who are friends, and others who live in the same area. All of this familiarity brings us closer to each other and allows us to relate in ways no other school can. The biggest part of this family feeling around the campus, however, comes directly from the fact that entire families are present here.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster have raised their son Colton right on Hoosac Campus. Last year, the Fosters brought another baby into the world, this time their daughter Kaylen. The Fosters, current dormitory advisors of Lavino Dorm, combine their occupation and dormitory duties with their family lifestyle and are able to successfully run a fun dorm with a much greater "home" feel. "Lavino Dorm is a

lot different from other dorms because, not only do we have one dorm parent, we have an entire family living with us. It's almost like they make us all a part of their family and we are all able to live together pretty well," said Sixth Former Gary Marin, current resident of Lavino Dorm.

Another dorm that hones this unique Hoosac-family lifestyle is the Wood Hall Dormitory. Mr. and Mrs. Kurland, along with their two-year-old son Gabriell, are the current family overseeing the dormitory. "The Kurlands are awesome dorm parents. They make the dorm a lot more comfortable and easier to adjust to. They definitely give a homey vibe, especially when Mrs. Kurland cooks for us. It's like being at home again," said Scott Norton, a senior of Wood Hall Dormitory.

The fact that there are real live families, living and growing up in the actual dorms, gives

Hoosac a unique character. Having a family living right underneath you creates an atmosphere of comfort and security for many students and makes it much easier to adjust to boarding school life. "Because so many families live right on campus, it makes it seem a lot of the time like we're not really just at a boarding school with just teachers, but actual real people just living their lives and raising their families right in front of you," said Steve Weiss of Lavino Dormitory.

All of the close bonds that form on campus, along with the actual bonds of family which are evident right in the middle of it all, truly give the Hoosac Community a feel of not just peers and faculty, but of a unique sort of family.

## 'HOO' ARE WE?



March 5th photo: Mrs. Kathy Weaver To participate, send baby pictures to Ms. Roemischer (roemischer@yahoo.com)



## The Man About Campus, By Gary Marin

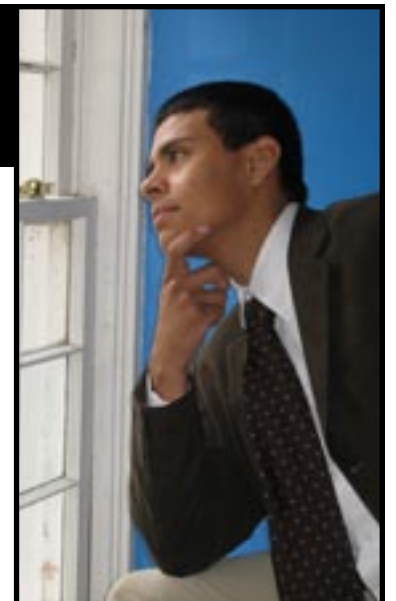
### Back to Work!

Preparation is the key to success. In order to perform to the highest standards and continue in that route, preparation is heavily needed. In addition, having things organized and knowing the correct schedule can simply loosen up some fatigue that can form while working. Therefore, success can come easier with just a few spare minutes of review. Usually, the cause of poor preparation is laziness, and since we have just come off a long three-

week vacation, a lot of lazy behavior can arise.

This past Monday was a very long dreaded return, indeed. Everyone was tired but still wild and in party mode coming back to Hoosac. As a result, many students were ill-prepared when they jumped back into class. Now, in order to survive that small speed bump that keeps everyone alert in his or her studies, just perform a few procedures in order to be on top of your game. Procedures such as looking through your schedule and making sure everything runs smoothly can easily keep

you from running late to class or, even worse, showing up to the wrong class. Also, a bit of neatness when organizing your notes and binders can keep you from misplacing or losing important data for that class. As you can see, there's no need for a complete change in phases or a new storage bin when trying to jump back into school mode. All that's needed are a few run-overs of some small tips on staying with the program. you can see, there's no need for a complete change in phases or a new storage bin when trying to jump back into school mode.



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# School Sports

- By ADONIS BUTLER -



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Top: David Brassard, right, joining his lacrosse teammates during practice. Bottom: Girls Head Coach, Miss. Whitney Kelly, going over drills with the girls.

It's now Spring and it's getting warmer as the days pass. Here at the Hoosac School there are a variety of sports happening. Students can choose baseball, lacrosse, tennis, and if you don't want to participate in a competitive sport, you can choose to play noncompetitive soccer. Teams here are currently in the process of training for future games. They are training hard so that they might end the

school year with a championship win. This weekend will be the first game for both the baseball and boys lacrosse teams. The baseball team will host Winchendon at 3 p.m. and the boys lacrosse team will host a game against the Havey School at 2 p.m.--all happening this Saturday. We wish both teams good luck. Let's go Owls.

## NEW IN THE LIBRARY

- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* by Doris Kearns Goodwin
- *Volcano & Earthquake* by Susanna van Rose
- *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House* by Jon Meacham
- *When You Look Like Your Passport Photo, It's Time to Go Home* by Erma Bombeck
- *Down the Strings* by Nancy Means Wright
- *Sarah's Daughter* by Ruth Bass
- *Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac* by Zevin Gabrielle
- *Evolution, Me and Other Freaks of Nature* by Robin Brande

Remember to send in your baby pictures

### Sudoku-Answers

9	4	2	7	6	8	5	3	1
8	7	6	5	1	3	2	9	4
3	1	5	2	9	4	6	7	8
5	8	3	9	7	6	4	1	2
7	2	1	3	4	5	9	8	6
4	6	9	1	8	2	7	5	3
1	3	7	6	2	9	8	4	5
2	5	4	8	3	7	1	6	9
6	9	8	4	5	1	3	2	7

# Wacky News

- By STEPHEN BURKE -

Monday, at a McDonald's in Salt Lake City, a female driver of a White Dodge Intrepid tried ordering lunch, but was told that they would not start serving until eleven. Two men then exited the vehicle, removed a double barrel shot gun from the trunk of the car, and fired several times into the drive-through window. Although no one was injured, it really makes you question the patience of your fellow Americans. The car then fled the scene and has yet to be found. As reported on Yahoo News

Also on Monday, a man lost control of his car and crashed into a residence. The incident turned out not to be from reckless or drunk driving, but from a "sneezing fit." The driver said he had sneezed several times in a row, and perhaps the combination of contracting muscles and closed eyes caused him to lose control of the vehicle at an intersection and drove right into a house. The house owner said a bathroom and shower were damaged but there were no injuries. As reported on Yahoo News

Last Saturday, the principal of a middle school in Connecticut banned physical contact after one kid "was struck in the groin," reported one parent. But not only was horseplay banned, but ALL physical contact, including hugs, holding hands, or even high fives. The principal said that students who violate this policy could face expulsion. Students and parents were outraged. As reported on Webstv.com

In Tokyo, Japan, a man noticed that food was missing from his house. This wouldn't have been so strange if the man had a family, but he was living by himself, or so he thought. The man installed security cameras around the house that would post images to his cell phone while he would leave for work. In the images, the man noticed a figure moving around his house. He called the police believing it was a burglar, but when the police arrived they noticed that all the doors and windows were locked. They searched the house to find where someone could be hiding, and finally opened a closet to find a woman curled up nervously in a ball on the top shelf. She was arrested for trespassing, and said she had sneaked into his house about a year ago when he left it unlocked, and has since been living there because she was homeless. She ate food and even took showers while the man was at work. As reported on Goofballnews.com

## Campus Life



Photos from Ms. Roemischer

Second trimester's lifeguarding class ends with a splash. Students were awarded lifeguard certificates.

## Sudoku

7			2					5
		1			2			
	2		8	3		9		
		8	3		7			
4			2	6				9
		5		1		4		
	6		3		7		4	
		4				3		
9				8				1

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## SPORTS

Sat. - 4/4 @ 2pm  
Boys Lacrosse (Home)  
vs. Harvey

Sat. - 4/4 @ 3pm  
Boys Baseball (Home)  
vs. Winchendon

Mon. - 4/6 @ 4pm  
Boys Baseball (Home)  
vs. Catholic Central High

Wed. - 4/8 @ 4pm  
Boys Lacrosse (Away)  
vs. Cambridge

Wed. - 4/8 @ 3:30pm  
Girls Lacrosse (Home)  
vs. Winchendon

Wed. - 4/8 @ 5pm  
Boys Baseball (Away)  
vs. Mt. Anthony

## PEER WRITING ASSISTANCE

Every Thursday & Sunday  
7:00-9:00 pm @ Library  
Reference Room

## PEER MATH ASSISTANCE

Monday through Thursday  
and Sunday 7:00 & 8:00 pm  
@ Library Reference Room  
Must get pass from  
dorm parents

## LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

Every Thursday, 9pm-10pm  
@ Nurse Klein's Apt.

## PEER TUTORING

Physics, Chemistry & Math  
*Ji, Teruki & Ye Ra.*  
French & Latin - *Sewa.*  
Biology & Latin - *Ian.*  
Students must make their own  
arrangements with each tutor. See Ms.  
Pekalski if you want to become a tutor.

## ON DUTY

Duty Master - Mr. Rabinowitz  
Chaperone 1 - Ms. Pekalski  
Chaperone 2 - Mr. Kurland  
Prefect on Duty - Brassard  
Open House - Burke

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