



Mr. Davis graduated from Belmont Hill in 2007 before attending Tufts, where he majored in classics and played hockey and was even named captain of the team his senior year. In the fall Mr. Davis will be returning to Belmont Hill teaching Latin Alpha, Latin Gamma, and woodworking in the spring. He will also be coaching JV B soccer, JV hockey, and 3rds baseball. In his free time, he enjoys playing hockey which he continues to do, working on his house, watching Boston sports, and going to the beach.



Mr. Willams will be starting his tenure at Belmont Hill this fall teaching American Government, 20th-century world history, and US history. After attending Middlebury College where he played varsity football he taught one year at Brunswick University. At Belmont Hill, he also coaches 3rd football and Varsity/JV wrestling. In his free time, he enjoys journaling, hiking, playing hockey, and going on road trips.



## New Teachers

by Stephen Agular '25 and Tyler Grossman '27

Mr. O'Connell will be returning to Belmont Hill this fall for the first time as a teacher. Mr. O'Connell graduated from Belmont Hill as a three sports varsity athlete, soccer, hockey, and baseball. For college, he attended Bowdoin College where he played baseball and majored in Government and legal studies. At Belmont Hill, he teaches Latin Alpha, History 2, and 2 classes of Latin Gama. He also coaches 5th soccer, 3rd hockey, and baseball. In his free time, he enjoys watching the Bruins and Red Sox, riding road bikes, and hanging out with his two dogs, Lulu and Watson.



Mr. Calloway will be joining the Belmont Hill community for the first time this fall. He attended Dartmouth University where he graduated with honors in English. While at Dartmouth he rowed for all four of his years on the varsity team. Following his four years at Dartmouth, he attended Tufts where he got a PhD. At Belmont Hill, Mr. Calloway teaches English II and IV. He also coaches 4th soccer and rowing. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, reading, and rowing at the Riverside Boat Club.



Mr. LaLiberte will be rejoining Belmont Hill for a second stint this fall. He graduated from Belmont Hill in 2014 and played varsity football and basketball. He would go on to attend Middlebury where he played varsity football and majored in Sociology and Anthropology. After college, he spent three years teaching at a school in Pennsylvania and in his return he will be teaching Pre Algebra, Algebra 1, Advanced Algebra 1, and Spanish 1. He enjoys being outdoors and likes hiking. In the summer he works at a summer camp in New Hampshire.



Mr. Ryan graduated from Belmont Hill in 2017 where he was in the theater, many clubs, and was a varsity athlete. He then attended Columbia University where he majored in Computer Engineering and minored in music theory and composition. While at Columbia he also was a part of the Division 1 heavyweight rowing team. At Belmont Hill he teaches Geometry and AP Computer Science. He is also an assistant in the Makerspace, coaches wrestling and rowing, and is also looking to get into the cooking around the world club.



Mr. Ziff will be beginning at Belmont Hill for the first time this fall. He attended the University of Miami where he received his Bachelor's degree and Master's of Science in Industrial Engineering. Then he attended City College in New York City where he received his Master's of Science in Biomedical Engineering. He also wrestled and rowed in High School but was mostly involved in the theatre department. For Harry Potter fans, Mr. Ziff played Quidditch through and after college. He even went to England in 2012 representing team USA to compete in the Quidditch Association World Games. Mr. Ziff teaches Form III Intro to Engineering along with running the MS and US Makerspace as well as coaching the Robotics teams. Outside of school, he likes to cook, bake, rock climb, and explore the wilderness with his wife and two dogs.



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# Lunch Review

by Alex Tosi '25

Covid has taken many things from our usual Belmont Hill ways, one of them being our traditional group-style lunches. As we recover from the pandemic, we've slowly started returning to our day from schedules to mask mandates. Our lunches, however, have been one of the most anticipated changes of the school year.

We've interviewed many people and received comments throughout the school and the overall feeling with the lunches this year was pretty similar. When asked if they noticed a change in the lunches this year as opposed to last year, a large majority said that the grab and go style lunch is similar to the previous year. Not surprising, considering they kept most of the fan favorites as an option: Mr. Sandwich, Chicken Caesar Wrap, and Roast Beef sandwich. However, when asked if they saw an improvement from last year's lunch, almost everyone said that the grab-and-go lunches are an improvement from last year, some reasons being that they can eat lunch where they desire and with whomever they want and that, unlike last year, they can choose their sides and drinks.

Recently, on October 12th, Dining Hall staff added soups to the

menu, and many students tried them out. Although some people said they still preferred the sandwiches to the soups and chose the sandwich option instead since that is also still available, most people said they enjoyed having a hot option with their lunch and are excited to see what new soups are coming.



Everyone at Belmont Hill appreciates all the staff's efforts to give us quality meals every day, even in this challenging time. As we approach the end of our Covid restriction and enter the colder seasons, I'm sure we all are excited to have returned to our traditional Belmont Hill lunch.

# Winter Sports Preview

by Teddy Stonestreet '25 and Evan Dresser '25

## Basketball Preview:

After Mr. Murphy left us for Catholic Memorial last year, Mr. Cofield will be taking over as the new coach of the Varsity Basketball team. Evan Dresser and Teddy Stonestreet sat down with him this fall for a 2021-2022 season preview:



Coach Cofield is confident but humble about how the team will do this season. He believes the team will be among the three best teams in the ISL and will hopefully make a run in the Class A New England playoffs. He said, "If I am completely confident and cocky, we will win the ISL this year." The team is led by its two captains, Josh Baldwin (Cornell' 26) and Martin Wilson, and by two other seniors, Trent Mosquere (Le Moyne '26) and Jaden Hill. Coach Cofield plans to make the team a hardworking powerhouse and return Belmont Hill to its former success. The team, unfortunately, lost four players from last season, one of whom is defensive star Casey Rockett. While he wishes he still had his former players, Coach is excited to see who steps up to fill the places of lost seniors. Coach Cofield said it is hard to contain his excitement to start his first season as head coach. He is grateful to be joined by Assistant coaches Ms. Otley--who played at Tufts--and Coach Melmore, and an AAU coach, EJ Kaymite. Belmont Hill was preseason ranked as the 16th best team in New England, which Coach Cofield thought was a ridiculous sign of disrespect to BH. He said "Two of those teams put ahead of us that are in the ISL, Sebs and St. Pauls, we're gonna smack pretty easily, I'm not too worried about that." Basketball is the only sport at Belmont Hill that has yet to win an ISL championship since its creation, but Coach Cofield hopes to change that in his first year as head coach.



## Hockey Preview:

Teddy Stonestreet also sat down with Varsity Hockey Head Coach Mr. Phinney to hear his thoughts on the 2021-22 season:



Mr. Phinney is another coach who looks forward to his first real year as a head coach at Belmont Hill. Coach Phinney took over as interim coach for Coach McCarthy when he was not on campus during Covid last year, and will continue to be head coach this year as Mr. McCarthy has departed. He is extremely excited about the coming season, and thinks the team will do well as usual. On paper, he says the team has some very good players, but their success will depend on how the team meshes and plays together during the season. Three players who are sure to help with the cohesion of the team are captains Tom Goguen, Will Killoran, and Braden Reilly. When asked about key components lost last year, Coach pointed out they have lost both of their goalies, and he is looking forward to seeing returners step up and fill the vacancy in net. Another returning sophomore who was not seen much in his freshman year due to Covid is Jake McManus. Coach Phinney is excited to see McManus play again, and thinks he will do very well as a key young player on the team. Coach says that one of the most painful effects from Covid was a lack of time spent as a team off the ice, specifically without the use of locker rooms. He hopes that the return of locker rooms and less Covid protocols will lead to more bonding between players and help grow the culture.

## Bold Predictions:

Squash:

Belmont Hill Varsity Squash will win its 20th ISL championship in the last 23 years.

Wrestling:

Wrestling will win their sixth straight ISL championship, and 16th in 20 years



# Classroom Rankings

By Teddy Stonestreet '25

To determine the best classroom on campus, we rated 5 classrooms that we decided were the best from each of the major buildings on campus: Melvoin, Morse, Science, Eliot, and Atkins. The rating was based on seven categories, which were Location, Size, Whiteboards space, Windows/Lighting, Desks, Promethean/Projector, and classroom atmosphere. These were the factors that we believe make up the best possible classroom for a great learning experience.

In first place, the best classroom on campus is the Upstairs Atkins classroom. Home to Mr. Bradley as well as some other classes, Atkins scored a school best 53 out of 56 on the scale, giving it a rating of .946. It was the only classroom that scored a 10 in the Atmosphere category, for its very cool, cozy and old-fashioned decor.

Location (1-10)	9
Light/Windows (1-6)	5
Size (1-10)	10
Table/Desks (1-10)	9
White Boards (1-5)	4
Promethean/Projector (1-5)	5
Atmosphere (1-10)	10
Points	53
Out Of	56
Rating	0.946

Coming in a close second place for best classroom on campus is science S9, Mrs. Sweeny's science classroom. While almost all the science classrooms are the same, S9 pulls ahead for its location near the upstairs door. This allows for easy access when coming from the Eliot building, as well as close to the stairs if coming from the downstairs entrance. It also gains extra points on atmosphere for being the home of Franklin the Turtle and his fish friends.

Location (1-10)	9
Light/Windows (1-6)	5
Size (1-10)	9.5
Table/Desks (1-10)	9.5
White Boards (1-5)	4.5
Promethean/Projector (1-5)	5
Atmosphere (1-10)	9
Points	51.5
Out Of	56
Rating	0.920



The lowest-ranked classroom, and the best from the Eliot family, is the second Sweeney occupied classroom on campus. Eliot 7, home to Mr. Sweeney, is located on the second floor in the corner of the Eliot building. It has multiple windows that look over the chapel lawn and all of the campus, and also features a promethean board and plenty of desks.

Location (1-10)	8.5
Light/Windows (1-6)	5
Size (1-10)	8
Table/Desks (1-10)	8.5
White Boards (1-5)	5
Promethean/Projector (1-5)	5
Atmosphere (1-10)	8.5
Points	48.5
Out Of	56
Rating	0.866

The third-best classroom on campus is Mr. Richard's classroom in Melvoin. Located on the second floor, the large classroom scores well for its location, huge windows, and Harkness table. The classroom also has a promethean board, which helps it score a .902 rating

Location 1-10	10
Light/Windows (1-6)	6
Size (1-10)	9.5
Table/Desks (1-10)	10
White Boards (1-5)	3
Promethean/Projector (1-5)	5
Atmosphere (1-10)	7
Points	50.5
Out Of	56
Rating	0.902

The best building in Morse is the combined classroom on the first floor. Created during covid, the double classroom is one of the largest classrooms on excluding science classrooms. This also means it features not one but 2 Promethean boards, as well as plenty of whiteboards. Overall it scores a .893 rating.

Location (1-10)	9
Light/Windows (1-6)	5
Size (1-10)	10
Table/Desks (1-10)	8
White Boards (1-5)	5
Promethean/Projector (1-5)	5
Atmosphere (1-10)	8
Points	50
Out Of	56
Rating	0.893



# The Rise and Fall of Brady in New England

by Christopher McEvoy '25 and Ryan Pohl '25

April 16th, 2000, with the 199th pick in the 2000 NFL draft, the New England Patriots selected Tom Brady, Quarterback, Michigan. The New England Patriots would never be the same after the 2000 NFL draft. In his first year in the NFL, Brady sat on the bench behind former first overall pick Drew Bledsoe. Bledsoe had led the Patriots to a Superbowl in 1996 but finished the 2000 season with a disappointing 5-11 record. The Patriots looked to have another disappointing season in 2001 but in week two everything changed.

In the fourth quarter of the week, two game between the New York Jets and the New England Patriots, Jets linebacker Mo Lewis laid a devastating hit on Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe. Bledsoe would suffer internal bleeding and be rushed to the hospital, and Tom Brady became the starter for the New England Patriots. The Patriots would finish as the best team in the AFC East and make it to then Superbowl with a record of 11-5. The Patriots beat the Oakland Raiders 16-13 in overtime in the divisional round, then proceeded to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 24-17 in the AFC championship game. Then in the Superbowl the Patriots defeated the Rams, also known as The Greatest Show on Turf with a score of 20-17. Tom Brady would win Superbowl MVP and the legend of the 199th overall pick was born.



In the 2003 NFL season, the Patriots would finish with an outstanding record of 14-2, which would be more than enough to win the AFC East once again. Tom Brady and the Patriots, went on to beat the Tennessee Titans, 17-14 in the divisional round and then the Colts 24-14 in the AFC Conference Championship game. The Patriots went on to defeat the Carolina Panthers in the Superbowl, 32-29. Tom Brady once again won Superbowl MVP and head coach Bill Belichick won NFL Coach of the Year award.

Following their 14-2 season in 2003 the Patriots went on to finish once again with a record of 14-2. The Patriots cruised through the AFC East and played the Colts in the divisional round. The Patriots would beat the Colts 20-17 to move on to the AFC Conference Championship where they would defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers 41-27.

In the Superbowl, the Patriots defeated the Philadelphia Eagles led by Donovan McNabb and Terrell Owens 24-21.



The 2007 season would become a historic season as the New England Patriots led by Tom Brady and Randy Moss finished 16-0, the only team in NFL history to do so. This dominant Patriots team cruised through the playoffs, defeating the Jaguars 31-20 and the Chargers 21-12. But in one of the most shocking games in NFL history, the 10-6 New York Giants defeated the 16-0 Patriots 17-14. One of the most dominant football teams in NFL history was stymied by the sixth-seed Giants. Tom Brady would still go on to win both MVP and Offensive Player of the year, while Bill Belichick would win Coach of the Year for the second time.

In 2008 Tom Brady would go down with a devastating ACL tear and the Patriots were forced to move on to backup QB Matt Cassel. The Patriots would finish with a surprising 11-5 record, which was not good enough to make the playoffs.

After a long Superbowl winning drought, the Patriots would finally return to the promised land in 2014. The Patriots finished the season with a record of 12-4. They would go on to beat the Ravens 35-31 and the Colts 45-7. In the Superbowl, the Patriots defeated the Seahawks and the legion of boom with a score of 28-24. Tom Brady once again won Superbowl MVP and tight end Rob Gronkowski won comeback player of the year.

In 2017 The Patriots finished 14-2 and finished as the number one seed in the AFC. The Patriots would go on to defeat the Texans 34-16 and the Steelers 36-17. The Patriots would go on to trail the Atlanta Falcons 28-3 late in the third quarter. In some sort of miracle the New England Patriots came back from a twenty five point deficit to defeat the Falcons with a score of 34-28 in overtime. Following the greatest comeback in NFL history Tom Brady once again won Superbowl MVP.



In 2018 The New England Patriots finished with a record of 11-5, with all five losses coming to teams that would not go on to make the playoffs. The Patriots demolished the Los Angeles Chargers 41-28 then followed that up by defeating the Chiefs in overtime in a thriller with a score of 37-31. In the Superbowl the Patriots defeated the Rams in the lowest scoring Superbowl of all time with a score of 13-3.



The fall of Tom Brady in New England began in 2019. Although the Patriots would finish with 12-4 record, a dominant defense and easy schedule hid the disaster that was the offense. With a week seventeen loss to the Dolphins, the Patriots would be forced to play in the wildcard round. In the wild card game vs the Titans the New England Patriots would go on to lose a devastating game 20-13.

Following this game Tom Brady would leave the Patriots after a twenty year career and sign with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In 2020 the Patriots led by Cam Newton would finish a disappointing 7-9 while the Buccaneers would go on to defeat the Kansas City Chiefs in the Superbowl.



On April 29th 2021 the Patriots selected quarterback Mac Jones out of Alabama to be the face of their New England Patriots. In May, the 2021 NFL Schedule was released, and the Patriots were set to face off against the Buccaneers in week four, the most anticipated game of the season. On October 4th, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers led by Tom Brady defeated Mac Jones and the Patriots with a score of 19-17, ending the debate between Brady and Belichick.



# Top 5 Action Movies

by Will Achtmeyer '26

## 1. The Bourne Movie Series

Rating: PG-13

These movies make number one with some of the best-choreographed fight scenes that I have ever laid eyes on. The stuntmen carry them out with such incredible fluidity, that it surpasses John Wick and The Matrix. I only list the first three Bourne films on here because the two afterward did not have as incredible of fight scenes, nor that amazing of plots (an argument can be made for The Bourne Legacy, but it was not nearly as good as the original three). On the contrary, the first trilogy has an extremely engaging plot and flawless acting, that makes these three films classics.

## 2. Baby Driver (2017)

Rating: R

Directed by Edgar Wright (Shaun of the Dead, Scott Pilgrim Vs. the World), Baby Driver is a movie worth watching. The film consists of many impeccable car chases and gunfights, all played to a soundtrack that rivals that of Guardians of the Galaxy. They even synchronize the fire rate of the bullets to the beat of the music. Choreographed fight scenes like the ones in Bourne are not present. However, it still has very entertaining scenes, while also including some well-scripted comic relief.

## 3. John Wick Movie Series

Rating: R

Another trilogy of amazing action. Unlike Baby Driver, this movie is all about the stylized and highly choreographed fight scenes. I include all three movies because (unlike many other franchises) each film actually improves on the previous. The first Wick film has its fair share of genius action sequences by the third movie, John Wick has set itself apart as one of the more exciting

franchises ever. The plot is not complicated in any way (his dig dies and...he gets very mad), however, it does get slightly more complex as the movies progress. It is important to note, that these movies are very violent and dark (more so than any listed here), giving them a deserving “R” rating.

## 4. The Matrix (1999)

Rating: R (it could be PG-13, there is only one bloody scene and it’s very short)

Another movie starring Keanu Reeves! This movie is hailed for introducing a new era of fighting style. With exceptions to some foreign martial arts films that had been made in the past, The Matrix really brought stylized action into the mainstream (Blade had kind of done the same, but The Matrix is more renowned). Needless to say, after it was released, many movies were made with the same form of fighting. Movies being made today are still influenced by The Matrix and owe it gratitude for ushering in modern-day action films.

## 5. Casino Royale (2006)

Rating: PG-13

The first and arguably the best of the Daniel Craig 007 films (maybe No Time To Die is better– I still haven’t seen it), starts off (after opening credits) with the best parkour sequence that has ever been filmed. Seriously, it’s eight minutes of sheer genius. Casino Royale reignited the 007 franchise after it went through some disappointing and absurd movies, and let the world know that Bond was not dead and would be a continuous franchise forever.

# A Brand New Makerspace

by Connor Emmert '25

Located in the center of the academic side of campus is the Bolles House, a historic building at Belmont Hill that has been under construction so far this year. The building, previously used as the main office for the school, is being renovated into the new Makerspace, which is going to be accessible to all students on campus. More specifically, it will be a center that will foster creativity and innovation for the entire school.

Headed by Belmont Hill’s new Director of Makerspace, Mr. Ziff, who is also an engineering teacher, the space will contain several high-quality machines for students to use. These range from 3D printers to CNC mills, all of which allow students to design and produce a variety of objects and devices. Such creations can be objects like smaller plastic drone parts or full-sized wood skis, allowing students to have an endless amount of possibilities for what they can make in the Makerspace.

Although the building will most likely not be in use until the start of the second semester, people at Belmont Hill will still use this building a lot this year, including the Middle School student body. The second-semester Intro to Engineering class for From III, taught by Mr. Ziff, would occur in the new Makerspace instead of the iLab. In addition to that, students participating in the Maker Club, which includes the Robotics Club, will be able to use the building during middle school club times when it is complete, both of which are also led by Mr. Ziff.

The previously mentioned Robotics Club has an Upper School and Middle School section, each of which will have its distinct robot for this year’s competition. The school takes part in Vex Robotics tournaments using its V5 systems and will compete in a series of matches starting this January. Although it may seem like an intimidating task, anyone can join this club and learn to design, build, program, and drive robots, regardless of prior experience.

The Middle School’s Maker Club will also move from the iLab to the Makerspace once it is ready and can use the machines in the building and its other resources during available times. It will allow students to create their ideas even more effectively than they could in the iLab, and hopefully invite more students to join and bring their ideas to the club. Like the Robotics Club, anyone can join and learn, even if it’s that person’s first time doing something like that.



Meme Review

by Tommy Folan '25

Squid Game: 10/10

This meme is new and very funny. The template is from a show that most people have watched and the text is very relatable.

"The next task is hold the flashlight for your dad without angering him"



Drake Meme: 7/10

This meme is pretty old but it is still pretty funny. I feel that this is trick is fallen for a lot so it is funny and relatable.



Trivia

by Jaiden Lee '26

1) What are the "few words" Dumbledore says in the first Harry Potter feast?

- a) Magic, Wizards, Witches, Broomstick
- b) Oddity, Boddity, Squeaky, Pow
- c) Nitwit, Blubber, Oddment, Tweak
- d) Snap, Crackle, Pop, Shazam

2) How many bones are in an adult body?

- a) 205
- b) 207
- c) 204
- d) 206

3) What is the tallest breed of dog in the world?

- a) Great Dane
- b) Neapolitan Mastiff
- c) Boston Terrier
- d) Saint Bernard

4) What color jacket is the little girl wearing in Schindler's List?

- a) Blue
- b) Red
- c) Pink
- d) Yellow

5) What is the name of the land mass, composed of all of today's continents, which existed 280 millions years ago?

- a) Continelia
- b) Sepia
- c) Ellifricus Gemmae
- d) Pangaea

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