

# The Bruin Street Journal

By the Students, For the Students



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## Bonnabel Through Freshmen's Eyes

Starting high school is one of the most exciting times in a teenager's life. Beginning ninth grade, however, can be an intimidating experience since we're "the babies" of the school. Transitioning from a simple middle school to a school with over nine buildings can take some time to adjust to. Although some ninth graders never leave the Freshman House, some of us have to venture across the whole campus in four minutes which can be nerve-wracking. Coming to Bonnabel was a little scary at first considering what a huge school it is. We soon found out that Bonnabel offers something for every type of student. If you are athletic, you can try out for soccer, baseball, and many other sports. If you are more academic, the school offers honors, advanced placement, and gifted courses. There's even something for music lovers. Students can join the Bonnabel Bruin Band or take a fine arts class. If you are interested in the military, ROTC is available. If you like to express yourself, you can join the Debate Club. Even for those who just want to get more involved with the school, student council is always accepting new members. These are just a few opportunities that Bonnabel offers. Getting involved in school activities can help all students, especially ninth graders, adjust to high school. I'm glad to call myself a Bruin.

— Torie Prejeant & Joe Krause

### October 2011 Toppers



#### iTunes TOP TEN

1. ADELE —Someone Like You
2. Maroon five —Moves Like Jagger feat. Christina Aguilera.
3. Foster the people —Pumped Up Kicks
4. Kelly Clarkson— Know it All
5. Lady GaGa— You and I
6. Gym Class Heroes (Ft. Adam Levine) - Stereo Hearts.
7. LMFAO (Ft. Lauren Bennet & Goon Rock) Party Rock Anthem
8. Cobra Starship (Ft, Sabu) - You Make Me Feel
9. Rihanna—Cheers (Drink to That)
10. Lady Antebellum—Wanted You More

#### Football:

John Ehret—10/21 A

Destrehan—10/28 A

#### Volleyball:

West Jefferson -10/20 H

Chapelle -10/27 H

#### Other:

10/22 - ACT test

12/10—ACT test

Make sure to sign up early!

### Frozen Mashed Banana Treat

1 Medium Banana

Chocolate syrup to drizzle on top

2 Tablespoons of milk or apple juice

a tablespoon of peanut butter

#### Preparation:

Cut one medium banana into half-inch pieces. Place in a zip locked baggie and put in the freezer overnight, or for 8 hours. Place frozen banana pieces and 2 tablespoons of milk or apple juice in a blender. Pulse until chopped and then blend until mashed. Put into bowl and drizzle with chocolate syrup .

#### ATTENTION: ALL CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Please submit information that you would like published in The Bruin Street Journal to Room 7-209 or email to [bruinstreetjournal@yahoo.com](mailto:bruinstreetjournal@yahoo.com)

### TRIVIA

- Each year over 40,000 toilet-related injuries happen in the United States.
- To sell your home faster and for more money, paint it yellow.
- George W. Bush was once a cheerleader.
- More Monopoly money is printed in a year than all the real money printed everywhere else in the world.

Turn in all submissions/suggestions to Room 7-209 or Email them to [BruinStreetJournal@yahoo.com](mailto:BruinStreetJournal@yahoo.com)

## Bonnabel Wellness Council

The Wellness Council is composed of students, parents, teachers, and anyone else interested in promoting health and fitness at Bonnabel. Join their efforts for the year! See Miss Nancy or Sheryl in the clinic (upstairs in the 800 building) and join the council to implement healthy changes in the lives of Bonnabel students. The next meeting will be held 10/24/11 at lunch.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Coach Rogers & the MIGHTY BRUIN FOOTBALL TEAM on their 4-2 Start!

It's not perfect, but it's not bad!

The Bonnabel football team has not started out with such an awesome record since 1999!

One big contributor to the football team this year is senior cornerback **Arthur Maulet**. Coach Rogers says that Arthur "is a passionate and fierce competitor who is largely responsible for the success that we are having this season. His competitive switch is always on."



Q: What is your goal for this football season?  
A: To go to the playoffs and try to win a state championship.

Q: What about the new coaching staff?  
A: We have a great coaching staff. They push us very hard and I think they will get us far.

Q: What do you think about this year's team?  
A: We have more chemistry than we've ever had; and, if we work together, we can go far.

Q: What is the team's strongest point?  
A: Defense. We work hard at what we do, and we don't hold each other accountable for making mistakes.

## Alumni Spotlight: Michael Sosa



**Michael Sosa, graduate of Bonnabel's class of 1996, is now living in NYC as a real estate investor and partner in the Brooklyn Salsa Company. He is also the son of a former Bonnabel ESL teacher Mrs. Emma Sosa who — until her death a couple of years ago — devoted herself to helping struggling Hispanic children adjust to life at Bonnabel and in their new country.**

*BSJ: What makes your salsa company so unique? And your real estate ventures?*

**MS:** We strongly feel that we've begun a food revolution. We are introducing consumers, manufactures, and retailers to the realization that locally-sourced organic food is an economically viable and healthy choice. The real estate project I'm working on is a residential building constructed out of 100% recycled material. We'll attempt to use all self-generating electricity through solar panels. On the roof we'll grow fruits and vegetables. Because it's in an industrial neighborhood, I want to encompass that imagery in the building as means of making a modern building blend in naturally with the environment.

*BSJ: Tell about your experience at Bonnabel?*

**MS:** You always hear people say that they hated high school. Not me! I had a fantastic time. A school this large gave people like me the opportunity to be themselves without feeling that they weren't part of clique. I hung with the GT kids. Though I wasn't in GT, my brother was and so through that relationship, I felt connected to the faculty and students. I've had and known some the best teachers at Bonnabel and carry their life lessons with me. I strongly feel that Bonnabel fostered my sense of individuality that has given me the courage to see what options are out there. I didn't want to sit behind a desk punching numbers in a computer.

*BSJ: What advice do you have for Bonnabel students today?*

**MS:** Never stop trying and never limit yourself. Regardless of what you want to do, stick to it and something will happen in some capacity. This relates to everything. I was in school studying psychology and playing drums in a band. Eventually the band became popular and NYC was calling so we moved to NYC and dropped out of college. Eventually the band broke up; but because I was so focused in music, I had other bands and gigs to join and surprisingly, made money. Life changed once again leading me to where I am now. My success isn't born from luck and opportunity; it's born out of connections with like-minded people. If you hang out with stoners with zero ambition, then you'll find yourself at age 30 working at meaningless job. If you surround yourself with ambitious people, you will see opportunities surrounding you and feel foolish that you're not taking advantage of them. The other big advice I can give is not to limit yourself just because you don't get the highest grades in school. Ambition is what counts. School may not be your strongest attribute, but the key is not to become sedentary. Find what motivates you and exploit it.

### CONGRATULATIONS

*The Bruin Street Journal* would like to let the following two Bonnabel seniors know how proud we are of them!

Congratulations to **Jean-Louis Gauthier** for a being named National Merit Commended Student and **Alyssa Chuang** for being a National Merit Semifinalist!

## Advice Column

Dear Ben the Bruin,

I have known my best friend for as long as I can remember. Unfortunately my friend has started the nasty habit of gossiping about other people. Some of the people he talks bad about are friends of mine. It makes me uncomfortable. How should I handle this situation?

Sincerely,  
Nigel Niceguy

Dear Nigel,

You should tell your friend how you feel. If he continues to gossip, then maybe you should find friends who have better things to do with their time. There's an old Spanish saying: "Whoever gossips to you will gossip about you." Beware!

Sincerely,  
Ben the Bruin

**If you have any questions or problems and are looking for advice, feel free to email Ben at [bruinstreetjournal@yahoo.com](mailto:bruinstreetjournal@yahoo.com)**

Make Plans to See our School Play

### DRACULA

Buy tickets from Room 1-104. Adults: \$10; Students: \$7

## Senior News

The class fee has been cut down to \$120 due to the exclusion of the yearbook in the fee. It must be paid in full by November 18th.

Join the senior Facebook page: Bruin Senior.

## Key Club News

If you are interested in joining a club, Key Club may be for you! They meet every Thursday from 2:50-3:30 in Room 1-105. Not only do the members participate in projects to serve the community and to help those who cannot help themselves, but they also have fun working together while doing so. The club sponsor Ms. Sher and club president Michelle Galindo welcome new members. Join them this coming Thursday!

## Poetry Contest

Interested in writing poetry? Why not enter the haiku contest hosted by *Scholastic Magazine*? You could win a computer! Ask your teacher if you can do it for extra credit or maybe as a class project?

A haiku is a poem with only 3 lines. The poem has to be written with 5 syllables in the first line, 7 in the second, and 5 in the third. The contest requires that the poem answer this question: What adventures does your future hold?

If you need help, go to <http://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Haiku-Poem>

To enter the contest, submit your haiku to [www.scholastic.com/dellhaiku](http://www.scholastic.com/dellhaiku). The deadline is November 18, 2011. The winners will be announced in December.

## Poll Question

In each issue of *The Bruin Street Journal*, different questions will be asked to 100 Bonabel students in all four grade levels. The results will be presented in a poll in each issue. If students want to suggest a poll question, they can drop it off to Room 7-209 or email it to [bruinstreetjournal@yahoo.com](mailto:bruinstreetjournal@yahoo.com)

What is your favorite fried chicken restaurant?

48% Raising Canes

24% Popeye's

17% Brothers

5% Church's

5% KFC

## QUOTES

Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time.

*Steven Wright*

Humor is mankind's greatest blessing.

*Mark Twain*

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

*Harold R. McAlindon*

**To submit articles, poetry, art, jokes, suggestions, etc. :**

**Stop by Ms. Leonhard's Room (7-209) or email to [bruinstreetjournal@yahoo.com](mailto:bruinstreetjournal@yahoo.com)**

We want your article suggestions, letters to the editor, advice-column questions, poetry.

**Express yourself!**

## Follow-Up on Bomb Scare: An Interview with Evan Wehrer



On August 30<sup>th</sup>, just over a month ago, Bonnabel went into lock down. The reason for this lock down was because a suspiciously wired bike was parked across the street. The bike had an ammo pack filled with electrical wire attached to the back. Officer Ledet got worried that it was a bomb and, so to protect the student body, he called in backup, including the FBI. The person “responsible” for this commotion was senior Evan Wehrer. We here at *the Bruin Street Journal* interviewed Evan to

find the inside story.

Q: Why did you park your bike across the street and not on campus?

A: I didn't feel like parking at school.

Q: Exactly where did you park your bike?

A: On a telephone pole across the street from school.

Q: Why did you use an ammo pack in a light?

A: I used an ammo pack to hold the battery used for the headlight. The headlight on my bike was a car headlight and so I needed the wiring.

Q: Did you get arrested for this little incident?

A: No, I did not.

Q: Because the bomb story was in *The Times-Picayune* and all over the news, do you feel like a celebrity?

A: Yeah, sometimes strangers come up to me and ask me if I am the bomb boy.

Although the local media found the need to plaster the “bomb” story all over TV, newspapers, and radio, we here at Bonnabel were safe and sound through event. No bomb. Just a bright boy who hooked a car's headlight to his bike to see better when pedaling at night.

## RIP

### Steve Jobs

Inventor/Founder of iPhone, iPad, iPod, & Apple Computers



(2/24/1955 – 10/5/2011)

“You have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future.

You have to trust in something -- your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever.

-- Steve Jobs

Our DaVinci! Our Michelangelo! True Visionary!

## JOKES

The evening news is where they start with “Good Evening” and then tell you why it's not.

What do you call a cow with no legs?

Ground Beef.

Which animals were the last to leave Noah's Ark?

The elephants because they had to pack their trunks.

## Interview with Our Principal Mrs. Kalb



As we all know, Mrs. Kalb is Bonnabel's new principal. With new principals, come new changes. Mrs. Kalb says, “Bonnabel is a great school full of different cultures and backgrounds.” She continues saying, “Bonnabel gets so much negative publicity, when really it's a great school.” She believes that we have great teachers, administrators, and students. One thing she doesn't like is when students come to school with no pride. She believes that student should care more about their school and their future. Some changes that came along with Mrs. Kalb are uniform changes. By next school year at Bonnabel, these following changes are going to be in effect - no hoodies or skirts will be allowed, and buttoned-down shirts will be required. After interviewing Mrs. Kalb, I can tell the student body without doubt that our new principal has our best interest at heart and wants us all to do our best so that when we leave here, we'll be ready for all the challenges that come our way. — Chucky Gilotra

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