OUT TO LUNCH

Many students have been caught leaving campus at lunch, incriminated by suspicious Popeye’s boxes, McDonald’s burger wrappers, and even cleaner’s clothes bags.

All of our students know that it’s not something so hard to come by, but the faculty has a different take. The Bedford Bistro offers a variety of food and treats, an understandable argument as to why the policy should be upheld, but many will argue that the quality and pricing is something to bark about. Timothy Narine ’08 “rarely” eats food from the Bistro. Alexx Messana ’09 even says that she never sees Timothy eat.

The prices here on campus are higher than those you would find on the street, but does the argument of convenience balance that out? “Why can other schools go out for lunch and we can’t?” asked Michael Hamlett ’08. Most of the schools with these policies are Manhattan high schools. They have these policies because most of their schools are too small to house all of their students for lunch according to unnamed officials at the DOE. It’s also easier for Manhattan schools because there are a lot of places to eat in their general vicinity and travel to and from these places wouldn’t be a problem.

“I think it’s more to do with getting off campus than it is about the plethora of food choices in our area,” explained Mr. Weiss. “Many of these schools (in Manhattan) only have a regular cafeteria, while we have the Lehman cafeteria with a wider selection than almost any other school.”

Is this resistance due to the fact that students really want to leave the campus, or is there a legit reason for wanting more dining options? Frances Thom ’09 feels that these legalities are worth it. “The benefits of leaving (Continued on page 3)

IN DA CLUB

By Daniel Karaban ’09

Joining a club is a way to spend time with your friends after school or even end up doing something productive for the school community. Every club offers different activities to the student body.

The HSAS Soccer Club reappears this year after a two year hiatus. This year the Soccer Club plans to form a league, if possible, and play against other people in other schools. Yannis Trittas ’09 says that “anyone who wants to play soccer is welcome.” Mr. Murphy, faculty advisor to the Soccer Club, hopes “that the club could soon join our school’s list of teams.”

An intellectually sporting club is the Chess Club. The Chess Club, advised by Mr. Rodriguez, meets on alternating Mondays. As the name states, they meet and play chess. Mirza Alam ’08 says that the chess club is “wholesome family fun.”

If you want to be productive and gain community service hours there are clubs in our school that you can join. You could join (Continued on page 2)

KEYWORDS

Betten Late Than Never? By Michael Hamlett ’08

Lateness can be defined as not being present and/or on time for first period, which if you didn’t know starts at 8:05. If you are tardy, then you must fill out a uniquely colored late pass, named daily by our own principal, Mr. Weiss.

According to Mr. Olivieri, the policy is defined as “three late days equals an automatic detention,” but also added that the policy “may be revisited.”

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To students destined for room 127 every morning, in addition to this policy, Mr. Sacchini has enforced his own. On occasion, the administration has been lenient on lateness due to traffic or train delays, but to Mr. Sacchini this is no excuse for being late.

A frequently late student of Mr. Sacchini’s class, Isaac Salander ’08 stated “It’s not very cool because it’s not someone’s fault if they miss a train or get stuck in traffic.”

A classmate Eric Berman ’08 added “He (Sacchini) doesn’t understand the nature of public transportation and how unreliable it is.”

A current student of Mr. Sacchini, Daniel Verdejo ’08, commented “I think the whole school should follow one organized system.”

Marianne Lamournot ’08 stated, “It’s bad that I’m penalized for being late because of transportation and weather, but also added “it’s my fault for being late to his class.”

When asked how he felt about lateness, Mr. Sacchini simply replied “It’s awful.”

When asked how he felt about Mr. Sacchini’s own policy, Principal Mr. Weiss commented, “Buono, which means good in Italian.”

Whether you have Mr. Sacchini first period or not, late-comers beware; Mr. Oliveri said a “new and improved” policy will be established. As of October 9th, 2007, a cumulative policy of three late days equals detention plus a call home.

This is an equation anyone can figure out, with or without Mr. Sacchini.