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Lunch for the Homeless *by Avery Brickman*

On March 28, the 7th graders held a luncheon for some of the homeless men from Congregations for the Homeless. This event was held during the chapel and lunch periods in the BCS Commons. The 7th graders and many JH parent volunteers set up the lunch before the men arrived and the volunteers helped wrap up.

Most of the men that were invited were homeless, not because of personal choices but because of circumstance. A circumstance is a fact or condition connected with or relevant to an event or action. The men asked us to remember that just because they are homeless doesn't mean that they are addicts or made the decision to become homeless, they had little to no control. Just like in the last unit of the 7th grade English class where we learned about the phrase: Known, Seen, Loved, the men reminded us that even a simple gesture can give them hope. So remember to give others the hope that they can find with this simple acknowledgment.



Nebraska?

by Jackson Spouse

We all enjoyed the homeless luncheon that was held for the men at Congregation for homeless. But what happened behind the scenes?

Avery Brickman and I were called up to ask your favorite chicken restaurant, Chick-fil-A, for some gift cards. When it was time to call Avery was very open to not calling. So of course, I was the one who had to call. The call was going well besides the fact that all I could hear was my mind saying "Is it almost over yet?" Then all went quiet as I heard the words "Are you calling from Bellevue, Washington or Bellevue, Nebraska?" As the words Bellevue, Washington rolled off my lip I immediately got a response of "We can't help you." "What?" I responded with "Oh, why?" The manager told me I was calling Nebraska. When I heard that I was trying to escape the conversation as fast as possible. When I hung up the phone I told the people around me that Nebraska couldn't help us and that we needed to call someone else.

Once we found the right number I gladly passed off the torch to Avery in fear that we could call Nebraska again.

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The Highlight of the Seventh Grade

by Zachary Chronister

Ready for three days of action packed activities? Well coming up is the 7th grade three-day experience. These three days will let students socialize, team up, and have an exciting time.

You may be asking yourself what is the 7th grade three-day experience? Mr. Olson, the Jr High principal answers, "During the 7th grade three-day experience 7th grade is split into three groups and do activities over three days." Another question you might ask is what is the overarching goal of the days? Mr. Olson replies, "The overarching goal of the day is to provide opportunity for community personal growth and service."

What are we doing? Here is a little sneak peek. The 7th grade will be going to a field trip to the Museum of Flight, a ropes course in SAMBICA and helping with service projects. How this works is the 7th grade will be split into three groups, group a, b, and c. Group A will go to the Museum of Flight first then the ropes course then finally helping with service projects. Group B will go in the same order but starting with the ropes course. And finally, group C will start with service projects.

These activities will be over three days during school hours. Who doesn't like missing school? When are these exciting days going to happen? They will be from May 10th to the 12th. The days are going to be the finest days of the 7th grade or as Mr. Olson puts it, "It is one of the highlights of the 7th grade and everyone is going to have a fun time."

Student Profile

by Taylor Rowse

Kate Shirley is a thirteen year old, seventh grader at BCS. She has attended BCS for nine years, pre-K on up. She was at Mack Elementary in Wood-ville. Her parents chose Mack for its Christian teaching and Godly morals.

Kate was born in Washington at Evergreen Hospital in 2003. She has one sibling, Sawyer Shirley who is ten years old. Her favorite outside activities are chasing bunnies and hunting Canadian geese with her dad. Her favorite activities in general are art, chasing bunnies, and petting her cat. She has a fear of spiders and tarantulas. Her favorite foods are seafood like salmon and shrimp. She also enjoys pomegranate and fruit. The worst thing she experiences is her sibling agitating her. She prays to God daily over food and over sleep. Art is her favorite class at school. Her favorite animal is a dragon, cat, and dog.

"I look forward to taking care of animals in a rehabilitation center," Kate commented after being asked what she looks forward to in life. Her choice of vacation is the Caribbean. This summer she is going to Lopez Island and she will go on a camping trip to get a puppy from a breeder a couple states away.

International Student Profile

by Evan Lu



Jack Chen is an 8th grade international student. Jack is 14 years old. He comes from China, and his favorite sport is basketball. Jack's favorite class is math. Jack likes to read books and play video-games. He likes to play basketball with his friends outside.



The Bookstore's Boss: Mrs. Sorenson

by Allen Qiu

Mrs. Sorenson is the boss of our school's bookstore. She mostly sells school supplies to the students so that we can have writing utensils, and not have a tardy in the grade book.

Mrs. Sorenson has worked at Bellevue Christian School for 24 years, a long time indeed. She sells school supplies, such as pencils, erasers, pens, notebooks, art supplies, and many, many more things. She usually has five to ten visitors per day. Mrs. Sorenson is also in charge of the parking lot duty, and getting the right books from the University Bookstore. She is also a part of the Fine Arts Department. Mrs. Sorenson loves her job because she gets to talk, chat and also work with students and teachers. It also lovely that how her daughter graduated from BCS.

If you wanted to buy anything from her book store, the normal cost of the supplies are \$1 ~ \$5 dollars each. Visit her today.



Into the Woods

by Angelina Qu

Into the Woods, an America favorite Broadway Musical including classic fairy tale characters by James Alpine, music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, is brought to life by Mark Ramquist and 20 BCS high-schoolers on the stage of BCS. Performed on April 27 at 7:30, April 28 at 7:30, April 29 at 2:00, and April 29 at 7:30.

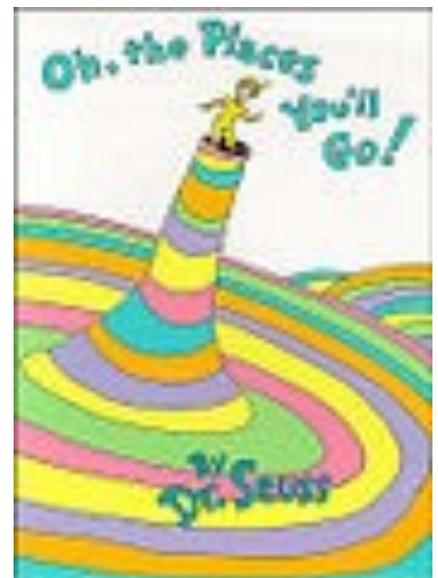
Mr. Ramquist chose this play because "It has incredible music, fun storyline, and the students were interested in preparing and performing it. The script, lyrics and music combine in such a brilliant synergy. I hope many people will come to the show and not only enjoy it, but talk about the issues presented in the story lines and music."

He also believes that "As amazing as the script and music are, the actual messages of the musical are slightly off-base theologically, and I personally disagree with some of the assumptions made in the musical. For example, characters say that choices of right and wrong don't really matter, or that you can make up your own mind about which path of life you want to take. Yet many of us who believe in God find that right and wrong do matter and that God is indeed very interested in our life choices. As we rehearse the show, we're finding several of these disparities and are seeking to apply a full sense of truth and God's involvement in our lives."

BCS Community Night

by Cooper Stepanian

The 21st of April was a wonderful BCS community night A.K.A "the auction". It started at 6 pm at the Bellevue Hyatt Regency Hotel. The theme was "Oh the Places BCS Will Go". When guests arrived, there were four different sections or neighborhoods. Each section had a theme closely related to the main theme. During the fun and games time there was a silent auction, then dinner and a live auction. All fun had to come to an end but not completely! At 9 pm there was an after party with a live band, The Herding Cats. The goal of BCS community night was to fundraise for various programs. The Fund a Need has a goal of \$200,000 was for new technology. One of the new additions this year was an online registration for sign up. Mrs. Haller said, "It takes many hands to get all the details pulled together."



On to Q4 !

by Caden Pua

The 3rd quarter is officially over and is the beginning of the 4th quarter. The 3rd quarter ended on the beginning of spring break, the 4th quarter started on the end of spring break. A student said, "This year has come and gone so quickly!" There are only 8 weeks of school left until summer break! The 4th quarter is the students last chance to have a strong ending of school.



Junior High Track Meet

by Spencer Rankin

The JH/HS combined track meet, which was held on April 6 here at BCS, was very fun to watch. The meet, which was about four hours long, ended in many victories including first place in shot put and long jump for BCS.

Joseph Qian, a seventh grader and track member, said that the "the meet was a great experience." Joseph enjoyed competing in the 4X100, shot put, and long jump. The meet was only the track team's second meet of the season. The track program is a great idea because it provides exercise in the form of a fun competition that spectators and competitors can both enjoy. Good luck track team, and go Vikings!

New Junior Football

by Matthew Wehrle

BCS Junior Football is here! For the first time BCS is having a junior high football team. There are already lots of kids playing, but we need some more. You can sign up online at www.bcjvf.com. The kids will be taught moves like how to tackle properly. An athletic trainer will be on the field for each game for safety.

BCS has been voted into the Northwest Junior Football League. Pads and equipment donated by Eastside Catholic.

It will be fun to meet new friends and have competition on the field.

BCS Booster Club

by Rex Ryan

The BCS booster club is a group of 15 or so people that each represent a sport for the school. They have meetings, run concessions, gates, and the BCS golf tournament. The tournament is where most of the \$20,000 budget a year is raised. All this money helps buy new jerseys, equipment and facilities for our sports teams here at BCS.

Mr. DeJonge, Athletic Director, said, "The BCS booster club is absolutely benefiting BCS and its sports."

Monday, May 1st is the next Booster Club meeting. It's at 6:30 pm in the large conference room. I hope you will consider coming!

Eastshore Band Festival

by Joseph Qian

On Thursday, April 20th, the Junior High Concert Band from BCS went to the Eastshore Band Festival at Islander Middle School. It was an exciting all-day event. The band played "Provenance" by Robert W. Smith, "Homeward Bound" by Marta Keen, and "Lassus Trombone" by Henry Fillmore. There were three soloists playing in "Homeward Bound."

The Junior High Band rode on a bus right after 2nd period to Mercer Island, where Islander Middle School is located. They watched three bands perform before having lunch and preparing for their performance. "Provenance" is a fast paced and exciting song. In "Homeward Bound," Charlie Ma, the flute soloist, said that we did well at the festival. He said his solo was, "Okay, but not good enough." He also said he should have tried, "To be more calm, and not be nervous." I played a solo on the alto saxophone and Jasmine Kim played on the oboe. "Lassus Trombone" is a song where the trombones hold the melody for majority of the song. It is a very lively song. After the performances, there is a clinic led by one of the judges. The festival is a great learning experience for students in the band.



