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## JH Community Day: Star Wars & Ice Skating *by Mia DeJonge*

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, instead of a regular school day, the whole BCS Junior High class went to see a movie and ice skate. In what is now a tradition, we watched the new Star Wars movie, *Rogue One* and afterwards went ice skating. The whole community had a lot of fun and it was a great way to start off winter break. I interviewed 7<sup>th</sup> Grader, Hayley Ro and she said, "I liked the JH community day because we could have time to hang out with our friends and get to know our whole Junior High community. It's also a great break from school and a nice way to start Winter Break. I liked ice skating because we could be more silly, talk, hang out with our friends, and have a great time with the seals!"



## Winter Excitement *by Zachary Chronister*

Were you ready to come back to school after Christmas break? Over break students went on trips, slept in, received many gifts, played in the snow and even flipped the calendar.

Christmas break started on December 14 and lasted until January 2. It was a time for visiting friends and family or just staying home and to enjoy the time off and getting to sleep in. Some people traveled out of state. Paige Erickson toured New York City, while Jasper Gallagher traveled down to Utah. According to *Amazon.com*, the most popular presents this year were PlayStation gift cards and the games *Pokémon Sun* and *Pokémon Moon*. At Bellevue Christian, people got many diverse presents for Christmas like phones, Apple watches, drones, and a huge assortment of other gadgets.

The break also brought cold weather with it. With an average temperature of 38° F and snow fall of 4 inches students made snowmen, had snowball fights and went skiing and ice-skating. The break was fantastic and every student had a story to tell. Most students didn't want break to be over. As Talia Fortune said, "I didn't like the school aspect but I wanted to meet my friends."

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## **Rogue One: A Movie Review** *by Talia Fortune*

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, the Junior High class saw the new movie *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, which is essentially a prequel to the fourth *Star Wars* movie, at Regal Cinemas as a celebration for Christmas. It follows three heroes with a complicated past as they try to find the plans for the Death Star, a superweapon built by the Galactic Empire. An intelligent and cynical young woman who is toughened by her past, Jyn Erso (Felicity Jones), is a criminal from the Empire's point of view. Jyn was sent into hiding by her father from a young age, when he was seized by the Empire and forced to design the Death Star. She meets a reset imperial droid, K2SO (Alan Tudyk) and Captain Cassian Andor (Diego Luna) and together they face many evil figures, such as Orson Krennic (Ben Mendelsohn), to find the Death Star plans and get them to the Alliance. Along the way, they team up with Baze Malbut (Jiang Wen), a mercenary, Chirrut Îmwe (Donnie Yen), a blind warrior, and Bodhi Rook (Riz Ahmed), a defecting Imperial pilot, among others, who were essential in getting the plans.

*Rogue One* lines up closer to 'Episode IV: A New Hope' than to 'Episode III: Revenge of the Sith'. While it is an exciting and action packed movie, those who haven't seen the other *Star Wars* movies might not understand some scenes. Many characters including K2SO and Chirrut Îmwe often made the audience laugh and provided comic relief. Overall, it is an enjoyable movie with an exciting plot and a tragic yet appropriate ending.

Personally, I enjoyed watching Jyn open up after being independent all her life as she raced to get the plans. I would recommend this movie to *Star Wars* fans, or just anyone who enjoys fast-paced and exhilarating movies. I, for one, will be buying this when it comes out on DVD.

## **Club Highlight: Intramurals**

*by Kendall Temp*

On every Thursday clubs meet after second period. One specific club that meets is Intermural Club. I interviewed Paige Erickson, a student in that club, and asked her some questions. Paige said she liked Intermural Club because she gets to be with friends and do fun sports. She says she enjoys Intermural because there are so many things to do and everyone gets to do it. She also says the teachers are fun and a lot of her friends are in that class so she can hang out with them. One of Paige's favorite thing to do is mushroom ball because you have fun throwing the ball at one another. You get to have so much fun in Intermural Club and you get to do so many things that you haven't done before.

## **Student Profile: Angelina Qu** *by Taylor Rowse*

Angelina Qu is an international student from China. She is twelve years old and she was born on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2004 in a hospital in China. She lived in Beijing and came over to America when she was ten. She is a only child, and lives with her mom, Dai Xiaolan, and her dad, Qu Xun. Her favorite food is her grandma's hand-made noodles, or her grandma's cooking in general. Her favorite sports are ballet, tennis, lyrical, acro which is gymnastics and jazz. "I like drawing, PC games, and painting." Angelina told me. Her favorite books are the *Tale of Two Cities* and *The Harry Potter Series*. The most exciting moments of her life were getting her ears pierced and coming to America.



## Girl's Bible Study

by Audrey Ochs

At 7:15 on Tuesday morning in the commons, there is an all-girls bible study. Right now there are eight girls in it.

Four years ago Cayti Holmes and Maddy Durst started a bible study for girls. They wanted to start the bible study so that teen girls could learn about God.

After Maddy and Cayti both graduated, the girls who were in the study wanted it to continue. Now the bible study is run by different people for two year periods. It would be a good experience to join the bible study. For more information or if you want to join the bible study talk to Mara Staal.

**Let Us  
Fix Our  
Eyes  
On  
Jesus  
Hebrews 12:2**

## Finals Week Schedule

by Jackson Spouse

As some of you may know this week is finals week. Luckily you don't have to take any. High school students will participate in finals at Bellevue Christian School the 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. These finals will cause a Junior High schedule change because classrooms will be taken up by other students.

Here is how the schedule will go: the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be all periods, the 24<sup>th</sup> will be all periods, the 25<sup>th</sup> will be odd periods, (It will be announced on Monday whether we will have chapel or clubs on the this day), and the 26<sup>th</sup> will be even periods. 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade will not have school on the 27<sup>th</sup> as it is a teacher workday. Have a great 3 day weekend!

## 3 v. 3 Basketball Tournament

by Juan Gatchalian



The Three-On-Three basketball tournament, hosted by some teachers at Bellevue Christian School, was filled with action, and was nerve racking. Students signed up for this tournament, and played some other teams that had signed up too.

The Junior-High Student Council planned the Three-On-Three basketball event. The tournament took place on every Wednesday and Friday during the Junior-High lunch. The teams were playing for a Gatorade water bottle, filled with gum inside of it. The lunch tournament took place in the Bellevue Christian gym.

A student at BCS, Trey Weedman, was one of the participants in the Three-On-Three tournament. He was interviewed for his opinion. "Why did you participate in this tournament?" I asked. He replied with, "Because I just wanted to compete with my friends." "Did you find this tournament fun?" "Yes, it was a fun event to play basketball with my friends." "What changes would you make with this activity?" "The games should've been played by ones and twos, instead of twos and threes to make the game a little longer." "Should we shorten or extend the points needed, or the time played?" He replies, "If the game is played by ones and twos, the points needed should stay the same." "Throughout the school year, how many of these lunch events should we have?" I asked. "There should be 8 of these kinds of events in the year." He replied. "Is there anything you would like to add?" "This was a very fun and successful event." He replied. "I hope there will be another lunch tournament coming up soon."

It seemed like Trey wanted another lunch tournament soon, because he was smiling and saying that he had fun. That wraps up the Three-On-Three tournament, and there may be another lunch tournament coming up in the future.



## JH Choir Concert *by Ana Becker*

On December 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., in the Bellevue Christian School commons, the choir students put on a Christmas choral concert lead by Mr. DeWit to share their talents with others during the Christmas season. The junior high choir students kicked off the show with three different Christmas carols of their choice in small groups. This was followed by the junior high choir students returning to perform 'This Little Babe' with the high school choir students.

The next day the junior high choir students went around the school in their small groups, and sang their carols to other junior high classes, such as 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science and 7<sup>th</sup> grade English. Some students (and teachers) enjoyed this fun activity and joined in singing. This was a great way to kick off Christmas break.



## Christmas Band Concert

*by Jonathon Barrios*

The Christmas concert was a concert where all the bands came together and shared Christmas spirit. The concert was at Bellevue Christian School (located at Clyde Hill), played by all the bands on December 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm. We played all types of songs like "Sleigh Ride" and "Polar Express". "I liked playing 'Polar Express' and really enjoyed listening to 'Sleigh Ride' which was played by the Jazz Band," said Lucas Delemarter, a student who played in the junior high band. "I enjoyed playing with all the other bands," said Zachary Chronister, another student in the junior high band.

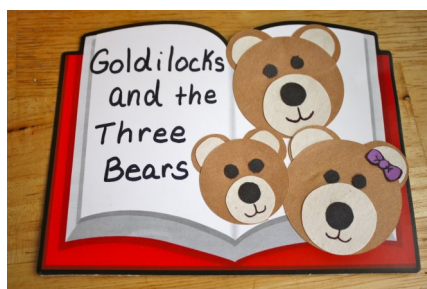


## Goldilocks on Trial

*by Emily Elbert*

The Junior High Play "Goldilocks on Trial" was performed last week on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> in the commons.

Melanie Jump, Baby Bear (Tiffannii), answered a few questions about the play, Goldilocks on Trial. The questions she was asked were: What do you think of the posters? What was the most challenging scene? And lastly, how long did it take you to memorize your lines? She replied with "I think the posters are cool, I love the design of them! The most challenging scenes are the flash back scenes. After a couple read-throughs and saying my cue lines back and forth with someone, it took about an hour a day." Melanie practiced with the other people in the cast, in the drama room, and with Mr. Ramquist.



## Chapel Highlight: Christmas Chapel *by Allen Qiu*

An amazing Christmas chapel happened on December 15<sup>th</sup> at Bellevue Christian School with all the Junior High students attending. It was a fun time to be with everyone and it was lovely that the student council set it up.

When the chapel started, everyone was so excited and curious, about why there were so many decorations. We played mini games. All of the mini games were related to Christmas. Almost everyone wanted to get up on the stage, but very few of them were picked. Then it was over, and everyone went back to their classes.

## Boys Basketball Wrap Up *by John Wehrle*

The junior high basketball season ended on December 16<sup>th</sup> with a faceoff at Bellevue Presbyterian church between the two division two teams. The division two blue team beat the white team by two points. With the season now over, I got a chance to interview Isaac Germino on the division three basketball team and we reflected about the season. Here are the questions he was asked.

**What was your favorite part of the year and why?** “My favorite part of the year was being able to grow as a team member and as an individual. It was also fun to show what we learned in practice in the games because it showed how we had grown.” **Why did you decide to play BCS boys junior high basketball?** “I decided to play boys junior high basketball because it was a fun opportunity to better at basketball. Also it was my secondary sport to football”. **How has your knowledge of God grown in playing basketball this year?** “At every practice our coach prays and gives thanks for the opportunity to be playing basketball and I think that is very cool.” Finally he was asked, **“If you could play basketball would you and why?”** “Yes, because it helps me grow spiritually and physically with enjoyable activities for us players and the staff”.

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## Wrestling *by Paige Erickson*

Have you ever thought about wrestling before? Maybe it is time to start something new! This year is Karly Pridmore’s first time ever wrestling for the Bellevue Christian School girls wrestling team. “I wanted to try a new sport and I thought freshman year was the best time to do so,” states Karly. What do you like about wrestling?”, I asked. “The challenge of this not being a common sport for girls and the atmosphere,” she responded. Karly is a great person to be around; she cares for others and always involves her faith in what she does.

“What about Mr. Pete De La Rosa? How is he not only a coach but also a leader?” “He is a great coach; he strives to help others and their poor values in life. Mr. De La Rosa is Christian faith-based and incorporates faith into practice,” I have heard come from other students around the school, “Girls should not wrestle!” I have to admit I do not think I would like my face smashed into a mat. Therefore, I asked Karly her opinion, “I understand why people say girls should not wrestle, but there are a ton of girls in the world that do. Coaches care about safety. I encourage girls wrestling because it has taught me many things about my daily life, how to be humble, to never play the victim, and don’t QUIT, stay committed!” So maybe it’s time to give wrestling a try. Go sign up in the B hall. Good luck Karly in this new season and many matches ahead!

## Girls Basketball

*by Sophia Bold*

Finally! Junior high girls’ basketball started Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at Bellevue Presbyterian Church. Many junior high girls showed up. There were approximately 20 girls! Enough to fill two teams. Paige Erickson who is a junior high basketball player said “that her hope for the season is to become closer as a team, lift each other up and play well as a team.” Junior high girls were working hard and getting ready for their first game which was at the first Presbyterian Church on Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>. The D1 team won their first game while the D2 team lost, but put in a hard fight! The coach for D1 is Mr. Adams and the coach for D2 is Mr. Pridmore. Both are extraordinary coaches! The junior high girls are ready to play and excited for the season ahead of them!



**Junior High  
Wrestling  
Starts  
Monday,  
January 23**

## Should We Sing in Chapel?

by Caden Tuson

God deserves to be worshiped, so why aren't we doing it at school? I think that we should sing songs in chapel. It's not really chapel if you don't glorify God in some way. We should also occasionally have chapel speakers and devotions like in bible class. Each teacher should be able to have a chance to present a sermon. Singing songs would be a great way to glorify God. It would build our reputation as a Christ centered school.

## Mrs. Wilkens *by Chloe Ng*

If you've ever come in late to school, or picked up your lunch from the front office, chances are you've met Mrs. Denise Wilkens. However, chances are also that you've never really learned too much about her. That's why we held an interview with her.

Mrs. Wilkens has worked here for 9 years, starting in 2008. She started helping out in BCS as a volunteer job, when her three kids were attending school here, and eventually a part-time job opening developed. Even after all her kids graduated, she remained at BCS because she liked the environment around her.

Her job is mainly answering the phone, greeting parents/students who come in late or check out early. She enjoys working here because she likes the community and likes to interact with the students, parents, and teachers alike.

All in all, Mrs. Wilkens works very hard to help make your experience at the school a wonderful one, and she is doing an excellent job. Thank you, Mrs. Wilkens.

## Profe Wells *by Trey Weedman*

I interviewed Profe Wells and found that she lived in Columbia for 3 years and learned lots in that time. I asked her questions about teaching in different countries and her experience in Columbia.

I asked her many questions including: "What is your favorite part about teaching Spanish classes?" Profe Wells answered, "My favorite part about teaching Spanish class is learning not only the language but also about the different cultures that speak Spanish. We learn about foods, traditions, holidays, and ways of thinking that may be very different from our own. Opening student's eyes and hearts to new worlds is the best part of my job."

"Why did you decide to move from the elementary campus to the high school campus?" "I enjoyed teaching elementary school Spanish but at the junior high and high school level, students can pay attention longer and thus we are able to dive deeper into concepts and can grasp complex language structures faster."

"What was your favorite part about teaching at the elementary campus and what do you enjoy most about teaching here at the main campus?" "At the elementary level, I loved being able to have the grades work with different grades (older students with younger students) and have them teach and learn from each other. At the main campus, I enjoy the competition that comes out in class during our games!"

Tell me about Columbia and what you did there. "In Colombia, I taught English to Colombian students at schools from Kindergarten until University. I liked teaching English but love teaching Spanish! When not teaching, I often traveled around the country and got to see new places and meet new people."

"What do you miss about Columbia and do you wish to share about it with our school?" "I miss the people of Colombia. They are some of the most kind, open, and patient people I've ever met. Even though I didn't speak perfect Spanish, they were still my friends and helped me learn many things about their language and culture. I wish Americans and BCS students could do the same to all strangers and international students. Instead of expecting perfect English and immediate integration into our culture, we need to be willing to help others with our language and culture."

"Why do you choose to teach?" "I absolutely love teaching because I get to see growth in students. From September to June there is a dramatic difference of abilities in language learning. It is always inspiring to watch and be a part of the process!"



## Second Semester

by Isaac Germino

As you may know, the second semester is coming up, and you may also be wondering about things like when it starts or when your schedules will be available.

The semester begins January 30, and schedules will be available the weekend before the new semester. If you want to get a schedule change, you must email Mr. Olson in the first week of the new semester. As soon as you can you should get in contact with him to try to get your schedule change. To get your printed schedule go to the Junior High office in the B hall. On the wall there will be a box labeled *Schedules*.

An interview was done with Mr. Olson and we were told that the schedules will primarily stay the same except for electives and what must change in order for your electives to change. If you have any extra questions you should talk to Mr. Olson.

As a community we can have a great second half of the school year. This New Year could be the best year yet.

## Bible Verses by Mr. B

by Talia Burnett

Every morning, Mr. Brown is up at 6:00am, printing and cutting out 140 little slips of paper with bible verses on them for JH, HS, parents, and teachers! But how does he pick what bible verses to put on them? Well, in the sum-

## Student Council Events

by Hayley Ro

Student council has been working hard providing fun, community building activities and trying to serve our community more at Bellevue Christian Jr. High. They have been doing things like student council led chapels, participating in a service project, and provided hot cocoa at lunch. The two chapels were held on December 15<sup>th</sup> and January 17<sup>th</sup>, and hot cocoa was served on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December. They are continuing a service project and collaborating with a company called *Good Wishes*. These events give them an opportunity to serve and build our Jr. High community.

“Our job in student council is to be leaders for Jr. High and plan fun activities,” says a 7<sup>th</sup> grader in student council, Katelyn DeJonge. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, they served hot cocoa during lunch accompanied with candy canes and marshmallows. It was a delicious treat for all of Jr. High. “Hot cocoa was fun because we got to surprise everyone!” says Katelyn DeJonge. In Chapel on January 17<sup>th</sup>, they talked about the problem of sin.

The most recent thing that they are doing is a service project in conjunction with *Good Wishes*, which helps people who deal with hair loss by producing head wraps. In the package with the head wraps comes a card signed by people giving them encouraging words and lifting up their spirits. Student council sat in a line and wrote encouraging messages to the people who *Good Wishes* was sending the head wraps to. Student Council’s goal is to be a blessing for our Jr. High and be leaders for others.

mer, Mr. Brown goes through several devotionals and picks appropriate verses for the students. He also uses the verses to start the day in his high school classes and ties it in with the lesson. The kids in his classes will keep journals of all the slips and circle the most important word of the verse to remember it and some kids even memorize them entirely. Some seniors take them to college and their roommates will pick them up and read them and if they haven’t learned about God, they can have a chance to

read parts of the bible. Some parents take a lot of them to pass out at work! Mr. Brown is very creative and started passing the slips out 15 years ago, and kept it going. Usually he has no slips left or only a little bit left at the end of the day. People tell Mr. Brown frequently, how the verses have made a change in their lives. His favorite lifelong verse is Galatians 2:20. Mr. Brown loves to glorify God and spread the word. We should be like that too and spread the word of God.

## Homecoming Basketball Games and Spirit Week

by Melanie Jump

On Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, there were 4 high school homecoming basketball games. The teams played against Coupeville at the Bellevue Christian School gym. The Boys Varsity played at 8:00 PM and the Girls Varsity played at 6:30 PM. The Girls JV played at 5:00 PM and the Boys JV played at 3:30 PM. December 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, the Junior High and High School had a Christmas Spirit Week. Each day had a different theme relating to Christmas.

The Girls JV was defeated at 26-12. The Boys JV dominated at 47-38. The Girls Varsity Girls crushed their opponents 49-14. The Boys Varsity creamed Coupeville at 66-38. The spirit week was a lot of fun. Monday was Christmas Cozy, so students wore pajamas, slippers, and robes. Tuesday was Christmas Character Day such as Santa, Rudolph, the Grinch, an elf, etc. Wednesday was Ugly Christmas Sweater Day. The winners of the ugliest Christmas sweaters were Jared Whitton and me, Melanie Jump for Junior High. Thursday was Christmas Colors, the seventh graders wore red and the eighth graders wore green. The sophomores and juniors wore red, and the freshmen and the seniors wore green. Friday was Winter Whiteout; the Junior High and High School wore as much white as possible to the Homecoming Basketball games. Overall, it was an enjoyable week filled basketball games.

## FCA

by Lucas Delamarter

Coach Pete De La Rosa is the head wrestling coach for the BCS wrestling team, and the leader of the BCS FCA, which is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, where students come to the gym every Thursday morning at 7:30 to discuss what it means to be an athlete and a steward of God. For people to better understand what the FCA is, last Thursday I attended the FCA meeting and interviewed Coach Pete. I recorded his responses to my questions. "What do you enjoy about being part of the FCA?" "I love the community that it builds, and the relationships with students that normally wouldn't hook up," says De La Rosa. "Why did you decide to be part of the FCA?" "I decided to join the FCA because you get to use the sport you love to share the gospel." "How has being part of the FCA changed you?" "It's given me a view of what young people truly go through spiritually," De La Rosa says. "Who in the FCA (BCS FCA or not) has personally affected you?" "Jonathan Rainey, the Chaplain for the Seahawks." Coach Pete De La Rosa joined the FCA in 2014, and has been a strong part of the BCS FCA ever since. If you are thinking of coming, the gym is open every Thursday mornings at 7:30, we'd love to see you there!

## Sudoku #267 (Easy)

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