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## Mrs. Foster's Epic Adventure

by Sophia Hinz

This story I am about to tell you is about an amazing woman with a huge heart for everything she does. This woman is Terry Foster, the BCS athletics assistant. I had the privilege of interviewing her about her remarkable bike trip across the United States. Mrs. Foster started the trip at Deception pass on July 25, 2016 and ended in Maine on September 24<sup>th</sup>. She went with six friends and had some join in throughout the trip.

Q: "How did you persevere throughout the trip and did you ever want to quit?" Mrs. Foster said that somedays she wanted to quit while riding her bike but she knew she had to keep going especially because she was raising money for kids in Thailand.

Q: "In all your quiet time while biking, what were the main three things you thought about?" She replied by telling me that one of the big things she thought about was her father. Mrs. Foster and her husband were the primary care givers for her father who suffered from Parkinson disease. Before she left on her bike journey, he fell and had

a hard time recovering. She knew that she might lose him while on her trip, so she said her good-byes before she left and made a promise to him that if he were to pass away while she was gone, she wouldn't quit the journey. A month into her trip, he did pass away. The second thing she thought about most were the family and kids she was raising money for. The third thing she thought about most was the practice of living in the moment during her trip.

Q: "How many tires did you pop while biking across the country?" Mrs. Foster brought one bike for herself that popped one tire and her and her husband also road on a tandem bike that went through two tires. All six riders together went through fifteen tires.

Q: "What was your favorite part of the trip?" Mrs. Foster's favorite part of the whole trip was when she was riding up to Niagara Falls. As she was approaching the falls, she could see the mist coming from the falls and hear the rapids of the river. Once she reached the falls she started crying

because she thought she would never see Niagara Falls. The water flowing over the falls was crystal clear and the sight of a little blue boat full of people in yellow ponchos made her happy to experience the moment.

Q: "How did this trip bring you closer to Christ?" She answered by saying that one of the things that brought her closer to Christ was that she had to trust God to keep her father safe, she also had to trust that God would keep her and her group safe. The trip they were one was risky with open roads and they needed His protection over the journey. This was a small overview of Mrs. Foster's epic adventure.



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## New Student Highlight: Theo Crowe

By James Fischer

Theo Crowe is a new student at BCS, Theo went to a public school before he attended BCS. Theo is of Asian descent; Theo's most favored food is Asian food. Theo enjoys BCS because of the freedoms you get, another thing Theo enjoys is video games, especially one called Overwatch. Theo's favorite class is English; he likes it because he enjoys Shakespeare.

Theo is a great friend of mine because we are close in age, Theo is age 12 and I am age 13. Another reason Theo is a good friend is because he is very thoughtful and considerate of others. Also Theo and I enjoy the same type of video games. Theo and I chose the same club because we both enjoy video games and the mindset of the class.

## Club Highlights: Cooperative Gaming

By Connor Paulson

Cooperative gaming is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade club where kids from all different classes come to one to play games together. It all happens in Mr. Steel's room on the floor, table or chair. It is on Thursday during chapel and before lunch just like any other club. It is meant for kids to socialize, talk, and have fun. All you have to do is get your phone or PC and connect with your friend and you're good. There are also 25 kids in it. A game called Clash Royal is the most popular. Lucas said, "You just have to hook up your device up and you are good to go."

First off it is the 7<sup>th</sup> grade club. It is Mrs. Graves' class. A few of the students in the class are: PJ, Lucas, Jordan, Caden, Audrey, Marshal, Theo, Bill, and Jason. It is where you play games like Clash Royal, Minecraft, Pong, Dual, Super Meat Boy, and Call of Duty. You can't play games that are not cooperative or you break the rules. It is on chair, the floor, the desk, in your hands (if you're using a phone). The places in the games are a blocky world for Minecraft, Pong it is a grid, Dual is a grid, and Clash Royal is a battle arena.

Clubs are made to help us as kids socialize. Mainly by letting us play together in games. Because you can talk to each other and help each other in the games or talk about the games. It takes a few easy steps you just get your device wherever you want to play and connect with somebody and just have fun. That is all it takes.

All in all this is what the cooperative gaming club is. So if you want to you, can come join us and come play with all of us here at the cooperative gaming club.

## Office Hours

By Carly Baumert

Every Tuesday and Thursday, students go to their assigned class rooms for office hours, where they work on homework, re-do tests, or study. Office hours is 45 minutes long, don't waste it by playing on your phones and get your work done. It shows respect to the teachers when you use your time wisely and not be on Instagram. When you leave to go to another class room to get help from the teacher in that room, you have to sign out on a piece of paper that if near the doorway. When you come back to your home room, remember to put the time you got back on the paper, so your teacher in the room knows that you came back from where you were in case of an emergency. If you finished or don't have homework, then that would be a good time to read your IRB or draw on a piece of paper.



## The Amazing Race *By Caden Pua*

The Amazing Race was a fun activity that the student council created. This exciting event took place at the BCS main campus on Thursday, November 2. In the Amazing Race, students would pick groups, then every group would receive a riddle that would lead them to their next station. At each station there is an activity that each group would have to complete in order to receive their next riddle. The first group to complete the Amazing Race would get ice cream sandwiches and a gift card to Jamba Juice. Thanks to student council, the Amazing Race was created.



## The Parents of Our School

*By Avery Brickman*

Last week I interviewed Mrs. Amy Harrison, one of the executive board members of the Viking Parent Group, the VPG. The current president of the VPG is Sharon Heinemann. Viking Parents meet every week in the large conference room in the office. The VPG support all of the staff appreciation functions such as lunches, Christmas gifts, etc. They also help other departments in the school with fundraising and volunteer help. So tell your parents! They meet every first and second Tuesday each month at 1pm in the large conference room of the main office at Main Campus. To join just show up or fill out volunteer form, or email [VPG@bellevuechristian.org](mailto:VPG@bellevuechristian.org) and they will get you started. They would love to have your parents join and offer their services.

## Mr. Isbell's Journey *by Nate Cornwall*

Have you ever needed any wood cut and you want a professional, but they're too far away? Well, just talk to Mr. Isbell and he'll get your wood cut in no time at all. Not only does he cut wood, but he makes things with wood too. He used to be a youth minister until he switched to woodworking a few years ago. He specializes in making furniture and dining room tables. Although there have been many mishaps with woodworking tools, he has powered through with all he has, until he replaced them.

He really enjoys working with the kids in his class and he says that, "They always keep me on my toes." Mr. Isbell has always enjoyed woodworking, but there wasn't enough social interaction with other people. That is why he became the woodshop teacher we know today. Mr. Isbell attended BCS from elementary school until graduation from high school in 2001, and it is his home away from home.

## Phones, phones, and a little more Phones... via the Kindness Calendar

By Alissa Davis

Getting tired of your mom telling you to get off your phone? Now you're not going to be able to get her off of HER phone! During the month of December, BCS counselors have created an opportunity for the community to post random acts of kindness on Instagram. They have created the Kindness Calendar for advent. The kindness calendar will be a fun way to bless others around you by posting your acts to social media.

Starting in December Ms. Lopez will post suggestions of random acts of kindness on the BCS counselors Instagram page. It can be accessed through the BCS website counselors page, or by following BCS counselors on Instagram located at [https://www.instagram.com/bcs\\_cc/](https://www.instagram.com/bcs_cc/). For each act, parents or students can post their own pictures of their examples of acts of kindness.

In order to follow the random acts of kindness postings from Ms. Lopez, you may want a username/password for Instagram. First you will need a computer/phone connected to the internet. Type in the website address listed above and press enter. Once you are on the Instagram page, you can login and "follow" the BCS Counseling page. If you do not want an Instagram username/password you can revisit this page anytime and watch for updates. In order to "follow" the BCS Counseling page, click on the blue box labeled "Follow" just to the right of the "bcs\_cc" name. Once you follow the page, you will receive the notifications and updates of the kindness calendar from Ms. Lopez. If you want to post your own random act of kindness to the bcs\_cc page, include the @bcs\_cc on your posting and the hashtag #bcsadvent. For example: if you post a picture on Instagram and put a hashtag of #bcsadvent in the description of the picture, then anyone tracking the #bcsadvent hashtag can see what you posted along with every other post containing that same hashtag.

Ms. Lopez thought this would be a warm and welcoming way to enter the holidays for parents and students alike. Make sure to talk to your parents and let them know that you've found a way to get on your phone without making them mad. It's called the Kindness Calendar! Get involved and find ways to bless your neighbors!

## After School Activities

By Alex Edwards

Bellevue Christian School has lots of extra activities that require after-school time—such as band, choir, theater, and various sports. This is all well and good if you participate in any of these activities, but what about the people who don't play a sport or an instrument, or perform or sing? There are no after-school activities for them to participate in.

We had after-school activities in Elementary School, so why not in Junior High? Activities like photo-animation, robotics, chess, Legos, and art-related subjects were the kinds of things we had back then. Activities like these are kinds that Junior Highers would take a liking to, and others besides. After-school activities provide a different way to stretch your thinking and develop new kinds of skills, as well as connecting with people who share the same interests as you.

I hope that at some point in the future more after-school activities will be added to choose from. It would be a very exciting prospect, and one that I think would be appreciated by many.



**Sudoku #264 (Easy)**

1		6						3
9			1					
		4				5		
		7				6	5	
2	1				6		8	
	6		4					
	7	2						
	8			3	1		7	9
4			7	8			2	



**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

12/6 Boys Basketball  
 D1 @ Bush  
 D3 @ CPC  
 D2 Blue @ Bush

12/8 Boys Basketball  
 D3 @ 1st Pres.  
 D2 Blue @ CPC  
 D2 White @ 1st Pres.

12/9 Boys Basketball  
 D1 @ Overlake  
 D2 White @ Overlake

12/10 D1 Jamboree @TBCS

12/12 Choral Christmas Concert

12/13 Boys Basketball  
 D1 @ CPC  
 D2 White @ 1st Pres.  
 D2 Blue @ 1st Pres.

12/15 Boys Basketball  
 D1 @ 1st Pres.  
 D3 @ 1st Pres.

12/16 Junior High Christmas Event

12/17 Boys Basketball  
 D2 White v. D2 Blue @ 1st Pres.

6	2	3	5	8	7	1	9	4
3	8	2	3	1	4	7	9	6
3	7	2	6	9	4	8	1	5
5	6	3	4	7	8	1	9	2
2	1	9	3	5	6	7	8	4
8	4	7	9	1	2	6	5	3
7	3	4	8	2	9	5	6	1
4	7	1	6	3	2	4	7	9
1	2	6	5	4	7	9	3	8

(easy) #264 sudoku



1. HITEW HRISTMSAC
2. UDHLPOR HET DER SEODN NEDIREER
3. I WSA YMOMM SINKSGI TNASA CAUSL
4. GNELIJ LEBL COKR
5. REHE MOSEC NTASA AULCS
6. TLETIL RUMDEMUR YBO
7. NTASA LAUCS IS OMIGNC OT WOTN
8. RSTOYF HET WNSMAON
9. TLETIL TS KCNI
10. GLINJE LELBS
11. NSTAA BYBA
12. NDGRAMA TGO NRU VEOR YB A NEIDRREE
13. ZILFE VIDNADA
14. UNR DPHLOUR NRU
15. CKINOR UNORAD HET HRISTSAMC RETE
16. TINREW DNELANDWOR
17. EHT WTEEVN YADS FO CRMAISTHS
18. VSLIER LELBS
19. PYPAH DOLHIASY
20. VEAH UORSLFEY A RMERY TTIELL HRSMASCTCI

