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Camp Gilead Day *By Annie Tacey*

It all started when the whole Junior High had to go to their first period classrooms! The teachers told the students important info about Camp Gilead, proper behavior, being respectful of the people in authority, and finally the big one, having fun! All of a sudden, a piercing noise of all the bus engines filled the air! Then reality hit, the student realized this was going to be a day of games, activities, food swimming, canoe wars, competition, and building some great community.

This day of crazy fun was planned by the student council, one of the electives at BCS. One student in this elective, who planned this event was interviewed and answered some important questions. Going to Camp Gilead has been an event at the BCS junior high for a couple years now. The student council started planning and working on this event since the 3rd day of school, (September 1st)! Gilead was planned so that the 8th and 7th graders could mix and it was an ice breaker for the new students at BCS.

There were 16 different color groups that played different games. A lot of the students including the student I interviewed said that one of their favorite games was the water balloon sling shot! The girl I interviewed had one thing she would have changed about the event. In her opinion the an-



nouncements were a little unclear, for example she said some of the kids didn't get snacks when they were offered because there was no announcement that there were snacks available to eat.

Over all this event was super fun! From killing it at capture the flag to getting your canoe tipped in the disgusting pond to flipping off the diving board to socializing with your favorite people! I just want to thank the kids and adults who made this event happen. A lot of kids and I had an abundant amount of fun!



Hallway Explosion

By Emma LeSueur

I am twirling and whirling in the B hall, pushing and shoving to get to my stubborn locker. The crazy and definitely not lazy first day of school is always a mess. When I finally get to my stinky, smelly, tiny, teeny locker it refuses to open! I pull and push, I tug and twist but it will not budge. Who knows how long it took for it to finally topple open with a creak. I breathe in the toxic smell of gym socks as I grab bulky, hulky books and slam the door shut with a bam! I swing around as a stampede of gossiping eighth graders googling at their phones go by.

I regain my balance and determination to make it to the other side without getting squished like a bug. I get ready to bolt, looking both way to see if the coast is clear. There is a straight beeline to the other side so I flash across amazingly not clashed across the hallway. I slither and wither around the lockers into my first period class room. I plop into a chair lopping the brick off my back, exclaiming over and over in my head that the day had barely started yet it already felt like a century.

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Do you Renweb or do you Moodle?

By Ben Schroeder

There are many new things to us seventh graders. Such as school sports, lockers, and seven classes. But there is one more new thing for the seventh graders. It is Renweb and Moodle. Both of these are amazingly helpful. All you have to do is get the app for Renweb or go to the BCS Website, scroll down to the bottom, and click on the tab for Renweb or Moodle. These can be used whenever you need reminders on what homework you have or what your grades are for your classes.

On Renweb there are many things to see and do. You can check your grades for all seven classes or the homework that has been given for the week. Some teachers use Moodle more so it is always good to check the homework on Moodle too. For other help or questions you can see week at a glance, announcements, attendance, lesson plans, and resources.

In my opinion I use and enjoy Renweb more. It is easier for me because I have the app and can access it at any time I need it. For Moodle you need a computer or Internet connection on your phone. Moodle is helpful if your phone stops working or if you need it during a class.

These two things are very important and a great help to me and hopefully -you too. They can tell you your homework, grades, and show a calendar of the week. So start using Renweb and Moodle.

Homework, Not a Nightmare

By Anna Foxworth

At Mack Elementary we had heard horrible stories about the enormous amount of homework assigned at Junior High. But our fears were quieted after our first week when we didn't have nearly as much homework as we expected. So far the homework load has been manageable, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays we have an extra 40 minutes to complete our homework and to meet with teachers if we have questions. Although students may not want to do their homework, it strengthens their minds and makes it easier for them to complete other homework in the future. Homework can seem like a burden, but it is a blessing in disguise.



How Lockers Work

By Joseph Qian

How do you view your locker? Is it just another aspect of the B Hall? Or is it that savage that swallows your books and homework? One thing's for sure: it works. The locker keeps your stuff *locked* in it until you need it. But how does the lock work? What is that stuff inside the lock, and how is it affected by the dial?

You will need to know all the parts of the lock, preferably ahead of time. Lockers have combination locks, which uses a wheel pack, a set of wheels that work together to allow you to open the locker, with a fence, or pretty much a small metal rod, above it. The dial on the locker is attached to a spindle, which runs through a few wheels and a drive cam with a tab attached to it called the drive pin. There is one wheel per number in the combination, so most of us should have three wheels. The wheels have a notch and two tabs, called wheel flies on each side of it, and if you spin the dial, the drive pin will eventually touch the wheel fly. The drive pin will spin the first wheel, which will spin the next wheel, until all the wheels are spinning. This is called picking up the wheels, and it's also why you need to pass the first number in your combination twice. When you stop at the first number in the combination and spin in the other direction, you leave all the tabs in certain places. Spinning past the next number only once will ensure that you pick up the other two wheels but not the last one. You don't want that to happen, because the previously mentioned notch is aligned with the fence. Stopping at the second number will leave all the wheels, then the first wheel will be picked up. When you stop, assuming you stop on the right number, the fence should fall into the 'gutter' created by the notches, allowing the bolt to slide up and open the locker. And by the way, don't even think about using this information to hack a locker.

Say CHEEEEESE!

By Alex von Fuchs

Did you smile?! BCS picture day was on September 15, in the wrestling room. Don't worry if you missed it because retakes are on October 26. Did you dress nice? Because the pictures will be in the year book. The year books will be handed out on the last weeks of school. You can buy a 3x5, 5x7 8x10 picture or a wallet sized one. Packages are also available, and student ID's are free. Pick up your order form(s) right now at the front desk. Make sure to say thank you to Vakker portraits for taking wonderful



Normal Schedule

By Theo Crowe

Students schedules and clubs are very important so you should have all the information you need on them. First is the students schedule. We interviewed Mr. Olson on how students can get to classes on time and why they decided to have long days and short days. These are some of the things he suggested to us; if you don't want to be late to class you should memorize your schedule, keep a copy on hand, and manage your personal schedule. The reason why the school decided to have long days and short days is so that teachers can teach over a longer period of time and so that they can get more stuff done.

We Love the Deli Ladies

By Collin Neal

Ms. Amy Miller runs the deli and she does a good job doing it. She has been working here for about 10 years, the first 5 years were part-time and the last five years she has been working full-time. Before this she ran a daycare service at her house so she could be with her kids. She chose to work at the deli because her kids were coming to the school here and she got all the holidays and summer off.

Her favorite part of the job is the kids that she can get to know and serve. Her favorite food at the deli is the taco salad. The deli also has no limit to buying doughnuts or cookies. Some people bought whole boxes of doughnuts for their class. Yes, you can do that... as long as you have enough money!

The Amazing Race *By Katelyn DeJonge*

Do you like games and riddles? Do you like races and competition? Then come on down for the Amazing Race! This is an after school night event planned by the student council. It will be held on Thursday, November 3rd from 6:30-8:30. This is a night that will feature scavenger hunts, riddles, mazes, basketball, cheeseball and ice cream. There will be games all over school, and if you finish you will get ice cream. Find some friends, check your calendar, and come on out for a very, very fun night!



Office Hours *By Gabe Eilers*

Office Hours is a designated time for students to make up late work, instead of spending precious class time. Office hours starts at 2:13 and ends at 2:55 on even days. First you check in to your classroom assigned to you by your last name. Once checked in tell your teacher the class you need to go to, to make up your missing test/quiz. If you are not missing a quiz or test, you stay in your assigned classroom and do your homework or maybe read a book.

Club Time *By Theo Crowe*

Clubs are the student's way of getting out energy and also doing something that you love in school. By now all of you have joined a club or so we hope, and learned the gist of what you do in these clubs but some of you may be wondering what you do in other clubs. We talked to people from every club to be able to get to know what you do in other people's clubs; these are our findings. In the Board games club you do board games, strategy games, and socialize. In the Co-Op gaming club, you pit your skills against others in video games along with the help of your teammates. In creative writing you create inspirational writings pieces and other pieces of writing. For The DIY club you make cool creations and learn the skills of making do with what you have. The HW club is pretty self-explanatory, you do homework but this is also a time for you to catch up on missing work and studying for tests. In Intramural you run around play games and get out all the energy you might have just built up inside of you. Jazz club is a club were you get to play and learn new music and also you get to improvise on pieces of music that you like.

Girls Volleyball *By Emily Furr*

The Junior High Girls Volleyball teams have been very successful this season. The Division 2 team has won two games and lost two games. The Division 1 team has been undefeated so far this season. Players from both of the teams have said that the games are very exciting! If you want to go watch one of their games they are during the week at different schools and churches. You can find out where and when the BCS volleyball games are if you check the BCS website. The volleyball team works very hard. They have very tiring practices for an hour and a half at First Presbyterian Church. You should try to make it to one of their games because you will be so entertained. The Junior High Girls Volleyball is the team to beat this year!

Boys Soccer

By Marshall Montgomery

Boys soccer is about building unity between everyone and to have fun. And to even learn some skills. It can be very challenging if you make it. If you go out on the field with a good attitude, then you will have fun and will do good.

Cooper Stepanian is the left defender and left midfield. He is on the D1 soccer team. He loves it. His coach is Mr. Walters who is also the 7th grade science and Bible teacher. What he really likes about playing with some friends from school is that they can connect as a team and get to know each other by playing on a team together.



Girls Soccer

By Lily Reynolds

All 7th and 8th grade girls were invited to sign up for Jr. High girls soccer. Right away 9 committed girls signed up and went to sacred heart field and practiced hard for two weeks. By the time their first game came, they still only had nine players. They had recruited two more girls but they hadn't gotten their physicals in to Mr. DeJonge so they couldn't play in the first two games. Most game days the team got to have early release at 2:20 P.M. to be on time to their games. The team has been improving throughout the season. So far they lost their first game to SAAS, by far the best team in the A-league, 5-0. One week later they came out to their game and beat Forest Ridge 1-2.

One of the goalies for the girls team is Alissa Davis, she says her favorite part of playing for the team is being with friends and getting early release on game days. Alissa's favorite positions to play are goalie and defense. The reason Alissa signed up to play for the BCS JH girls soccer team is because she loves soccer, it's her favorite sport, its great exercise and good practice.

Cross Country

By James Gibson

What's the best way to get from place to place? If you just said (or thought) running, then Cross Country is the sport for you. The BCS Junior High Cross Country team practices every day (except Friday) to perfect their running skills. The team of eleven students runs on grass, sidewalks (because of the schools' location), and the track around the field.

Coach Julia Cole hopes that the team will be able to place at the Cross Country Championships this year, and she has hopes for all of them. "They are an energetic group of kids," she says, "I really enjoy the team, and they're all hard workers."

If you're thinking about Cross Country, then you should "Do it," as Coach Cole said. "It's hard to run at first, but as you run it becomes easier and you get better. [It's fun for] people who enjoy being fit, want to build their endurance, and people who like having fun."



Carter Landahl & Caden Tuson
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Chapel Life

By Matthew Wehrle

I asked Mr. Olson a few questions about chapel this year. I asked him "what do you like about chapel so far this year?" And he said "I like that the kids are bonding and making new friends and that we get to learn and worship God." He also said that chapel is going to improve throughout year because we get to have so many speakers that speak about God that we will have so much knowledge about God later in the year, and we will know more songs and more people. I also asked him "how do you think chapel affects the students?" And he said that students learn a lot about God in chapel and that being around other believers make our faith stronger throughout the year. Then he added that he loves seeing students worship God and learn new things, and that we don't just worship God in chapel but outside of chapel. He sees people being very kind and loving this year. Thanks Mr. Olson!

**Let us
Fix our
Eyes on
Jesus**

Hebrews 12:2

Carnival

By Spencer Rankin

The carnival will take place on Friday, October 21st at the Clyde hill campus. The event will last from 5:30-8:30. All BCS campuses are welcome! There will be an inflatable slide, high school-run booths with games and food, dinner, face paint, spirit wear, photography, cake walks, and the junior high drama will put on little performances.

Mrs. Haller, who is organizing the carnival, said: "this event is a "fun-raiser." The participants buy tickets to fund-raise the HS booth groups. She also said: "it's a community event. Everybody participates. There are usually 1,000 people there!" Please attend! There will be the pre-selling of tickets and mail cards. Once again, please attend! Your support in the carnival fun-raiser is always appreciated.

New Student Profile

By Cooper Stepanian

At BCS we have a lot of new students, but there is one student that was interviewed about what he thinks for this year and his name is Marshall Montgomery. Marshall is excited this year about being smart again. He went to The Bear Creek School in Redmond. He has a running record of 5 concussions. Apparently he likes lunch because that is his favorite subject. His favorite sport is soccer because of the athletic ability it requires. Marshall loves the deli and his favorite food there are doughnuts. With that doughnut he likes chocolate milk more than white milk.



High School Football Go Vikings!

By Jordan Gray

The BCS High School Football team is for 9-12th graders. They play in the Nisqually League and the other League schools they play against are Cascade Christian, Vashon, Charles Wright Academy, Klahowya, Coupeville, Chima-cum, and Port Townsend. The High School team practices Monday-Friday usually from after school until 6pm. They practice on the BCS grass field on Campus, home games are played at lake Washington High School. Their games are on Friday and Saturday nights. It is very important to have team support for the team because they do their best when they have people supporting them. Bellevue Christian School has had football since 2011 and they are still playing now. Their next home game is on Saturday, October 15 at 7:00pm against Coupeville.

Early Release? How About It? *By Johann de Villiers*

Don't most people think early-release is a great thing to have? Don't you always feel like you have all the time in the world when you come home at about two o'clock to finish homework and do whatever you want? But wouldn't it be even greater if you could have that feeling every Wednesday of school? I'm pretty sure it would. That's why I think Bellevue Christian School should have early-release every Wednesday, like most other schools in the area do.

Coming home on Wednesday a few hours before the normal release times would give students so much time to finish all our homework, and then do even more afterwards, unless a teacher is feeling particularly nasty on homework that day. When asked, a seventh grader at our school that did this at his previous school thinks it would be a great idea to have dismissal just a few hours earlier. He said that students would have more time for homework, and teachers would have much more time to work on any lessons that they plan for the next few days. This student also said that 1:00 to 1:30 would probably be an ideal time for dismissal. He did include that the negatives of this early release would be that he would miss some class time that would probably be needed for more learning time.

For most students, and some teachers, early dismissal every week would prove to be a great opportunity to catch up on work, and have more time at home. Most schools in the area have Wednesday early release, so it wouldn't be abnormal to make the switch. Some people might enjoy this a lot; others might not think so, so how do you feel?

Welcome Mr. Kuiper

by Grace Sigl

Mr. Kuiper is one of our new teachers at BCS this year. He is teaching 8th grade English, JH foods, and JH yearbook. He grew up in Nebraska and some of his hobbies are watching good movies, playing board games, playing outdoors with his kids, and is currently working on a novel.

Mr. Kuiper's favorite thing to teach is creative writing. His favorite thing about teaching here at BCS is being on a faculty that pursues Christian education. The reason why Mr. Kuiper

wanted to teach here at BCS is because he felt a calling to be in this area and help students find their identity and calling. Mr. Kuiper is also blown away by the BCS community and that we all have a goal based around a Christian education. We are all very excited to have Mr. Kuiper join our BCS community.

Welcome Ms. Cotton

By Olivia Betts

Ms. Cotton is a new teacher this year. She teaches seventh and eighth grade math. Ms.

Welcome Mr. Dunning

By Kalie Davis

How do you get from Hong Kong to Bellevue Christian School? Bellevue Christian School's new superintendent Mr. Dunning, last taught in Hong Kong before he came to BCS! Our new superintendent grew up in Brockwood, Illinois and the first school he ever taught at was in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Dunning sure had to move a lot in his life! The only schools he has ever taught at has been Christian schools which is pretty amazing!

Mr. Dunning says the thing he remembers most about Junior High is when he was playing sports. He says he loves Bellevue Christian School because of the willing students and the faith in each other. Our superintendent wants to improve our technology, our curriculum at Bellevue Christian School, and our facilities here at Bellevue Christian School. BCS has a great new superintendent!

Cotton's favorite part about teaching at Bellevue Christian School is getting to know all of her students and when she explains something her students understand it. Ms. Cotton grew up in Kenmore, Washington and her favorite hobby is leading Young Life. She hasn't done this in a while but she also likes to ride her unicycle. Ms. Cotton wanted to teach at BCS because she didn't just want to be teaching the kids addition and subtraction, she wanted to actually get to know her students and their stories and share her story with us. I have Ms. Cotton for a seventh grade math teacher and she is awesome!
