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Sambica Ropes Course *by Katelyn DeJonge*

The Sambica Ropes Course was by far a fan favorite! Asking around, just about everyone seems to have had enjoyed it. This was a fun experience because we were challenged to get out of our comfort zones as well as have a good time!

After taking attendance and making sure all the chaperones were there, we boarded the bus and awaited a super fun day! Once we were on Sambica grounds, we were split into 2 groups and one group headed up to the course while the others went to do team-building. I talked to Jordan Missad about her experience and she said "I enjoyed challenging myself to climb up into the trees," as well as, "I was proud of myself for doing it and relieved to be on the ground at the same time." As for her favorite obstacle she said "I likes the Floating Islands because you stood on it but you felt like you were going to fall but you didn't.

Mrs. Graves, who was spectating on the ground as a chaperone, said, "It was good to see everybody challenge themselves." She was also with us when we were doing the teambuilding. She said, "I was impressed that you guys were able to complete the challenges, and people took clear leadership." This was an overall awesome ropes course, it challenged us, and made us rely on other people, too. I had such a great time and hope everyone else did too.

A Day at the Zoo

by Martin von Fuchs

On May 10th-12th the seventh graders split up into groups for the 3 day experience. On one of those of a group went to the Woodland Park Zoo. The experience was awesome. Kids got to go around the zoo looking at the animals and learning about their natural habitats and relating that information to what they learned in class. Many kids had a great time including the chaperones. "The animals were really active and we had a lot of great views of them," said Marian von Fuchs, one of the chaperones. "The cooler weather did not seem to bother the animals at all," she added. Most seventh graders enjoyed the zoo and the whole experience was made possible thanks to the Service Learning Department, teachers, bus drivers, and parent volunteers.



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by Alex von Fuchs

The seventh graders had an awesome time at the three-day experience on May 10th through 12th. One of the three days for the three-day experience was a day of service. The seventh grade was split up in three different groups, one for each day, then one large group was split up four ways and served 4 organizations, or disabled people. Some of the organizations are, Congregation for the Homeless, Jubilee Reach, and Acres of Diamonds. We served these organizations by doing yard work, making food, and donating food we served the disabled by doing chores that they were unable to do. We did this to help others in the community, and also learn what it means to serve. This was made possible by the BCS Service Learning Department and teachers, bus drivers, and many parent volunteers.

Another 8th Grade State Trip is in the Books by John Wehrle

The eighth graders recently got back from State Trip. State Trip is where the eighth graders are split up into groups and go explore the regions around Washington state. State Trip started on May 9th and ended on May 12th. Here's what Joe Sweeney had to say about his experience.

Q: What region did your group go to in Washington?

A: Southwest region

Q: How did you like the chaperones?

A: I liked the chaperones because they interacted with us the students.

Q: What was your favorite part of state trip and why?

A: We got to go to a fire station and got to ride in the truck I liked this because it was my first time inside a truck and I got to look at all the equipment that the firefighters use.

Q: How did you grow as an individual during this time?

A: I learned how to be flexible and use all my resources to the fullest while with my group.

Q: What would you tell a current seventh grader going on State Trip next year?

A: Don't judge your group before you get to know them.

Q: How did you like your group and would you rather be in a group or just go alone as a family?

A: I liked being in a group because I worked well with them by being flexible and using my resources to the fullest.

Ping Pong Tournament 2 by Melanie Jump

The Junior High student council ran the ping-pong tournament on Monday, May 22nd-Thursday, May 25th. 24 people signed up for the tournament and John Wehrle won. It was located on the stage in the commons during Junior High lunch. Student Council did another ping-pong tournament because it was a fun, community building event. John Wehrle and Matthew Wehrle were the final two and the final score was 15 to 10. John Wehrle, the winner was asked, "Do you play ping-pong out of school?" He said, "I have played

ping-pong out of school before but not on a consistent basis." Then he was asked, "When did you start playing ping-pong or tried it for the first time?" John said, "I tried it for the first time after I started playing tennis so about 4 years ago and it was pretty easy to pick up." He then was asked, "Did you play in the first tournament last semester, if yes how did you do?" John replied, "Yeah, but I had to forfeit because I was sick for 2 days in a row."



Mr. Walters *by Kendall Temp*

Everybody knows Mr. Walters. He is the seventh grade science and Bible teacher. But do you really know Mr. Walters? Mr. Walters used to be an author and a pastor. The book Mr. Walters wrote is *One Aryan Nation Under God: How Religious Extremists Use the Bible to Justify their Beliefs*. He started writing his book in Roundup, Montana. By the time Mr. Walters book was published he was living in Tacoma Washington.

Mr. Walters didn't have an easy time preaching though. He was threatened multiple times; people spray painted his van saying Jew Lover, and he was almost sued for an 100 billion dollars. The bright side is that his book won the 1999 minster/scholar award. Mr. Walters is an awesome science teacher and an awesome bible teacher. I hope to grow up to be like him some day.



8th Grade Graduation is Coming! *by Kalie Davis*

On June 12th at 7pm, the eighth graders of Bellevue Christian School are going to be celebrated for going into high school at the Bellevue Presbyterian Church. It is a formal ceremony and there will be a teacher speaker that a student committee will vote on. The students on the committee will open the ceremony in prayer, read scriptures, announce the speaker, and share reflections to the audience. The eighth graders will be promoted onto high school by receiving a certificate. The ceremony is formal and it has a dress code. Family and friends will enjoy watching their 8th graders move on to high school.

Eighth grader Ashleigh Steedman says that she is very excited about finishing the year strong and finishing the last step before high school. However, she says that she is nervous about being on stage. She says that in high school she is excited about meeting new people and learning how to speak French.



Fidget Spinners

by Gabe Eilers

Fidget spinners are supposedly a stress and fidget reliever for kids that have tendency to fidget. They first started appearing at BCS at the beginning of 2nd semester. After that the spinner trend spread like the plague. People like these toys because they are fun and addicting to play with, not a fidget reliever. Some teachers have banned spinners because they are noisy and distracting, the complete opposite of the spinners purpose. Spinners have a downside and an upside. Some pros are that they are fun to play with and if used properly could help focus. Some cons are that spinners aren't used to concentrate by anyone. If the spinner is spinning the student is most likely not paying attention. Overall the Spinners are a fun fidget toy but can be distracting.

The Taming of the Shrew Performance

by Leila Schielke

On Tuesday, May 9th, the Seattle Shakespeare Company came to Bellevue Christian School and performed *The Taming of a Shrew* in the Commons. They travel to schools around Washington. They had six actors and more than six parts. Some of the play was even in Spanish! They decided to make the show bilingual when they traveled to different parts of Washington where many of the people speak Spanish.

Cate Yip, a seventh grader at BCS who saw the play, said, "I thought the play was quite entertaining and humorous. The actors really captured what the main characters were feeling throughout the play. My favorite part was when the husbands had their wives compete for the best wife. Something that was pretty cool was the small amount of props, costumes, and actors that were needed to put the play together."

Last year the Seattle Shakespeare Company came and performed *Romeo and Juliet*. We are hoping they will join us next year to perform another one of Shakespeare's wonderful works.

The 12 Angry Jurors

by Talia Burnett

Three showings of "The 12 Angry Jurors" took place in the BCS Commons on June 1st and June 2nd from 7:30 to 9:00, and June 3rd from 3:00 to 4:30.

"It's a mystery," says Emily Elbert, acting as Juror #2 in the play. The play challenges Emily to step out of her comfort zone on the stage. She learns a lot from the play and from having to memorize lots of lines for the play.

"You have to read it A LOT," says Emily. Sometimes it can take hours to memorize all of the lines. All of the actors work really hard to make this play look really good!



All About Track

by Jordan Missad

The final track meet was on May 5, 2017 at West Seattle Stadium. It was the only track meet where place ribbons were awarded.

Katelyn DeJonge was a three time 1st place winner who participated in hurdles, long jump, relays, and the 100-meter dash. She said the things she enjoyed about track practices were "the Coaches challenged us with workouts but also included fun activities at practice that helped us improve at meets." This is her first year running Track, but she is excited to start again next year and is, "Ready to win more!"

Final Junior High Band and Choir Concert

by Jonathan Barrios & Ana Becker

On Monday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m., the Bellevue Christian Junior High choir and band will be having a concert. Together they will be performing "Homeward Bound". The choir will be performing a few other songs such as "Winds", "Stars", and "Elijah Rock". The band will be performing "Great Locomotive Chase", "The Lord of the Rings", and "Washington Post March". This will be the final band and choir concert. So far this year the choir has had three other concerts and one festival, and the band has had three other concerts and two festivals.

Dodge Ball Tournament

by Gavin Thoreson

Immediately following the Ping Pong Tournament, the Junior High Student Council started a dodge ball tournament for some lunch time fun at the end of the year. Sign-ups were posted in the B Hall prior to Memorial Day. The bracket was created and games have been played during lunchtime in the gym. The question is, who will win?

Longer Lunch? by Zachary Potthoff

Have you ever noticed or wondered why 7th period is ten minutes longer than all of our other classes on 1-7 days? When asked why this was, Mr. Olson, the assistant principal, said, "The time is for announcements. Although it is more for the high school, the Jr. High and High School must have 4 of 7 classes the same, so the Jr. High teachers can use that time however they want." I think that instead of that extra ten minutes, we should have 45 minute 7th period and 45 minute lunch. This would give us another long lunch day, meaning that open gym could be added. It also works out because the open gym attendant, Mr. Pridmore, has a 5th period class after that anyway, so he could just get here a bit early and do open gym.

Many students said that those extra ten minutes were not used for announcements, 60% of people said that their 7th period teachers don't do announcements, while only 20% of people said their teachers only sometimes do the announcements. Leaving another 20% of the 50 people surveyed saying that their teachers do the announcements in class. It may be a bit late in the year to modify the schedule now, but hopefully it will be thought about in the scheduling process next year.

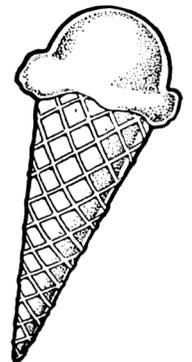
Sudoku #315 (Easy)

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Night Event

by Ashley Lemery

On Friday, June 9th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm there will be a night event for the incoming 7th and 8th graders. Student Council is organizing this event is to get the 6th graders comfortable with the school and to connect the 6th and 7th grade. There will be a scavenger hunt around the school, a game of infection, snacks and ice cream and popsicles.



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Sudoku #315 (Easy)

The BHall *by Alex Edwards*

To make it through the Bhall
It requires much skill and care
If you wish to make it through alive;
To make it from here to there.

First you dodge the acid rain
And avoid the lava spikes
But if you get all turned around
You'll be in for quite a fright

You'd have to dodge the swinging apes
And roll under the laser beams
But you'd best beware the rows of lockers
They aren't quite what they seem

For with tentacles and poisons
And the lost art of combinations.
They are filled with many deadly things
The product of evil machinations.

But you have to beat this final beast
If you wish to make it through
You'll have to slay the homework monster
Before it all is due

He has claws made of late slips
And eyes filled with grades
His bite will give you paper cuts
So best turn him in today.

So as you gaze down the Bhall
With lasers, spikes and more –
It's best you turn yourself around
And exit out the door.



The Smell *by Chloe Ng, Allen*

Qiu, Audrey Ochs, Melanie Jump

My gym bag is emitting
A strange kind of smell
Something's smelling nasty
But what I cannot tell

Maybe it's the gym shorts
From last week's soccer game
Or maybe it's the gym shoes
With the bright discolored stain

The very moldy sandwich
Could always be the source
But it might be the
Stinky socks of course

I can't wait any longer
The mystery must stop here
I started searching through
My gym bag in hopes it would appear

Seeing something in my gym bag
I thought to thank my cat
For underneath my jersey
There lay a long-dead cat.

Summer Opportunities for Learning and Fun!

Wooden O Shakespeare in the Park - FREE
<http://www.seattleshakespeare.org/woodeno/>

Teen Tix - \$5
<http://www.teentix.org/>

Out to lunch summer concert series
<http://www.downtownseattle.com/Summer/otl/>

Bellevue Art Museum – free first Friday of every month
<http://www.bellevuearts.org/>

Beach Naturalist Program
<http://www.seattleaquarium.org/beach-naturalist>

