

# The Diking Chronicle

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## Camp Gilead *by Jesse De Jong*

Camp Gilead was a fun event planned by your student council. It was a great experience for a lot of people. The Camp Gilead retreat on September 15 was a retreat out to Carnation for a lot of fun games and adventures to be had. At 8:45 the entire Junior High loaded on 3 buses and settled in for a thirty minute drive to camp. When we arrived it was a cool day and you could feel the excitement in the air. We filed into the auditorium and the leaders split it into 12 groups classified by candy and were set out to their first game. There was an assortment of games anywhere from dodge ball to canoe races.

There were lots of games. Even though this event happened over a week ago the students still had a lot to say about the experience. Resident 7th grader Gavin Hill said the experience was “fun and a great way to spend a school day.” The event took place to build community in the Junior High. During the event all the Junior High students were gathered and split into 12 teams lead by a student council member. Over the course of an hour all 12 groups played an assortment of games. After the hour we had lunch and after lunch was free time. Time to experience any of the stations again. A lot of people went to do the canoe races again. But too many people on one pond never works out and a lot of people ended up wet and miserable. The thirty minute bus ride back felt longer than the way there only because a lot of people were cold and wet.

A lot of people still had things to say even a week after the event. Quinn Myhre said, “It was wet and exciting with a hint of cold.” Camp Gilead was a fun event that many people will get to enjoy in the future.



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## Meet Your Student Council *by Katie Alteio*

Your 2017 1<sup>st</sup> semester Student council consists of 18 leaders all voted by the student body. I asked these eighteen leaders 2 questions- what they bring to student council and what leadership means to them. These 18 leaders got to student council by demonstrating leadership all through the previous years and the students and teachers noticed this by voting for them. Your leaders are 1. Katelyn DeJonge 2. Sophia Bold 3. Johann De Viellers 4. Ana Becker 5. Ashley Lemery 6. Emily Furr 7. Melanie Jump 8. Brett Olson 9. Josiah Clark 10. Jackson Spouse 11. Megan Lemery 12. Madison Rulon 13. Kalie Davis 14. Katie Alteio 15. Sofia Soderburg 16. Martin Von Fuchs 17. Jaun Gatchalian 18. Zachary Potthoff

“What do you bring to student Council?” Katelyn- I bring public speaking and leadership. Sophia- Creative ideas and leadership. Johann- I bring good ideas. Ana- A positive attitude and leadership. Ashley- I bring energy. Emily- I bring leadership, organization, and ideas. Melanie- I bring leadership, organization, and good ideas. Brett- Leadership, imagination and good ideas. Josiah- I bring responsibility, and a little bit of star wars. Jackson- I bring an open mind, creativity. and a chance to think about different ideas. Megan - I bring to student council organization and a good attitude to student council. Madison- A positive attitude and I am always willing to help others. Kalie- I bring a positive attitude and kindness. Katie- A positive attitude and I am open to new ideas. Sofia- I feel honored



to be a part of such an amazing group of students that love and glorify God. As I come into this class I hope to bring an open mind and an open heart to others ideas and opinions. I also try to keep a positive attitude that reflects my love for Jesus as I enter any classroom especially student council. Martin- I bring a good attitude, hard

work and experience. Juan- I bring is a good attitude and helpful thoughts. I like to help plan events for people to have fun. Zachary- I bring ideas, leadership, hard work and creativity.

“What does leadership mean to you?” Katelyn- Setting a good example. Sophia- Not being bossy and puttin yourself on their level and be there for them. Johann – Leadership is knowing what to do/say at the right time. Anna – Leadership is setting a good example for others and hoping others will follow. Ashley – Leadership is setting an example for others and not bragging, being open to new ideas. Emily – Leadership is bringing your best effort and best ideas to help plan something wonderful. Melanie – Working your hardest to get the best outcome of your event. Brett – Leadership is a way to give people an example to be like. Josiah – Stepping up and serving when others will not. Jackson - I think leadership is a lot of different

things. For example, leadership could be teaching those who need teaching or leadership could be being a guide for those who need a little bit of help. Even something like being a friend for someone in need. I think this is easy to execute in school because there are a lot of opportunities, like helping someone who doesn't understand something in class, showing someone around campus, or someone is going through a bit of a hard time, by listening, talking and helping them through it. Megan – Leadership means that you are there to help and guide others towards God. Madison – Leadership means a kind and helpful person. Kalie – Leadership means someone showing others the right way to do things and someone who acts humble and can lead others in a positive way. Katie – Leadership means being a good example and pointing others toward God and acting like Christ did. Sophia – Leadership means the ability to love and guide others in the reflection of Christ. I try to lead others in the mindset of being a kind, loving example. Martin – Leadership means putting others first and helping guide others and encourage others to a positive, mutual goal. Juan – Leadership is leading people in the right direction so that people have fun and lead people closer to God spiritually. Zachary – Leadership means you work hard, can take charge when needed and inspire others to strive for a goal.

This is your 1<sup>st</sup> semester student council!

## **First Day of School Anxieties**

*by Abby Moehring*

Savanna Taylor is a seventh grade student at Bellevue Christian School. Savanna is also on the soccer team. She was excited for the first day of school, to get to see her friends that she missed over the summer and being able to get to meet new people. The morning before the first day of school she was nervous but still looking forward to the day, and meeting her new teachers. She was ready to get out of elementary school! She wasn't nervous about getting her locker open, she was more nervous about finding her classes. She said it overall has turned out really good. She loves all her teachers, and she loves being on the soccer team. She has also improved on getting her locker open. Now she's looking forward to an exciting and great seventh grade year!

## **Picture Day** *by Elise Tjoelker*

On Thursday, September 14, both the Jr. High and High School rotated through the MPR for school picture day. Vakker Portraits was kind enough to come and take pictures of the students and staff at our school. These photos will go into the yearbook, on Renweb, and if your parents purchased any, then they will go to your family. If you looked like a wreck on picture day or you missed it then you can have a second chance on Thursday, October 19.

## **Excitement in the Open Gym** *by Denmar Collins*

On Wednesdays and Friday on normal weeks at 11:30 to 11:55 there is going to be an open gym. JH students are allowed to come in the gym; food and shoes are not allowed in the gym and Mr. Pridmore is going to hand out basketballs and volleyballs. Open gym is a good time to play with your friends and it gives you something to do during lunch period.

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## **Early Release Days now on Tuesdays!**

*by Elise Tjoelker*

Have you wondered why early release isn't on Wednesday anymore? Since Tuesday's only have 3 classes and Wednesdays have 4 it is easier to end earlier on Tuesday. On September 26 all students were let out early so teachers could plan lessons and collaborate with other teachers. There are 5 more early release days throughout the year, once in each of these months: October, January, March, April, and May. Early releases will have 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> period, then they will have a short break before 6<sup>th</sup>, and then school will be let out at 12:55. All BCS campuses will have early release on these days.

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## **The D.C. Trip** *by Conner Sapp*

Why we are going on the D.C. trip? We are going on the D.C. trip for educational purposes and to connect with fellow classmates. The D.C trip is from June 16 -20<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Also, the deadline to turn it in is today, October 2nd. What do you do on the D.C. trip? You go to the Washington Monument and outside the White House, apparently you used to be able to go in and now you can't for some reason. You get to stay at a hotel share a room and have fun meeting new friends. I asked Mr. Olson how he felt going there for the first time and he said the first time was really fun. They saw so many famous sites and really experienced American history and he was a little nervous leading the trip, as he lead as many as 40 people in a group. The trip started 6 years ago with 8 graders that are now freshman in college. WOW right!

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## Running is Fun

by Taylor Franklin

Cross Country is a great time to make friends, get better at running and have fun. Coach Rachael, the cross country coach, had a few words to say about JH cross country. Coach Racheal started coaching JH cross country 12 years ago. Coach Bean, the old cross country coach needed to retire and Coach Racheal thought, "It might be fun to fill in for him." Coach Racheal said that she enjoys running because it gives you discipline, it keeps you healthy, it helps you accomplish things, it keeps you happy and when you work hard it helps you accomplish other things in life. Being on the cross country team I know that coach Racheal is an experienced, accomplished runner. Coach says that it is important for kids to stay active because it helps you make friends, it helps you keep healthy and it helps you manage time. The cross country season stretches through the second week of October. I know it will be a great season if we work hard, get better and most of all, we have fun!



## Girls Soccer by Lisa Wang

Girls Soccer is a fun and challenging sport, girls can learn the teamwork by playing the game. In Bellevue Christian School, there are 22 girls on the soccer team. The girls have had two games already; they lost the first game and won the second game.

Mr. Pridmore, the girls soccer coach, is very satisfied with the girl's teamwork. Furthermore, he wants the girls to improve on some skills of soccer.

Lauren Derheim, one of the 22 girls on the team, chose and loves to play soccer because she had a lot of fun playing soccer, and also because it's challenging and you can learn a lot about teamwork. Although the girls lost the first game they had, Lauren did a great job in the game, she shot several balls in. The favorite position of Lauren is Center forward, and she thinks she is best at this position. Moreover, she thinks that she need to improve on the skills of tackler. "Bellevue Christian sports is a place to be unified with others who want to be closer to God through sports," said Lauren Derheim.

## Excitement on the Field by Quinn Myhre

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of September at 5:15 the BCS soccer team started on an unhappy note by losing 4-2 against Bear Creek. The BCS Vikings seem to be in a rebuilding year. As the season continues, despite their struggles, we hope that they are learning new skills to come back even stronger next year.



## Bump! Set! Spike!

by Cianna Brady

A new start to the school year means a new start to fall sports. Girls Junior High Volleyball has been doing great this season. It is a great way to hang out with your friends after school. You also learn a lot about the sport, and how to work as a team. D1, D2, and D3 are the teams for Junior High Volleyball. Shari Dunn coaches D1, and Melissa Dideriksen coaches D2 and D3. Practices for all the teams are Monday through Thursday, starting at 3:15 and ending at 4:45. They practice in the gym at First Presbyterian Church. Junior High Volleyball builds friendships and is a great way to interact with people.

## Mrs. Walker—Tech Teacher *by Gavin Hill*

Mrs. Walker is the Junior High technology teacher. She came over from Three Points in the middle of last year.

How has your experience at BCS (Jr. High) been so far? *My experience at BCS Jr. High has been a blessing. I believe that I am right in the center of God's will for this season of my life.*

What have you found to be the most fun part about being at the Jr. High? *The most fun part of being at the Jr. High is seeing many of the students that I came to know and love from the Elementary school level.*

How has the Jr. High been different from Three-points? *Jr. High at BCS is different from Three Points Elementary because my role has changed into a teaching role from a primarily administrative role. I am caring for the students in a different capacity now than in the past.*

Has the Jr. High brought you in any way closer to God? *Jr. High has definitely brought me closer in my relationship with the Lord by demanding that I depend wholly on God to bring Him glory in my responsibilities as a teacher. My desire is that I am able to share God with all whom I encounter and make this my mission. I want my work to be to God's glory and not strictly about teaching technology content because I am well aware that only the things that we do to glorify God will last.*

Who has been your favorite staff member to meet and talk with? *I don't really have favorites, but if I had to choose one person who has shared the love of Christ with me, I would say it was Natalie Foster. She demonstrates what it means to share the light of Christ in a work environment. She is patient and always greets me with a positive attitude. She is helpful and never dismissive.*

How has felt being at a different school than your son La-Mont the past few years (1 1/2)? *This is my first month without La-Mont being at BCS, and I can say that it concerned me much the closer we came to the start of school. Then it was revealed to me, through answered prayer that I must trust in God for His guidance, protection and wisdom with LaMont's wellbeing, just as I must trust His will in all things. So I am trusting God each moment of every day and that make missing him a little less painful.*

Have you felt a different connection at the Jr. High to the students then the elementary? *I wouldn't describe feeling a different connection to the Jr. High students than with the Elementary student. Rather, I would say that myself and the students have matured in our relationship with one another. We have gotten to know one another better as time has passed. This is what makes it different.*

Has one student (or class) made a significant impact on your life? *Tough question to answer because everyone and everything has an impact on my life, whether I recognize it as big or small. Only time will tell but it is my hope that through my tenure here at BCS I am able to visibly see where God has used me to draw others to Him for all of eternity.*

When did you make the decision to go to the Jr. High? *I made the decision to go the Jr High when God called me to teach. My answer to God is always Yes! It doesn't matter where, or when, my answer is always Yes! I was invited to teach Computer and Technology-related classes and I have an educational background that supports this area of teaching. It is an amazing privilege to be a part of the spiritual growth and education of God's precious children!*

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## Art Teacher, Javelin Thrower *by Kelsey Diss*

I recently had an interview with Ms. Drake, our art teacher at Bellevue Christian School. Ms. Drake is new to BCS, but she has quite an interesting background.

Her hometown is Sandy, Oregon and she went to college at Western Washington University for Art Education and Teaching where she excelled as both a student and an athlete. In fact, she was declared Female Scholar Athlete of 2017.

Ms. Drake is a championship javelin thrower. She was the first place national champion in both 2014 and 2017. She earned many other awards and honors. She was a senior in 2017 at Western Washington University and started her teaching career at BCS this fall. She decided to teach art because she loves art and wanted to give others the opportunity to love art as well.

I got to know some other interesting facts about Ms. Drake. Her favorite color? Turquoise. Does she collect anything? Rocks. Favorite animal? Too many to name just one.

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## Introducing Mrs. Eble *by Amelia Greene*

Mrs. Eble is the new eighth and ninth grade English teacher and here she tells about her inspirations and personal life! Mrs. Eble went to college at Seattle Pacific University and in her freshman year she realized teaching was her calling. She is a passionate woman who is excited to show Jesus. Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6-7. (Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.) BCS is a safe and cool environment where kids can learn to live for Jesus." Mrs. Eble explained. "My teachers were awesome role models and left a positive impact on me. That's why I chose to become a teacher; I want to influence students in the way my teachers influenced me." Mrs. Eble grew up in Seattle and she loves walking her puppy and the outdoors. She also enjoys exploring new coffee shops along with pizza and ice cream. She had almost entirely lost her voice, yet she answered every question with complete and thoughtful answers. She seems like an excited Christian who is ready to serve Jesus faithfully.

## Life in US vs. Life in China *by Brett Olson*

I interviewed Andrew Wei, he has been in America for approximately three years, but he goes to China every summer. He is from near Hong Kong, China. I asked him, "What is different about BCS than the school you went to in China?" He replied, "In China the teachers and the students are really violent, but in the U.S. and in BCS they are really not violent and the teachers are really nice." Then I asked him to follow up the thought he shared about them being violent. He said, "They bully you, like for example, there is like a group of students and they would just go around and bully you."

I asked him what he liked more about here. He said, "People here know the rules, but in China people just don't care. For example, someone wants to do something bad to you and say no to them but they just don't care and they don't care what you feel. Here the students do care what you feel." I asked when he started being a Christian. He said, "When I was born I was not a Christian, but when I was in fourth grade I came to America, and went to a Christian school in LA. It's called West Valley Christian School, and that is where I began to start being a Christian." I asked him "Do you have anything that you miss about China?" His only answer was, "I miss my friends in China." I asked him, "What is good about the U.S.?" And his answer was "The weather, and at BCS I can make good friends, and everybody knows God."

## Miss Andrea Cotton

*by Marieke Wybenga*

Miss Andrea Cotton went to school at Northwest University. She then became a teacher because she wasn't sure what she wanted to do and she liked it better than the other things she tried. This year is her 5<sup>th</sup> year teaching. Her sister, Caity Cotton, told her about a job opening here at BCS and that she would really like it. Miss A. Cotton also wanted to move back to be near her family. She teaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade honors math and algebra 1 A and B. So far, she is really enjoying her first year teaching at Bellevue Christian School because of how friendly everyone is.

Miss A. Cotton has two sisters. One sister is older and one is younger. She feels like she is closer to Miss Caity Cotton because they have more similar personalities. In her free time, when she is not working, she likes to play/coach volleyball, watch Netflix and drink coffee.

Through her life, she has come closer to God because of how he has moved her life. An example is coming to Bellevue Christian to teach.

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## Board Games Club *by Lucas Wallender*

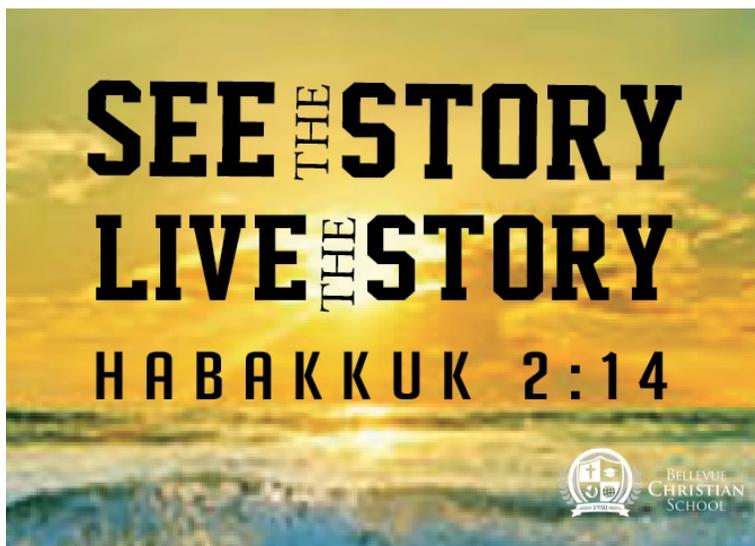
Board Games Club is a great way to improve strategy. Board games club (advised by Mrs. Montzingo) is in room 105 on even days. When I asked a student what types of possible benefits a person could receive from playing board games as a class activity, they replied saying "It is beneficial to exercise the brain in a different way than usual like homework." When I asked why, they told me that exercises for the brain can increase the intelligence quotient, which is important for learning.

Board games have many benefits to intelligence. They help with spacial reasoning, strategic thinking, stress relief, and more. Easy exercising of the brain and solving minor problems helps students ease into homework. Strategic thinking is a necessity in all service and sales companies and board games is a start to a great career and business life.

## Chapel Fun

*by Olivia Turpin*

Chapel leadership is group of people who plan chapel. The team consists of six students, Sarah Alteio, Jonathon Barrios, Megan Lemery, Olivia Turpin, and Wendy Zylstra. The woman who leads this group is Ms. Montzingo. This is a new class this year and its one semester. I signed up for chapel leadership because I thought it would be a fun experience and I wanted to be a part of chapel. We are looking for greeters. So if you want to greet then talk to Ms. Montzingo or anyone on the team and we would gladly set that up for you.



### Sudoku #337 (Easy)

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### Get to Know Keon

*by Austin Harrison*

Keon Saburi is a 13 year old 7<sup>th</sup> grader who used to live in Japan where he attended ASIJ American School before he came to BCS. His mom works as an S.A.S teacher at the school.

Keon says BCS is great. I asked him what his favorite elective was he said it was band in which he plays the bass clarinet. Keon Saburi so far has had a good experience at BCS and if you haven't met him yet, introduce yourself.

## Woodwinds, Brass and This Year's Band *by Josiah Clark*

Band is an exciting, and innovating class to take, here at the BCS Band room, and this year's band concert is coming up! October 30, 2017. (More info below.) Ms. Reynolds will be featured in this article, and her comments about this year's band. Ms. Reynolds also talks about how she feels this concert will go, and what we can do to improve.

We all know of the most exciting class of all- BAND! A class where we learn how to play instruments, learn skills that can help our future, and strengthen our relationship with God. Here is what Mrs. Reynolds thinks of this year's JH band.

### How do you feel about this year's incoming band?

"Well, Instrumentation-wise, I'm very excited. We have a good amount of brass, percussion, and woodwinds. It's hard to get that instrumentation balanced."

### What should we work on this year?

"We need to work on taking care of all the fundamentals, so that we can all take off, and do amazing!"

### What's important for starting Band?

"When kids come in from elementary school, I try and give them one of four choices; Trumpet, Percussion, Flute, and Clarinet. Clarinet, for instance, because as they get better, they can go to Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon- any of the other woodwinds. Any of them."

### What's the most important thing to playing our most popular groups; Flute and Trumpet?

"The most important thing to playing Trumpet and Flute is probably knowing how to practice. Flutes have to do long-tones every day. No matter how boring. Just like how Trumpets have to do lip slurs every day. It's a fundamental I mentioned."

### When did your career in music start?

"I started by playing flute, and then got to do a solo at the end-of-the-year concert in 1981. I was 11 years old."

### What's important for band directors, such as yourself?

"Band directors need to know how to play ALL of the instruments."

### How many instruments do you play?

"I play 15 instruments. Flute, Oboe, Piccolo, Clarinet, Saxophone, Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Percussion, Violin, Piano, Viola, Guitar, and Tuba."

### Wow! That's a Lot! What's THE MOST important thing about band?

"For me, it's so important to listen to instrumental music- it's a form of prayer without words. Just knowing how to pray through music, and with music, is a skill not easily learned. Sometimes it's bright, fun, pep-band music, but deeper instrumentals help you express your emotions."

### Is there anything you'd like to add?

"Well, we need a few more endangered instruments. Oboe, French horn, Bassoon, and TUBA. You can NEVER have too many Tubas. It brings up the base for the entire band! It's very helpful for concerts."

This year's band is SURE to be exciting. We're always open

to new students learning how to play instruments, and would love to have more of the endangered instruments! If anyone wants to join, join SOON!!! Our first concert of the year is on Monday, October 30, in the commons. Be sure to go!

## Clubs and Office

### Hours Switch *by Avi Metsker*

This year Clubs and Office Hours switched time slots. Clubs are now on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Savanna Taylor talked about Homework Club

Q: "What do you enjoy most about your club?"

A: "I enjoy having time to do my homework."

Q: "What would you rate your club, 1/5 stars?"

A: "I would rate it 4 and a half stars."

Q: "What is your favorite thing to do in your club?"

A: "My homework."

Q: "Do you like your teacher?"

A: "Of course!"

Ms. Cotton talked about Math Club

Q: "What do you enjoy most about your club?"

A: "I enjoy helping students with math and explaining it to them."

Q: "What would you rate your club, 1/5 stars?"

A: "I would rate it 4 stars."

Q: "Do you enjoy your club?"

A: "Yes, because I can sometimes just talk to people."

**Starting with the next issue The Viking Chronicle will be electronic. Check your email the end of October.**

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