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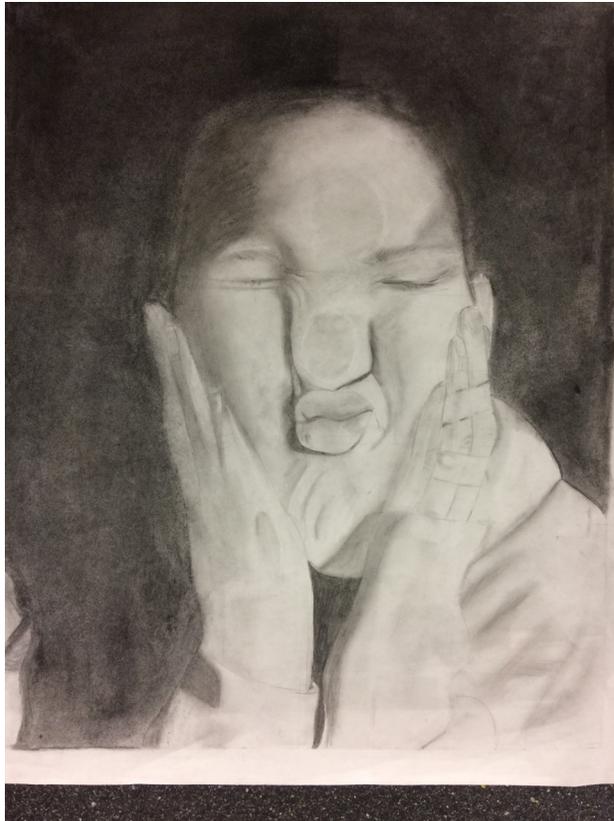
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Smashed Face Portraits *by Macie Foisset*

In Ms. Drake's Drawing and Cartooning class, students participated in smashed faced portraits. The time period for the project was from February to March. The smashed face portraits were displayed in the Greene Commons. Cassie Klauder and Megan Lemery are two students in Drawing and Cartooning. They both answered a few questions about the process and result of the portraits.

First Cassie Klauder, a seventh grader, enjoyed the project because she thinks it's a good way to create and draw faces. Her biggest struggle was making the proportions correct. She said her favorite part was learning new, challenging techniques. To create the drawing she used a shading stump, a tissue for blending, a pencil, and a ruler for gridding the paper. Cassie's drawing took four class periods.

Megan Lemery, another seventh grade student in the class, definitely enjoyed this project. She thought the hardest part was getting the skin smooth to look real. Megan had to remember to stay patient through the entire project. Her biggest improvement was getting the right shading in the right spots. She said she could also improve on smoothing out skin. She used a 6b pencil, a wooden pencil/ mechanical pencil, blending stump, a paper towel for blending, and a ruler for gridding the paper. Overall, they both really enjoyed the process and the learning this project instilled in them and other students.



Chapel Highlights

by Kate Finch

How did you like chapel on April 17th? The speaker was Mr. Daniel Winningham. He talked about his life and how God has a plan for each and every one of our lives. Mr. Winningham went to a Christian school in Indiana when he was 14. He was excited to make good, lasting friends. As he got settled in, he learned that they were going to move to China for mission work. After finding this out, Mr. Winningham could not tell anyone until two weeks before school ended. Once those two weeks came up, he told his "friends," and invited them to a going away party. Sadly, no one showed up and he realized that they were not real friends.

Once Mr. Winningham arrived in China, things seemed awful because he did not want to be there. Later on, he got to do some amazing things, like getting to sleep on the Great Wall of China, and he also trav-

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How do State Trip Planning Days Prepare Eighth Graders?

by Sofia Soderberg

On May 8th through 11th, all eighth grade students will take part in a learning experience to cooperate with one another, learn how to stay organized as leaders, and grow stronger relationships among one another during State Trip. In order to schedule visits at businesses and museums, find service projects to do, and figure out fun activities such as hiking, bowling, and swimming, students and leaders have planning days. During these days, students, teachers, and parent chaperones contact businesses, plan where to stay and eat, and find activities for everyone to participate in.

Mrs. Schmer, the State Trip coordinator, spoke of her own experiences on State Trip where she got to meet amazing people and learn about what makes Washington State unique. She found herself doing things she would never have done if it weren't for her incredible adventures. Bonding with one another and finding solutions when things go wrong are some of Mrs. Schmer's most memorable moments when recalling the six times she's been on State Trip. As the coordinator, she mainly has to work with district offices, such as the Department of Transportation, train chaperones, and contact various people in order

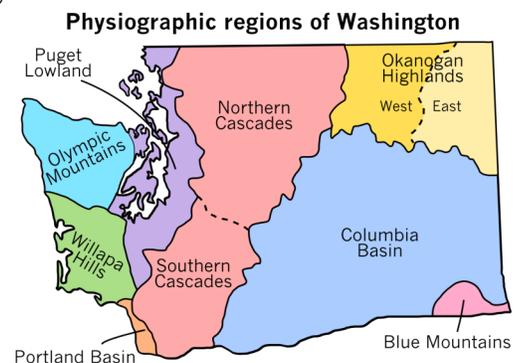
to meet the needs of the different groups. Hearing about how the students have grown in faith as leaders is inspiring and rewarding to the leaders and, though she won't be going on the trip this year, she is nevertheless excited to see how her students will develop into loving, strong, and adventurous Christians.

Mrs. Eble, a teacher going on State Trip for the first time, is very excited to learn more about the state, connect with her students outside of a classroom environment, and do fun activities. She, and other teachers, have a lot to take care of during planning days. They are behind the budgeting, finding places meeting the requirements to go to, and keeping their groups organized. She has to make sure her students all have an equal part in planning to make the entire experience fun for everyone. While on the trip, Mrs. Eble and other teachers also have to be extremely organized, on schedule, and encouraging students as things don't always go as expected.

Paige Erickson, an eighth grade student going to the Olympic Peninsula on State Trip, says that she is very excited to experience fun

things, grow closer relationships, and learn more about Washington's history. Learning to cooperate with people in her group and working together as a family are some of the things she's both nervous for and looking forward to as she will grow as a servant worker and Christian.

Zach Potthoff, another eighth grader, is going to the North Central Region. He says that he will grow as a person by making new and closer friendships and learning to be open to opportunities during planning and the trip. On planning days, he finds it fun to work with new people and people in his group, make calls, and schedule entire days. Mrs. Potthoff, Zach's mom, is also going on State Trip and, as a parent, is excited to experience God's beauty together as a group and rely on Him for the unplanned parts of the trip. She says she will grow by adapting to the various needs of students and add trust to her relationship with God. Parents, especially, get to participate in unique opportunities like visiting new places they've never been to before and growing relationships with new people.



Eastshore Middle School Band Festival

by Kaitlyn Novak

Bellevue Christian's Junior High band went to Pine Lake Middle School on April 19, 2018, for the Eastshore band festival. Eight other schools went to Pine Lake to perform. About seven hundred students from Pine Lake, Pacific Cascade, Issaquah, Islander, Beaver Lake, Maywood, Chief Kanim, and Twin Falls middle schools attended and performed in front of one another. Bellevue Christian performed their songs around 1:00 PM for the other schools that were attending.

Savanna Taylor, a member of the Junior High band, attended the band festival. She said that overall the festival was good, but it would have been nice to practice more. Savanna plays the trumpet and has been playing it since the beginning of 6th grade. The songs that the band played were "Implacato", "Bist Du Bei Mir", and "Sands of the Sahara", her personal favorite of the three songs was "Sands of the Sahara". Savanna was nervous that their band wouldn't be as good as the other schools because they had bigger bands, with a lot more instruments. The Junior High band only had about two weeks to practice these three songs, "Sands of the Sahara" being new to them. Savanna thinks that they did pretty well for the amount of practice they had.

Singing to Worship God

by Katie Alteio

The last choir concert was March 26th. The theme of the concert was to sing joyfully and sing for God. Some of the songs the choir sang were "Goliath", "We are Clay", "Everlasting God", and "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears". The choir sang one song with the elementary school called "Sing to the Lord a new song". Mr. DeWit, the high school and Junior High Choir director, said he felt this concert was a improvement from the first choir concert. He said the students voices improved but also their ability to sing together. He felt the concert went well for everything that was thrown at them before they were able to perform. When asked what goes into rehearsing for a concert, he told me they practice singing lots of basic music to help them learn how to sing better. Then they sing through the songs to see what parts they need to work on and the parts they don't. Mr. DeWit finds the songs by deciding what type of story he wants to tell about God or how we should worship him. Mr. DeWit's favorite song they sang was "Goliath" because it was fun to sing but he liked the story told in "God Shall Wipe Away all Tears". The next concert is June 4th in the Commons at 7pm.

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eled many places in Asia. He told us that as you go through life, that everything depends on how you respond to things. Soon, Mr. Winningham made amazing friends on a mission trip. God helped Mr. Winningham through hard situations and now he has many friends and had an incredible time in China. He said always remember, your life can go two ways. You can be negative and mad at other people, or you can be positive and make it the best day ever. What will you choose?

Is war ever Justified?

by Doris Zhu

On March 20th and 21st 2018, Mr. Steel, the 7th grade Social Studies teacher, organized his classes to debate about the war between the United States and Great Britain of 1812. Meeting in the Social Studies classroom, the students divided into two groups for the purpose of discussing this important event of the United States. Mr. Steel later commented that this exercise had allowed students to develop their opinions about this period of history, and to exchange their views on it. Although some students expressed their ideas better than others, taken as a whole, it was a valuable way of sharing information about the War of 1812.

Mr. Steel said, "This was a valuable opportunity for all students to engage in a debate. It is very important for all of us to develop our arguments when speaking about our shared history, and to be able to express our point of view about the past. I am looking forward to arranging many other debates in the future."

Upcoming Student Council Events *by Sean Ball*

Student Council has been working hard to prepare new events for our BCS community. These consist of an upcoming three on three basketball tournament and a special surprise for the teachers. Now here is an inside look at the planning that took place to offer these events.

On the 26th of April and 1st of May a three on three basketball tournament will be held in the gym. If you would like to participate in this tournament you may sign up on the poster that is posted in the B-hall. Teams must have at least one boy and one girl in them. Also, on May 18th the teachers will be treated with sundaes and entered into a raffle. The winners will be given tickets to see Sounders and Seahawks games. Natalie Morris, a Student Council member, says that, "The teachers deserve this treat and raffle because they work so hard to teach and educate us in every subject."

The Competition Arises *by Jade LaBossier*

This past March, many Junior High students competed in filling out March Madness brackets with the hopes of having the best bracket out of everyone, but there could be one winner. There were a lot of different strategies to win but only one worked really well. Marieke Wybenga said that her strategy was to pick the better ranked team but if the teams were fairly close in seeding then she would pick the lower seeded team to win. Alisa Davis won 3rd place and she won a \$5 Starbucks gift card.

This year lots of people found that most of their brackets got busted after Virginia lost to UMBC in the first round of the tournament. Marieke said, "I was surprised that they lost and thought that her bracket was busted." She did not think that she had a chance to win after one of her picks lost so early. Many of the participants in the March Madness had Virginia winning the championship. After the first round, all those that picked Virginia regretted that choice. Lots of those people took a lot of time and effort to make their bracket with the hopes that they could win the contest. Morgan Wlaschin came very close to winning but she still did well with second place. The second place prize was also a \$5 Starbucks gift card.

This year, Marieke Wybenga's strategy proved to work the best in the Junior High Contest. She had the most points out of everyone at the end. Not only did she have the honor of coming in first but she also won a \$5 Starbucks gift card. Good luck to everyone for March Madness next year.



Steven Escobar, Jesse De Jong, Sean Ball & Natalie Morris at the Garden Club

Student Council Field Trip to Senior Center

By Amelia Greene

On March 23rd, student council took a field trip to a retirement home called the Garden Club. It was a fun experience and memories were made. "I was most excited to see interaction between the students and the residents. It gave the council insight on what it was like to be their age," said Mr. Pridmore, who teaches student council. "It was so fun to get back and hear all of the funny stories people had to tell. It was a memorable experience." At first things were awkward, and nobody knew what to do. But after five minutes, everyone was chatting with the residents like they'd known each other for years. The students learned that the people who lived there had great stories and knew each other well. "We are planning to go back. We hope to make it a once every semester thing," said Mr. Pridmore. Planning the field trip took about six weeks, and was organized by Mia DeJonge, a council member. "For me, the best part about the garden club was seeing nervous tension turn into excitement." Pridmore said. At first the council sat at a table with about 10 residents. They colored and chatted, and some students even helped with Easter decorations. After that everyone had lunch and had conversations with the residents. It was a great time and something the student council won't forget.

Sara Rowe: A Substitute Bus Driver

by Leo Trepte

On Friday, April 20, 2018, it was a typically cold and cloudy morning in Redmond, but the bus driver on Starfish route was unfamiliar. It was definitely a Bellevue Christian School bus; it said so on the side. The driver was Mrs. Rowe, a substitute bus driver.

As a substitute bus driver, Mrs. Rowe knows and sometimes drives each of the nine routes. She also helps with the high school plays and is the Scrip coordinator. She came to Washington to attend the University of Puget Sound, originally wanting to work in Human Resources, but she became a bus driver when her kids' school needed one. At first, she volunteered, then it became her job. She has been driving buses for thirteen years. For Mrs. Rowe, the main challenge when driving a bus is managing students. She enjoys field trips. To students it may seem that field trips are uncommon events, but bus drivers, like Mrs. Rowe, drive students to a field trip about once a week. Although many people know their regular bus drivers, the substitute drivers may be less well known.

SAS therapist or American Idol star?

by Marieke Wybenga

Welcome back to Anna Jones, an SAS therapist who works on Wednesdays and Fridays here at BCS. Eight years ago, she chose to work here because she wanted to work at a place that she could talk about Jesus openly. "I also wanted to work one-on-one with kids and BCS had a great program that let me do both," she shared. Her favorite part about working here is the staff and how much fun they have together. She also enjoys her students. She became a Christian when she was 14 while on a mission trip to Mexico. Fourteen months ago she gave birth to her son Mateo and took a leave of absence. One fun fact about her is that she once auditioned for American Idol. Bellevue Christian is lucky to have Mrs. Jones as a staff member!

Mrs. Choe had a Baby Boy!

by Keon Saburi

When Salem Spirit Choe was born he weighed 8lbs 5oz, He was 20.08 in.in length and was born April 7, 2018. Being a mom has changed her world. Mrs. Choe says she's okay, she is often tired and is dealing with sleep deprivation, but she's doing well. Mrs. Choe also says the baby's good; she really loves how calm of a baby he is. She also says that he melts her heart when he smiles. When I asked her about how being a mom is she said, "it is a very exciting and tiring experience." A lot of her time is spent taking care of her baby boy. She also said God has given her a chance to bring life in this world, she and her husband love him very much.

Mrs. Boscolo

by Cianna Brady

Mrs. Boscolo is a librarian in the LRC. She chose to work in the library, because of the community that would be around her, she thought it would be a good opportunity, and she loves working with kids. This is Mrs. Boscolo's first year working here, and she loves it. She loves chatting with all the students, and having a relationship with them. Mrs. Boscolo works on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 7:30 AM to 12:30 in the afternoon. Her journey as a Christian began, when her second child was born and he was sick. She was introduced to God, and was shown the unconditional love that he has for us. One of the three kids that Mrs. Boscolo has graduated from Bellevue Christian, because the other two decided to do running start. A fun fact about Mrs. Boscolo, is that she loves to ride motorcycles. Hopefully you will get a chance to stop by in the LRC, because she would love to see you.

BibBingo Winners!

Karina Herrboldt
Andrew Chang
Talia Fortune
Taylor Rowse
Chloe Ng

All earned blackouts! Their prize is a pizza and movie party—coming soon!

Congratulations!

Track Meet Fun *by Cassie Klauder*

Junior High track is a great athletic and social activity. March 28th was the BCS Flynn-vitational. The meet was from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at Flynn Field on a beautiful sunny Wednesday. Jade La-Bossier, a mile and 4 x 100 meter relay runner said, "I enjoy hanging out with friends and cheering them on at the meets." The meets are a fun way to get to know your friends and to encourage others. We also have so many amazing track stars: Marieke Wybenga and Evan O'Brien in the 100 meter dash., Mia and Katelyn DeJonge and Juan Gatchalian in the hurdles, Jade LaBossier, Amanda Pippel and Will Wetter in the mile and Jordan Missad and Joseph Qian in the shotput and discus. These are only a few. We have talented athletes on an amazing team with great coaches. Mr. Jim Cairns, Mrs. Taylor Eble, and Mrs. Alicia Adams are the coaches. Come see your fellow students at the next track meet.



Gavin Hill throws the javelin.



Amanda Pippel competes in the long jump.

Keon Saburi, Gary Zhang, James Gibson in the 100 meter dash.



Easter *by Jack Ghaly*

Easter is a holiday we have all celebrated and know it for its theme of bunnies and Easter eggs but do you really think that is the real meaning? Well it's not. The meaning is about Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead.

Did you know that Easter is referred to as the holiday of bunnies and egg hunts because it was best for being multi-religious instead of Jesus' resurrection? But it originally was about Jesus the son of God. He rose from the dead on the third day and we celebrate lent or fast for the 40 days to represent the days Jesus stayed with his disciples before he rose to heaven. It was said to have happened in 30 or 36 AD but we don't know for sure. Jesus died for us so he could cleanse us from our sins and show the officials that he is really the son of God.

Easter is always on a Sunday because we celebrate Good Friday as the day He died and if you count Friday then Sunday is the third day. In the 40 days of Lent, people would fast and they wouldn't eat animal products or give something up for the 40 days. It has to be something you love. For me and my family, we celebrate Easter by fasting and meeting family and celebrating together. How do you celebrate Easter?

A Sneak Peak at 4th Quarter Events

By Karina Herrboldt

School has many exciting things for us all to do, to spice up life a bit. Maybe it's sports, contests, personal challenges, but everyone has a favorite. Although, one of the most popular is probably events! Night events, the bite of BCS, field trips, and so many more pop up time and time again on the bulletin board in the B-hall. The final quarter doesn't have much in terms of breaks, so let's look at what else out there will bring excitement for the final stretch of this year!

First off, there is a new night event in the works right now. It is themed after something we have done in the past, but because it is not confirmed, nothing else can be said yet. Dates for the 7th grade experience and the 6th grade night event are not confirmed yet, but probably will happen. State trip and the 3-day experience are planned and are coming up fast. The end of BibBingo has passed, and the party for the winners is going to happen very soon. Finally, student council is trying to find a date for a snow cone day, and trying to figure out something to show our appreciation for the teachers.

That is everything known about for junior high so far. Keep an eye out for new posters in the B-hall, and remember; summer is just around the corner!

What do Teachers do on Early Release Days?

by Steven Escobar

Many kids enjoy early release days because they go home early and have time to do whatever they want for two extra hours. They can finish homework early, play more games, and hang out with friend outside of school more, but do you ever wonder what teacher do on early release days? Do they do the same, or work, or what?

It turns out early release days are not as fun for teachers. Once school gets out and students get to do whatever they want, teachers stay and become the students themselves. All the teachers are split into two groups, and one goes to TFT (Teaching for Transformation) and one to Tech Training. At TFT, teachers get taught by Ms. Albright on how to integrate God in to their work. The teachers do projects themselves and with their students (i.e. Going to homeless shelters or helping the environment) and they reflect on those experiences through presentations, just like students do. The teachers in TFT presented on Tuesday, April 24th. They presented in front teachers who did Tech Training this year. The teachers in Tech Training will be moving into TFT next year, so all the teachers will be together.

Terrible Tuesdays

by Amanda Pippel

Do you like our new Tuesday schedules? Well I don't. I don't like the new Tuesday schedules because they were changed at an odd time in the year, they make our lunches later in the day, and we have to eat lunch with the high schoolers.

The first reason I don't like the Tuesday schedules is because they were changed at a strange time in the school year. We had our original schedules for half of the year and then in the middle of the 3rd quarter the school decided to change the Tuesday schedule. The schedule change confused many students and was hard to adjust to due to the timing of the change. I think if the school is going to change the schedule they should do it at a normal transition like at the end of a quarter or the end of a semester.

The second reason I don't like the new Tuesday schedules is because the junior high students have to eat lunch later which we are not used to. The later lunch times cause student to get hungry and start eating in class which most teachers don't allow. Also, when junior high students are hungry they get hangry. The later lunches will cause students to get more restless and distracted in class causing them to ignore their teachers.

The last reason I don't like the new Tuesday schedules is because the junior high students have to share their lunch time with the high schoolers. Junior high students don't like that because, since the high schoolers get there first, most of the stuff in the deli is sold out

Silence of the Smart Phones *by Lauren Derheim*

Have you ever been in the middle of taking a test in class, and seeing someone in front of you on their smart phone, playing games, on snapchat, or maybe even cheating? This is so distracting! I don't think this is only distracting to me, it is distracting to a lot of students. This has been happening for many years and some believe that this problem is just getting worse. Well, now there is a solution, and that is Yondr.

On Tuesday, April 17th, and Wednesday the 18th, Yondr was implemented into Bellevue Christian School. There are mixed feelings about this idea. Some people are excited and relieved to have a solution for improper usage of phones, while others are angry to have their phones put away.

In my opinion, I think Yondr is a great idea because it discourages the ability to use your phone during the wrong times and it encourages us to realize that we do not need our phones to live. Yondr also limits phone distractions to students and gives them a better and easier chance to learn and think at school.

Some of you might ask, "Why did this happen?" Well, I was able to interview Blake DeYoung, our principal, and he said that phone usage in class was getting more and more frequent and he knew he had to do something about it. They just did not know what that something was. They tried taking phones away, but Mr. DeYoung did not think that was the best solution possible, due to privacy problems and other complications. Then, Jean Twenge, the chapel speaker about phones, spoke at our school saying how addictive phones are, how they are a distraction, and how social media mostly sends negative vibes. After Jean's discussion, Mr. DeYoung, the teachers, and the Viking Parent Group, spent three to four months trying to figure out the best possible solution with the phone catastrophe. Then, they discovered Yondr, and in his words, "It was the best solution so far, and could very well be the perfect solution." I asked Mr. DeYoung, "How do you make these tough decisions?" And he replied, "Go slow, you know your community, test it, and have good conversations."

and there is nothing for the junior high students to eat. Also, when the junior high students get to lunch there is nowhere to sit because the high schoolers have claimed all the tables. Sharing lunch with the high schoolers ends up leaving junior high students without lunches or seats.

I believe the new Tuesday schedules are a problem for many reasons. First, they changed at a strange time in the

year. Second, the lunches are later in the day. Lastly, I don't like the new schedules because we have to share lunch with the high schoolers. Our new Tuesday schedules are annoying, and they need to change back to how they were.

Congratulations to the Cast & Crew of Godspell!

The fourteen cast and twenty crew members celebrated after four successful performances of the show *Godspell*. It was performed last weekend in the Greene Commons. The musical is about how Jesus connects with a group of high school students and helps them become a new community of friends. It has a great message for everyone in the audience based on the gospel of Matthew with excellent music and lyrics.

The Bellevue Christian Theatre Department would like to thank Mrs. Linda Sorenson for her many hours of service behind the scenes over the years. She has been an integral part of the department and she will be greatly missed.

Happy Retirement Mrs. Sorenson!

Spring Break Travels *by Evan O'Brien*

Have you ever gone to a place so hot that it almost reaches one-hundred degrees?

Over spring break, Cassie Klauder vacationed in beautiful, sunny, and hot Scottsdale, Arizona where she spent time swimming and hanging out with family. With cacti growing all over Arizona, it isn't a surprise that Cassie had a first-time experience meeting a giant cactus. Even though Cassie got to sleep in and relax in the sun, she also made time for some exercise like walking and swimming with her family. Cassie said the most interesting thing she did over spring break was buy a mini cactus so that she gets to take home a little bit of Arizona with her.

Cianna Brady spent her vacation with family visiting with her aunt, uncle, and cousin in the beautiful, foggy, and busy city of San Francisco. The weather was warm, reaching 60-70 degrees which Cianna enjoyed by running by the Golden Gate Bridge and hanging out on beach with her cousin. She tried the famous In-and-Out Burger and enjoyed running around the city and being a tourist at the busy Pier 39, which is the dock for the silly and loud sea-lions. The final thing to tie it all up was that Cianna will miss the most, is spending time with her family back at San Francisco.

Bellevue Christian High School Theatre presents...

GODSPELL

2012 Revised Version

What would High School be like if Jesus showed up?

Showtimes:

April 26 - 7:30p

April 27 - 7:30p

April 28 - 2:30p

April 28 - 7:30p

Tickets at the door
Festival seating



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