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Wolf! Wolf! *by Eve Henry*



On Saturday October 13, the Junior High Drama class put on *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* in the Library during the Carnival. The Drama class chose this play and has worked on this since September 17, through auditions, costumes, and dress rehearsals. They put on two shows, each an hour apart (5:30 and 6:30 PM). Johanna Barrios, who played Cotton Candy (helpful sheep) and Matthew Morin, who played Tad (Roy's Father) both said that the second show was easier than the first show. "I wasn't as nervous and we all knew our cues better," said Johanna Barrios. In this mini play all the sheep have different personalities that guided Roy (Quinn Myhre) through the story, even though the girl of his dreams (Kallie Alford) was always on his back. Johanna Barrios also said, "I was excited before the play started, then nervous when we were about to get on stage. But during the play I felt relaxed and had lots of fun." Overall this play was funny and enjoyable to watch. The Junior High Drama class performed a great play.

Bella Escobar, Emmie Lewis, Kallie Alford, Johanna Barrios, Hampton Kay, Quinn Myhre, Matthew Morin, Ashton Becker, Maddy Miller, Jackson Scheibner, not pictured: Elise Tjoelker, Estella Wollny



Kallie Alford, Quinn Myhre, Matthew Morin, Elise Tjoelker, Ashton Becker



Matthew Morin & Quinn Myhre

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A Carnival to Remember *by Maryam Miltenberger*

On Saturday October 13, 2018 the school Carnival was held on the main campus. A lot of the BCS community was there including staff. There were games, prizes, and a play going on at the Carnival! Some of the staff and parents were managing the stands/games. The school had a rock-climbing wall, a bouncy slide, and a dunk tank just for the Carnival. Many students that were interviewed said the bingo, the batting cage, and the cakewalk were their favorite activities to do at the Carnival. At every stand/game there was a bucket filled with prizes, which included candy, toys, and slap bracelets. At the Carnival there were also food trucks with hot dogs and drinks to enjoy. Olivia Thurik liked the food so much, she said, "Yeah I got a hot dog!" Most people went to the Carnival with friends and had a great time. Overall this was a Carnival to remember.

Viking for a Day *by Calvin Schwarz*

Have you heard about the recruiting program at BCS? It's called Viking for a Day! Viking for a Day is a day where 7th-11th graders who are considering changing schools get to experience BCS. When students sign up for Viking for a Day, they are assigned a host student. A host student is a current BCS student and is like a guide for the spectating student(s). Spectating students receive a copy of their host students schedule and a deli card. Then they will follow the BCS host student around all day. "Viking for a day," as Mrs. Kats, the Director of Admissions said, "is a fun way to experience BCS first hand and to make new friendships and partners." Viking for a Day is beneficial to both BCS and spectating students and parents. It is beneficial for BCS because it's a good way to recruit new students and to prove that our school is good by doing Viking for a Day. It is great for new parents and students because it is a big influence for them to come and they know the school by going for a day and not to have any questions, but to experience BCS first-hand. Some dates to consider about signing up for Viking for a Day:

October 15, 2018
 November 5, 2018
 December 3, 2018
 February 11, 2019
 March 11, 2019
 May 6, 2019

To sign up for Viking for a Day or become a host student, contact Mrs. Kats at her e-mail at: ann.kats@bellevuechristian.org.

What's the VPG?

by Chloe Potthoff

Mrs. Rebecca Ortega is the leader of the Viking Parent Group or VPG. Their group is in service for all of the Clyde Hill campus, grades 7-12. They help run events for the school such as the back to school barbecue and the teacher appreciation lunch. Mrs. Ortega has been part of the group for five years and been president for two. She enjoys doing it and being a part of the group. The purpose of this group is to have a support group for staff and teachers and to help with communication between parents and the school. They meet three times a month and it is open to any parent. The parents are encouraged to come when they can to talk and problem solve upcoming events. The group also has guest speakers and Mr. DeYoung comes once a month. But the most important part is to have a sense of community between parents and parents, and parents and school.



VPG in Action on October 22, 2018

Two Marvelous Counselors *by Katherine Gile*

Here at BCS we have two wonderful counselors, Mrs. Mica Winkskill, and Ms. Danielle Lopez. These were stated questions and with pleasure, they were answered. Do you like your job? "We love our job. So both of us, this was our first counselling job," said Ms. Lopez. What's your favorite part of your job? "Sometimes students feel alone. I love the moments when they realize they're not alone," said Mrs. Winkskill. How did you get this job? "We did apply. Both Mrs. Winkskill and I went to college, we both got our undergraduate degree," Ms. Lopez responded. "Which is the first 4 years of college. Then we went 3 more years for a masters," Ms. Lopez added. Anything else you'd like to add? "One time a student lost his Viking for a day! Then I asked the student, 'What do they look like?' and they didn't know!" laughed Mrs. Winkskill. Both counselors are great people. If you need someone to talk to, they're located in the B-Hall near Mr. Olson's office.

Singing in Chapel *by Abby Koorn*

Have you ever wondered what chapel is about? Chapel is a great thing we have the privilege of attending. Junior high attends chapel on Thursdays every week. During chapel we come together to worship God. Maddy Miller, a seventh grader on the chapel leadership team, sings during chapel. She started singing during chapel this year. She was asked to sing and at first, she said no but found that she did want to. Maddy explains that she enjoys singing and she choose to do it because it is fun. When Maddy got asked what her favorite part of chapel is she said that it was singing and listing to The Rev talk. "I love it when everyone is engaged in what they are singing."

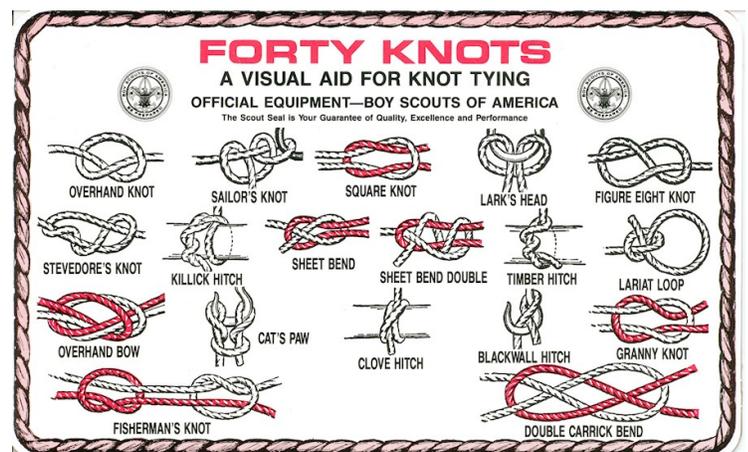
Capture the Crew *by Johanna Barrios*

On Friday October 26th, from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Main Campus courtyard, there was a night event called *Capture the Crew*. *Capture the Crew* was a game played by the Junior High. The way you play is some people wear bandanas and run around the campus, and the people without bandanas need to capture the people with bandanas to get a point. The goal is to get as many points until the end of the round. The student council held this event so that students get to know each other better and have fun. There were snacks to eat, and company to hang out with. Students were asked to bring two canned goods to donate to the food bank.

The Outdoor Club

by Brock Ryan

Outdoor club is a great club for learning how to survive in the outdoors. It's also good to just learn fun things about the wilderness. The two teachers leading it are Mr. Zschoche and Mrs. Winkskill and they have been doing a great job. Mr. Zschoche is the 8th grade science teacher and Mrs. Winkskill is one of school counselors. Mr. Zschoche has experience with the outdoors from doing Boy Scouts for 17 years and the Civil Air Patrol for 9 years. One of the reasons that he wanted to start outdoor club was that he wanted kids to see God's creation through the outdoors. Some of the activities that outdoor club will be doing is going on hikes, maybe camping, and hopefully backpacking. Daily we tie knots and talk about the outdoors. By the end of this year their goal is to create a troop for Boy Scouts of America and learn more about the outdoors and how to survive in it. If you enjoy the outdoors and adventures the outdoor club is the club for you.



Do Re Mi Fa Sol La Ti Do *by Annalise Ortega*

The Junior and Senior High choir concert was at 7:00pm on October 18, 2018 at the Clyde Hill Commons. Eleven songs were sung altogether, and I wished that they could keep singing. Jillian Van Hise, a seventh grader in junior high choir, replied to the question, how many hours did choir spend practicing? "If I were to ball-park it, it would be about 24 hours." All the effort put into this concert really paid off. In the song "Solfedge Symphony" they did the note hand symbols. The reason why this concert was wonderful was because every little thing was thought of and put very close to perfection.

One thing that was different from musical concerts is the fact that they had matching robes. The lights were perfect for viewing and a majority of pictures. The stage was lovely because they had the beautiful wooden shells up. The look helped make the concert more professional.

When asked the question of what didn't go as planned? Jillian Van Hise said, "We forgot to sing a few parts." No one in the audience could tell that the parts weren't sung. It was covered up very well. There were no obvious pauses suggesting that the part wasn't sung.

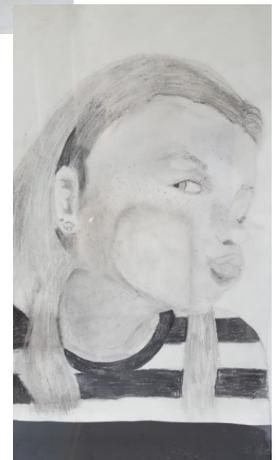
The order in which they sang was perfect. The opening song of "How Can I Keep From Singing" was a great way to set the mood for the concert. Then the balance of sophisticated with fun music was a great mix. The last song, "This is My Fathers World", was the best way to end the concert. When they sing any song, it is beautiful music. If you like music I would encourage you to go to one of their concerts.



Junior High Choir on stage during the concert.

Smooshed Face Self-Portraits *by Olivia Thurik*

Starting on the second day of school in the art room, Mrs. Fiechtner's Drawing and Cartooning class worked on self-portraits for two weeks. Mrs. Fiechtner's art class learned how to shade using pencils and blending sticks. In Junior High Drawing and Cartooning, the class drew smooshed faced self-portraits. They also learned how to make drawings more accurate using a grid. Maryam Miltenberger and Lauren Benthin liked self-portraits because they got to listen to music while drawing and "It helped them learn what they were capable of in art," said Lauren Benthin. Maryam and Lauren said they struggled the most on facial features. Drawing self-portraits helped the art students know what they were capable of and know what talents God gave them in art.



Band with Ms. Reynolds *by Maddox Ness*

Band is an elective at Bellevue Christian School where students can learn to play and perform with instruments. Ms. Reynolds is one of the band teachers at BCS. The band classes can be from period 1-7. A variety of songs are selected to play in band.

Ms. Reynolds fell in love with music when she started band in 6th grade. Her band teachers inspired her to be a band teacher when she was in high school. As a band teacher, Ms. Reynolds plays all instruments. Her main instrument is the oboe, but her favorite instrument is violin. She didn't start playing the violin until she was 43 years old! Ms. Reynolds plays oboe in the Northwest Symphony Orchestra. She has several

concerts in the Seattle Area throughout the year.

The band class at BCS is currently learning balance, annotation, and rhythmic subdivision. The songs the band class is learning through Bach Chorales, "Praises", "Moai," "March from First Suite" and "It is Well." Most of the songs are classical but they do play some modern songs and movie soundtracks. The junior high band has four main concerts a year plus two festivals. Their performances are held at the Clyde Hill Campus at BCS. The pep band currently plays only at basketball games, not football games.

The band includes woodwinds (flute, oboe, clarinet, and saxophone), brass (trumpet, French horn, trom-

bone, euphonium, and tuba) and percussion (xylophone and drums). All the instruments have their challenges but the oboe is the most difficult in her experience. The oboe is a double-reeded woodwind instrument. The oboe is likened to that of soprano voice range, it has a stable penetrating pitch and often used for tuning purposes of other instruments for concerts (Answers.com).

Band offers a variety of instruments to play. You can take band from 5th grade all the way through high school. Playing an instrument can be a hobby, life time career, or a profession. In band, one can learn to play a variety of classical or modern songs. Band sounds like a challenging but fun class.

BCS Forms its First Robotics Team! *by Justus Loving-Williams*

This fall BCS' first ever Robotics team was formed by Mrs. Ruthanna Walker. When her son was in third grade, his interest in LEGOS® and robots rubbed off on her. In fact, he inspired her to teach robotics. There are currently six junior-high students on the BCS Robotics team, and they are excited to have more students join their efforts. Students on the Robotics team design and program LEGO® MINDSTORMS® and EV3 Robots to perform different missions, earning points to complete specific challenges. Mission examples include robots with arms that can throw and/or push objects or wheeled robots performing different movements.

Mrs. Walker has been teaching robotics for six years

with five of those years at BCS. Think you need a lot of previous experience to join the Robotics team? "You need no experience at all," says Mrs. Walker. And, she enthusiastically invites students, "It's fun because you can learn as you go, and you might be on the winning team!" The BCS Robotics team is a member of the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Competition, and this year's theme is "Into Orbit." The initial qualifying event is on December 1st at Chinook Middle School where a win may allow the BCS Robotics team to ultimately compete at the finals held in Houston, Texas and Detroit, Michigan in April 2019.

Mrs. Walker is passionate about the Robotics team,

and she has big plans for its future. Her first goal is to grow the team followed by competing in the next level of competition, the First Tech Challenge (FTC). She also has her sights set on expanding the team into an all-high school program, known as FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC), which is open to all high school-aged students.

So, look for the robotics flyers posted around campus, and be sure to ask Mrs. Walker if you have any questions. Who knows, you could be designing robots and be a part of the winning Robotics team!

Golf Tournament *by Brooke Harper*

The BCS Viking Classic Golf Tournament was held on Friday, September 21st at the Golf Club at Redmond Ridge. The golf tournament was a fundraiser that benefits all the sports programs. Mr. DeJonge had an amazing time at the event even though he didn't win. Mr. DeJonge's favorite club is the driver. He says it is really fun to swing and take hits. He said his favorite part was playing golf with his friends, even if it is frustrating. The golf tournament is mostly a team event, but some people go alone. Mr. DeJonge got a few great hits but not enough to place for his team. Mr. DeJonge loves playing golf, he loves playing with his friends in the golf tournament.



October 31st is a Fun, Festive Part of Fall

by Lauren Benthin

On October 31st kids go crazy because there are two things that happen. One of the things kids go crazy for is candy. On Halloween kids normally go with friends and walk from door to door saying "trick or treat" and then get candy. One of the other things kids go crazy for in Halloween season is dressing up in fun costumes. There are so many options you could be characters from your favorite TV show or even your favorite foods!

Places people go to trick or treat is the mall, churches and mostly neighborhoods. But it's fun to try new things and new places. Like some people, they just go for having fun and celebrating with costumes and candy and fun with friends!

Halloween parties are another way to celebrate this crazy fun holiday. Normally, people do spooky things at the party like serving ice cube shaped eyeballs in the punch and crazy, scary looking electronic zombies. People decorate their lawns and patios and sometimes in the house. Halloween decor is normally things like spider webs, zombies and aliens. The colors people decorate with are green, black, purple, orange and white.

Halloween started as a festival in a part of a very old Celtic religion in Britain. At the end of the night Halloween is just about having fun and dressing up, getting candy, being with friends, parties, decorating and being festive.



Upcoming Events

10/29 JH Boys Basketball practices start

11/2 End of 1st Quarter/ No school

11/6 JH Boys Basketball—all teams @UPrep

11/8 JH Boys Basketball—all teams @CPC

11/12 Veteran's Day (observed)
No school

11/14 JH BB D2 @ Overlake

11/15 JH BB D1 @ Overlake

11/16 JH BB D3 @ Bel Pres

11/19 & 11/20 Parent/Student/
Teacher Conferences

11/22 Thanksgiving