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Camp Gilead Retreat Day *by Rebecca Qian*

This year’s Camp Gilead retreat was on Friday, September 14th. The Jr. High traveled there on three buses to Camp Gilead, near Carnation, Washington. There were fun activities, such as Hot Potato Frisbee and Spike Peg. The day was for fellowship, making new friends, and just having fun.

Mr. Pridmore and ten other Student Council members left early to prepare for the games. “Though the canoe racing didn’t work out, there were good backup games and everything else went as we wanted it to,” said Lexi Salazar, a 7th grader in Student Council here at BCS.

Everyone had fun and enjoyed the activities. “I think people liked the groups,” Natalie Morris, an 8th grader in Student Council, said. “I heard a lot of laughter and I could tell everyone was having fun.” The games were Soccer Tag, Hot Potato Frisbee, Poison Dart Arrow Frog, Netball, Charades (backup for Canoe Racing), Human Knot, Spike Peg, Dodgeball, and Capture the Flag. Different groups rotated through each activity, and when that finished, it was lunch.

The Camp Gilead staff served hot dogs, beans, chips, brownies, and lemonade for everyone to eat. The food was good, and everyone enjoyed it. After lunch there was free time to play mini-golf and hang out on the grounds. When it was time to leave, everyone pitched in and cleaned up in no time! All in all, it was a good experience and everyone enjoyed it!



Andra Smith & Mr. Pridmore



Amelia Greene, Mrs. Eble & Kaitlyn Novak



Matthew Tjoelker & Leo Trepte



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Kelsey Diss,
Marianne Ma,
Karina
Herrboldt, &
Ashton
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Nelson,
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Reumann,
& Ella Hay



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Locker Trouble

by Anna Borst

I cleverly weave my way through the B hall to get to my locker. When I finally find it, I drop down on my knees and start unlocking it; thankfully I have a locker that's easy to open. My goal is to get in, get my books and get out. As soon as I grab my English textbook I close my locker door. Slam! Clank, Bang!

Whoops! I exclaim as I get to work unlocking my locker again. As soon as I open it my magnetic pencil holder comes tumbling out. "Well, I guess I can't do that anymore," I say to myself as I stick the holder back on the inside of my locker door. That is why I always close my locker with care.

2018 Fall Student Council



Student Council Update *by Lexi Salazar*

The Student Council has had a great start to the year! They are a group of Jr. Highers who are responsible for all the fun events that happen throughout the school year, like Camp Gilead. We know the student council did a great job planning that and they have many other events coming up this year.

The Student Council is the Jr. High version of the High School Senate. They plan and lead all of the events for the Jr. High. We believe that the members of the council have been chosen to have this opportunity to learn more about leadership. The council members are students who are amazing leaders and are not afraid to take control and step up into that leader position. They all come together to plan these fun events for their classmates.

Mr. Tom Pridmore is the Student Council teacher. They meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during 5th period. This semester the members of the student council returning as 8th graders include: Amelia Greene, Natalie Morris, Amanda Pippel, Taylor Franklin, Josiah Clark, Sanae Loutsis, Katie Alteio, Marieke Wybenga, Cianna Brady, Sofia Soderberg, and Megan Lemery. There are also some 7th graders who have been voted for by their former teachers and classmates to be on Student Council. Coming from Mack there is Lexi Salazar, Anna Dell'Osso, Rebecca Qian, and Brooke Harper. From 3 Points there is Andra Smith, Lilliana Wertheimer, and Calleia Neal. These are all students who are participating in Student Council this semester.

Camp Gilead is one of the events the council planned. One of the lead Student Council members, Natalie Morris, says she thinks Camp Gilead went really well and that everyone enjoyed the fun games the Council planned. Except, like Natalie says, "the one downfall was the canoeing." Unfortunately, we didn't get the chance to do canoe races in the pond. We know everyone was sad, but we got to do an entertaining backup game instead. The whole point of Gilead was for 7th and 8th graders to bond together and make new friends. We were successful with that, and everyone loved the food and free time.

The Student Council puts a lot of hard work and effort into everything they do. God has chosen them as our Student Council members for this semester and they have just "hit the ground running" like Mr. Pridmore says. We appreciate and thank them for working hard to make exciting events happen.

Mrs. Kemp's First Year at BCS by Kallie Alford

In 9th grade English and 7th grade Social Studies, there is a new teacher: Mrs. Dana Kemp. Before moving to Bellevue Christian, Mrs. Kemp taught for 4 years at Odle Middle School which happens to be not too far from Bellevue Christian. Prior to teaching at Odle Middle School, Mrs. Kemp worked in Public Relations. She knew the purpose for her work, but it wasn't meaningful for her. Some of Mrs. Kemp's close friends were teachers and they loved it, so she stopped working in Public Relations and became a teacher. She chose Bellevue Christian because she was excited about the BCS mission and vision, and what Bellevue Christian believes in, plus her husband went to school at BCS.

Mrs. Kemp chose to teach English and Social Studies because of her love for reading and writing, which, to some, may sound like it's just related to English but there's quite a bit of both in Social Studies. She was excited to teach students skills they'll need for nearly anything they do. One of the most difficult problems for Mrs. Kemp as a teacher is deciding the best way of teaching so many different people with different gifts, needs and ways of learning.

Every Social Studies teacher must have a favorite period of history, and Mrs. Kemp's favorite is the Romantic Period which occurred from the late 18th century to the middle of the 19th century. She really enjoys books from that time, especially by Jane Austin whose books include *Pride and Prejudice*, and Charlotte Brontë. Being an English teacher as well, she definitely has a favorite book series, most likely many people can agree that it is very good, which is Harry Potter since it's enjoyable to dive into the world that J.K. Rowling has created. Mrs. Kemp's most-liked movie is *Center Stage* because as a kid she did ballet and dance and that's a dance movie.

Growing up, Mrs. Kemp remembers wanting to be a singer and an actress. She went to college at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. While in college, Mrs. Kemp competed in Cross Country and Track. She knows how to play the piano and would also like to learn how to play the cello and violin. Mrs. Kemp would also like to know how to speak Spanish and Chinese. To sum it all up, there must be a couple random facts, and those will be that Mrs. Kemp's favorite color is light blue and her favorite number is 7 because that was the number she was while playing soccer in high school for the Gig Harbor Tides, and when she was two years old, she wanted a two-piece bathing suit, so she flushed her one-piece bathing suit down the toilet.

Welcome Mrs. Fiechtner

by Kailey Yantis-Blank

Mrs. Mandy Fiechtner is a new teacher at our school, she teaches photography and design (high school and junior high level), Yearbook (high school and junior high school level), and Drawing & Cartooning (high school and junior high school level). She taught at Seattle Christian for 9 years before she came to Bellevue Christian.

Her husband among other things does sports photography for the Seattle Sounders. She has three kids that are adopted from Ethiopia. One of her kids dyed her hair green once and in front of the green screen before the Ferris wheel ride they got their picture taken, the picture had pieces of her hair missing because it was green.

If you have Mrs. Fiechtner for one of your classes, you would know about the love and happiness she gives to her students. We really are developing a love for art, we love you Mrs. Fiechtner!

Welcome to BCS !

Exclusive interview with “The Rev.” by Colton Harris

Have you ever wondered why ‘The Revs’ is truly here? Well with this exclusive interview you will learn more about him! On September 20, while most students were in The Commons enjoying their lunch, behind those library doors an exclusive interview was going on. The Rev feels that he was called here by God. He said that one day there was a gathering, and the leader said, “If you will go where God says, no matter what, stand up, And I stood up. This school believes a lot of the same things I believe therefore making it a perfect fit.” When asked about Chapel speaking, he had a long answer prepared. “I’ve taught a lot of kids, and I love to spread the word. I even became a pastor at one point in my life. I love working with BCS students, especially the younger ones, and am glad to have this opportunity.” The Rev said he enjoys working at BCS because it is, “like a taste of heaven. I’ve been to a lot of Christian schools and this one is my favorite.” He talked about his inspiration in the younger years of his life. “A man called Coach Sizemore really inspired me. He was like a father-figure to me and taught me to be a man.”

The Rev said that he went to the University of Georgia. He also said if he could go anywhere he would go to Alaska. His favorite movie is *Rambo*, song is *Our God is so Big, so mighty, nothing he can’t do*, and of course his favorite book is the *Bible*. He also talked about his years of coaching football, from LL to professional athletes. He loves the BCS team and just wishes there were more boys who could experience the brotherhood they have on the team. And that concludes this exclusive interview with the one and only Daniel Rogers, or ‘The Rev.’

International Student Highlight by Vivian Arenas

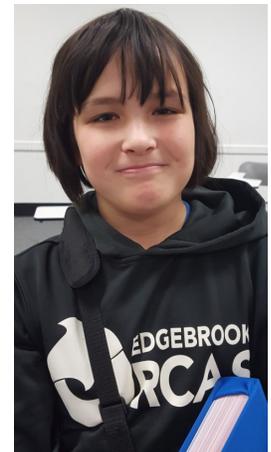
I would like to introduce a new international student, and her name is Jenny Cheng. She is from Nanjing, China, but was born in Shanghai. The way she came to be in the U.S was with her parents, who had planned this trip in March of 2015. She moved to Washington state in the August of last year. She thinks of the school as an interesting, friendly place where there is less homework and a prettier environment. She now currently lives in Bellevue, close to the school and has never lived anywhere else in the U.S. One of her favorite foods is sushi. She states that Bellevue is like a greater home, and a wonderful place for her to be thankful to God.



Jenny Cheng

New Student Highlight by Jackson Scheibner

The new student that was interviewed was Meredith Buonerba. She is in 7th grade. She came from Emerald Heights Academy. Her family decided to switch her to BCS last year. The reason why they decided to make the change to BCS is because they liked the school and they thought it would be good to have her go to a Christian school. She said that her first couple of weeks were good, fun, and better than last year. The one thing she doesn’t like about both schools is what all other kids don’t like, homework. But the thing that she misses about her old school is, nothing, that’s why she moved here. One improvement that this school has is that this one has a lunch room. She’s really glad to see that you can wear what you want to instead of a uniform. She is really happy that God has led her to this school.



Meredith Buonerba

Washington DC Trip Information & Deadline

by Meredith Buonerba

Any Junior High student can go on this fun, educational trip to Washington D.C.! The deadline is September 30th, 2018 for signing up. If you would like to go on an optional, but a very hands-on learning experience, you should ask your parents to sign you up.

The fee for this trip includes your lodging, food, and the air travel. The total payment is \$2,400. Remember, this trip can be expensive so if your parents say you must earn it, work for it so you can go on the fun trip!

This trip will be happening from the June 15-19, 2019. If you have any further questions, ask Mr. Olson. Mr. Olson can be your go to person for information on this trip to D.C..

Homework Club

by Tristan Fischer

The homework club is where 7th graders and 8th graders can do their homework in school for 42 minutes. Some students don't have time to do all their homework at home, so Homework Club really helps. Homework Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It starts at 2:13 and it ends at 2:55. Homework Club is held in Ms. Cotton's room B107. Homework Club gives you a chance to finish your homework at school, so you can relax at home.

Ms. Cotton is also available to help you with your homework too.

New Strings Class

by Katelyn Underhill

Do you play or want to play a stringed instrument? In the new strings class during 5th period, in the band room, students learn how to play string instruments. This new class is taught by Ms. Reynolds. In this class they play different songs with their string instruments. They also do string exercises. They have different string instruments including the violin. Marianne Ma, 8th grader in the strings class, joined strings class because she finds it fun to play her instrument and she has already been playing her violin 2 ½ years before she joined strings class. This class has both high school and junior high school students. Strings class is a very fun way to learn how to play string instruments.



Kristen Hatley, Stella Scheibner, Kelsey Diss, Lucas Wallender, Angel Giang, Marianne Ma

Cross Country—The Sport to Get You in Shape

by Nathan Wasson

Have you ever wondered what cross country is about? Well here is some information that might persuade you to join next year. Cross Country is a sport all about running long distances, not on a track but on grass, gravel and hills trying to get a fast time. The season is a month and a half long. An eighth grader, Taylor Franklin, says that he does cross country to get in shape for other sports like baseball and basketball. The team has meets usually on Tuesdays which are a mile and a half long. To prepare, you attend practices after school every day and you are encouraged to run 20 to 30 minutes daily on the weekends. The practices are challenging because you run a mile and a half and sometimes you play some running games that involve running around the school looking for certain items. The meets are typically held at Woodland Park in Seattle near Green Lake and Magnuson Park in Seattle.

On Saturday September 22 the Junior high cross country team had a meet at Kings. Franklin says “That was the hardest meet of the season. I’m exhausted!” The Kings meet is difficult because you go up and down lots of hills and it leaves you exhausted. Both the Junior high girls and boys ran at the same time. Franklin got 20th place out of lots of runners.

According to Taylor Franklin, his favorite thing about cross country is, “To push myself to do better every time. To run faster and farther.” The weather for the meets can be varied. But this year’s season has been sunny and mild with just a few clouds, perfect for a run in God’s creation. Taylor is no stranger to running cross country. This year is his second year running for BCS. He said both years he has made new friends. Franklin enjoys cross country and recommends you give it a try.

Quinn Myhre & Taylor Franklin



Tatum Ford

Bump! Set! Spike! by Halle Meyer

Have you ever been to a BCS volley ball game? If not, I highly recommend it There are games after school which are so fun to go too. The excitement is crazy! There are about two games per week if you are interested you can see when they are on the BCS website.

There are three volleyball teams. D1 is the most experienced players , D2 has some experience and D3 has the newest players who may have never played before. They practice five days a week.

Before practice they help set up the nets, do some daily drills which include a game that they play called Three Hits. The goal to this game is to have three hits and then have it go over the net they also work on the average hits for volleyball bumps, sets, and spikes. A couple of girls on the teams said how they love how you make good friends with the people on the teams and build better relationships with everybody.

Have you ever played volleyball? It’s a super fun sport and you would probably love the sport. No matter your skill level, you should still try.



Amanda Nelson, Ruby Li, Kate Butcher & Samantha Ratterree

Soccer Kickoff *by Maddy Miller*

Soccer is a fun sport to play and we have a team at BCS! The BCS junior high girls' soccer team consists of 14 players with Mr. Pridmore as their coach. Coach Pridmore is very honest with the team and pushes them to be their very best. Being on the team is a great way to get to know your classmates and make new friends.

The team works on footwork, shooting, and scrimmaging, and would like to work on communication with teammates. "We need to work on talking because we don't and that would help us be better players and a better team," said Abby Moehring, 8th grader. When asked what kind of things they need to communicate, and she said the need to spread out more and pick better positioning. If you would like to come watch a game the next game is October 1st 3:30pm at Marymoor Park, and if you can't make it too that one there is another October 3rd 3:30pm also at Marymoor Park.

The girls' soccer team has worked hard the past couple of weeks. Soccer is a fun sport so give it a try next year no matter your skill level. They appreciate new players.



Annalise Ortega, Amanda Pippel, Halle Meyer, & Jenny Cheng

Go JH Boys Soccer! *by Finn Macaulay*

The 7th and 8th grade boys BCS soccer team is a strong team. Nathan Wasson, a member of the team, said, the team is great at communicating and shooting the ball. They are all coming to every game just wanting to have fun and play soccer. He said, though the team is great, they need to work on passing and kicking down the sides, not through the middle. Although that could explain their last game's loss, when one door closes, another door opens. This will help the team identify their weaknesses and get rid of them, leaving lots of room for improvement. Go BCS Boys Junior High soccer!!



Sean Ball & Emanuel Termure

