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WE Day Party *by Megan Lemery*

On Thursday May 3rd, the student council from both semesters went to an event called WE Day. They got to school at 7:45 AM and rode the bus to the Key Arena, where WE Day was held, and got back to school at 2:55 PM. At WE Day, they listened to motivational speakers and performances by Noah Cyrus and Rachel Platten. The student council got to go to WE Day because they have worked hard all year to serve the school and this was their reward.

Sofia Soderberg, a 7th grade student council member, liked how the entire group could spend a fun day together and get focused on more serious topics like the ones mentioned by the speakers. Her favorite speaker was Tara Nadella because she was very inspirational when she talked about her story of having a disability. Sofia Soderberg said that she spoke very passionately and it was really moving. From WE Day, Sofia Soderberg learned that age doesn't matter to make a difference and that there are no real standards when it comes to being yourself and that you should embrace the gifts God gave you because He's calling you to change the world. She thinks that this event is such an honor to attend and it deserves so much more credit that it gets. She said that it inspires so many young people and needs to be shown to the world. Sofia Soderberg thinks that this event touches on topic so many of us are afraid to and speaks up in the most powerful ways. Sofia Soderberg said that she would love

to go again because not only were the performances amazing, but also the speakers were so honest and deep about controversial and important subjects. She thinks that the most important message touched on was how we are never too young to change the world. Sofia Soderberg said, "One thing she has learned about leadership after being in student council is that you need to put yourself with people who are influential in the right ways. Whether it be your friend or someone you look up to, in order to be a good leader you need to have a strong foundation out of goodness and an everlasting love for God."

Overall, the whole student council loved WE day and it was a great bonding experience for them as well. They enjoyed every bit of it and maybe if you get on student council, you could go too.



Natalie Morris, Steven Escobar, Amanda Pippel, Sanae Loutsis

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Taking a Swing into the Ropes Course

by *Edwina Tian*

Natalie Morris, a seventh grader who participated in the 3-day experience, said she enjoyed the ropes course the most. Even though the day started off with rain at Sambica summer camp, after a while or so, the sun decided to come out! On May 11, 2018, Natalie Morris went to the Sambica summer camp for the ropes course! At first, Natalie was a little scared and nervous but as she got on and she worked through the courses one by one with dedication and perseverance. She made it to the end and had tons of fun. She felt nervous but kind of proud because she conquered her fear of heights and still had fun. The most challenging course for her was the painter's block, but her favorite was the "Tarzan Swing." Most people were scared of the course but Natalie was brave enough to try it out.

The reason for this experience is because the eighth graders were on state trip. Our principal knows how divided our friend groups are so he took our science classes and made them into our 3-day groups! Throughout the week the seventh grades were somewhat forced to talk to different people and socialize. Another reason that all seventh graders went on the three-day experience is mainly that there were multiple classes with seventh and eighth graders, but because the eighth graders went on state trip the classes were sometimes left with three or 4 people. At the end of the day even though she was exhausted she could happily go to bed knowing she came over her fear of heights and could get a good night's sleep! There were tons of hard challenges throughout the day but she still managed to get through with a big smile on her face when she left Sambica.



On the Ropes Course: Hampton Kay, Sean Wu, Keon Saburi

Moving Up from Elementary

by *Michelle Schober*

On May 9th, 10th, and the 11th, the seventh graders had a three-day-experience, where each group went on a field trip each day. The service project was one of the three experiences. It was held at the Main Campus. The first two days the sixth graders from Mack Elementary came to visit and Three Points on the third day. On the service project day, one or two sixth grade classes came and had a tour of the school, games, question time, and more. Mrs. Brasted, the service learning coordinator, and Mrs. Aitken, the service learning assistant planned the service project.

Most seventh graders who experienced the service project this year had many good parts, and bad parts to the experience. Cianna Brady, a current seventh grader, experienced the service project on May 10th. She had a variety of ups and downs on the project. She thought that in all most goals were accomplished, like welcoming them. The experience brought people together and everyone met someone new. Cianna Brady had one big problem with the experience, she said, "I wish they could've come on a different day with our schedule, because they didn't get to know a regular school day." In all she wished the experience went better, and she said, "I would rate the experience a four out of ten, because it was very awkward and the sixth graders didn't

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seem to enjoy it.” Sofia Soderberg, a current seventh grader, did the service project on May 11th. She enjoyed the experience because, “It’s convenient for students to get to know the campus and students in the school.” Sofia said. She also said, “I would rate this day as an 8.37 out of ten because, there were many highs and a few lows.” Seventh graders in general had mixed feelings about the day, for as the week went on the service project became better and better.



Playing charades



Relay race



Relay race

I Spy an Animal *by Sanae Loutsis*

The three day experience was a great way to get away from school and have some fun. On May 9th-11th the 7th grade students went to the Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, WA or they did two different activities. They had to arrive at school at 8:20a.m. as usual but had to report to room E103. They waited in the room until the bus was ready to depart.

Once at the zoo they proceeded to walk in and watch a five minute video. After the video they split into two groups and toured the zoo separately. Every group had a different experience. Steven Escobar, a participant on May 10th, said that his favorite animal was “the toucan because it looked like they were fighting, and I liked them flying.” Other groups may have never seen the toucans fighting because their experience was different. When students were there they also had to fill out a worksheet that had spaces for you to fill out the basic facts of an animal. The worksheet according to Payton Schlepp, a participant on May 11th, was good because, “It helped us learn more about animals and get a more in-depth experience at the zoo.” The zoo was a lot more fun than a regular school day and ranked about 2nd out of the rest of the activities.



At the Zoo—Front Row: Sofia Soderberg, Savanna Taylor, Jenna Owen, Elise Tjoelker, Abigail Lew, Ella Hay, Megan Lemery
Back Row: Evan O’Brien, Jesse De Jong

A Few Photos from 8th Grade State Trip May 8 - May 11, 2018



Graduation: Coming Soon *by Connor Farrell*

It is a big year for the 8th graders, they will all be moving on to high school. Mr. Olson says that the significance of the graduation, and reason it will be celebrated is because it should be looked at by family, friends, and most importantly the 8th graders themselves as a milestone.

The celebration will be held at the Bellevue Presbyterian Church, just down the road from the main campus on June 11th at 7:00 pm. Mr. Olson comments his perspective as the principal is most likely different from the 8th graders other than the fact that it is guaranteed to be a fun ceremony. Mr. Olson will be reading out the graduates' names one by one. They will then come to the stage to receive their diplomas.

Lastly the junior high experience has been very fun in the past and will continue as a tradition this year. It will not only celebrate the 8th graders graduation, but also show the BCS community how much we love and value our students.

*Congratulations to the
Class of 2022!*

Lots of New Class Options *by Wendy Zylstra*

This year there is a staggeringly high amount of new class options to choose from! Do you know why? It's because of all the new exploratory classes. There are four new ones: *Sculpture*, *Chamber Strings*, *Robotics*, and all year *JH Fitness*, which is actually quite a lot when you think about it. Mr. Olson, Junior High Principal, says the school added new class options because they believe that learning from a wide variety of course offerings will help students learn about God's creativity and be prepared for today's world. He goes on to say that the *Robotics* class will be a class that Bellevue Christian has never had before. All the new classes bring a great deal of variety and fun. What classes did you sign up for? Mr. Olson said that he would want to take *Sculpture* if he could. But remember, whatever one you chose, they are all equally valuable.

HS Fall Sports

by Denmar Collins

In August, the high school fall sports seasons begin. The options are football, girls soccer, boys and girls cross country, cheerleading and volleyball. Unlike junior high sports, some high school sports have try outs and make cuts. Football actually starts spring practices this week and will practice the month of June, with the exception of finals week, before starting again August 14th. The rest of the fall sports will begin practice on August 20th. Before you can play the sport, you need to have a physical exam and turn in the forms to the Athletics office. The coaches will also host interest meetings, so look for those in the announcements. If you have a question about the sports you can talk to Mr. DeJonge, the Athletic Director.



**See What's in Your
Future!
HS All Sports
Awards Night
Wednesday, June 6
@ 7:00pm in The
Commons.**

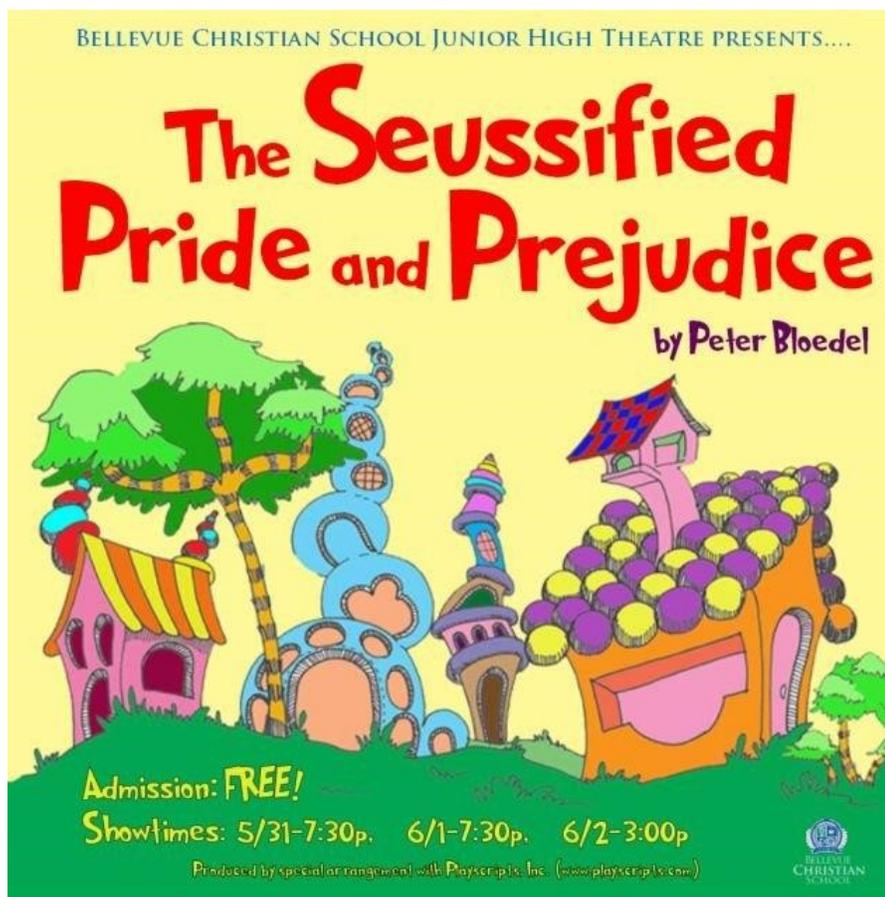
Watch the Amazing play *A Seussified Pride and Prejudice* by Andrew Chang

Make sure you watch the junior high theater class's play *A Seussified Pride and Prejudice*. The performance is on May 30th and June 1st and 2nd in the Commons at Bellevue Christian School. The play is directed by Mr. Ramquist and the actors are the students of the junior high theater class, but it couldn't be done without Jamie Dang, our class T.A., and the eight high schoolers who volunteered to help us. The theater class has been working on this play for two months as has had a lot of fun with rehearsals and memorizing lines.

A Seussified Pride and Prejudice is a hilarious adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice* that will leave you laughing. It's extremely different from the original *Pride and Prejudice* in many ways. Even though the theatre class is small in number, they still managed to finish! Also, the plot is compressed, there are lots of jokes, and it is in Dr. Seuss rhyme. The cast is picked through auditions where Mr. Ramquist paired them with roles that fit their character. Mr. Ramquist and the theater class had a lot of fun.

25 Year Veteran Retiring by Abigail Lew

Mrs. Linda Sorensen, the receptionist at the front office, plans to retire this summer. She's worked at BCS for a whopping 25 years. She started out managing the book store for 24 years and just this year became a receptionist when the school asked her to. As a receptionist Mrs. Sorensen answers phone calls, greets new students, and oversees student attendance and the sick bay. She also helps in the school plays with many "behind the scenes" activities, such as contacting the play publishers for permission to do the play, purchasing the scripts, organizing parent volunteers, ordering the actor's makeup, and coordinating a bunch of other details. Mr. Ramquist, the JH and HS drama teacher, describes Mrs. Sorensen as "a wonderful 'stage mom' and someone the Bible would call 'a good and faithful servant.'" Mrs. Sorensen really cares about the actors in the plays and she prays for all of us." Mrs. Sorensen says, "God provided this job for me when we moved from California and my girls were going to school here." After her retirement she plans to "do things I haven't been able to do while I was working, like a join a women's Bible study, visit my family in Olympia and work once a week in the deli. For me BCS has been a community where we support one another and grow spiritually." Mrs. Sorensen is a key part of BCS and a true image reflector of God. We thank Mrs. Sorensen for all her hard work and will miss her.

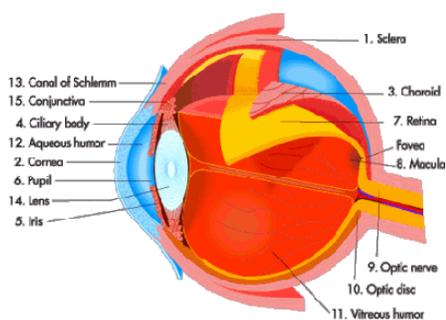


Chapel Highlight

by Kevin Li

Did you like the Chapel on May 15? Our guest speaker was Julie Harris from Bike Works. She talked about the non-profit organization that is helping people who don't own a bike to get one and teaching them how to fix a bike. She also talked about that we can all help by donating bikes that we no longer needed.

One of the audience, Jesse De Jong, a seventh grader, said he learned many things in the Chapel. He said that the bike drive is a very good idea because it offers a way for the people who can't afford a bike to get one, and it also help family who have extra bike that they don't need any more to get rid of them. Jesse also said that this also can change his life. He can help by volunteering at the organization and make poster for the bike drive. Mrs. Graves, our seventh grader English teacher, also said that some of the seventh graders will be volunteering at the school's lower parking lot on June 2nd to receive donated bikes. You can also help by donating bike that you no longer need.



Got Bikes? *by Natalie Morris*

The BCS Bike Drive is a Teaching for Transformation FLEX activity that the seventh graders planned to go along with *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, which is the book they're currently reading in class. We are partnering with Bike Works. Their mission is to promote the bicycle has a vehicle for change. They hope to empower youth.

You can drop off a bike on June 2nd at the Main Campus in the lower lot. We will be there from 10am-3pm to accept your donations. 20 inch wheel BMX style bikes, 24-26 inch wheel mountain bikes, and road bikes of any size but especially smaller ones are needed, but any bike is allowed. No money is needed but Bike Works appreciates \$5 donations.

We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Graves at dgraves@bellevuechristian.org



Students Dissect Cow Eyeballs *by Kelsey Diss*

Have you ever wanted to know what was inside an eyeball? Well, the seventh graders at BCS had a chance to find out. Mr. Walters, the 7th grade science teacher, held an experiment on April 18th in which we dissected cow eyes. He selected cow eyes because at the time we were studying the nervous system and the human eye.

"The eye is fascinating," said Mr. Walter. Only the 7th graders get to dissect in science class. Other subjects in past dissections included worms and squid, according to Mr. Walters.

The eyeballs were obtained by a company that sells all sorts of science materials. Most of the eyes were from last year, so we re-used them. For each class, the goal isn't the same. Sometimes, different classes look at different parts of the eye and functions. "It reveals God's glory and design," said Mr. Walters.

Club? Office Hours?*by Noah Mathew*

Something that sets BCS apart from other schools is Office Hours & Clubs. For Office Hours you are assigned to a classroom and have time to work on homework from your classes. For Clubs, each semester you can sign up for a variety of clubs. But if you sign up for a club you must wait half a year to change your club. Also, Office Hours is a very helpful time. There are some cases when you don't have any homework and end up distracting those who do have homework even if you don't mean to.

There are a few different suggestions I have for solving these problems. To solve the problem of not liking the club you're in and having to wait, I suggest that we make it so that you are able to change your club every quarter. This would allow people to experience all the different clubs and change it quicker. To keep people from being bored in Office Hours, I suggest in the second semester when it is warmer and nicer outside some teachers volunteer to take a few people from each class to go onto the track and have a recess. Also, many people enjoyed the surprise recess we had that on 4/26, so I propose as another club option to be "Recess" if we were able to switch clubs every quarter a teacher would supervise the track field where you can have your "Recess" just like any other club but outdoors.

Snow Cones Make Your Day Cooler *by Cam Aaselund*

The student council had a snow cone event where they served free snow cones for the seventh and eighth graders. This event happened on May 2nd, during the Junior High lunch, at the BCS main campus courtyard. Student council planned and coordinated this event because it was very popular last semester. Because of popular demand, they decided to do it again.

Jesse De Jong, a member of the student council, was part of the planning committee. Jesse said, "The event went well and couldn't have gone any better." He thought the event was so successful because they planned it out in advance and didn't just start planning the second before. Jesse explained that student council was responsible for planning a certain number of events each year. The snow cone event was so popular last time that they decided to do it again. Jesse served the snow cones and the lines were long; student after student. Jesse thought that there would have been no way to control the line and if they tried to it would have been just as long. It was very well-liked among the students.

Overall, the snow cone event was a blast! Such a blast that students think it should be done more often.

So BCS has Office Hours and Clubs which add to the specialness of BCS. Also, with more things come more problems. Here are some ways to efficiently solve them. I hope the school takes into consideration these things and hopefully implement them in this upcoming year.

Greedy Dreams*by Juan Gatchalian*

And I woke.
I want, I swore
I feel, I make.
I waste, I dream,
Since I am not wise.
I go, and I get.
Disappointed, decided...
Never believe in dreams.

What if...*by Amelie Theisen*

If he died tomorrow...
After having known the silence...
He had lived everyone of those days so...
Intensely

If he died tomorrow...
He would already have seem more
Dressed completely in
Black
Except for his eyes
His presence was much more
Powerful
In the light of the moon.

In his heart he felt a strange sense
He was about to die in pursuit of
His destiny...

Upcoming Band & Choir Concert

by Lucas Wallender

The long awaited Choir and Band concert will occur on Monday, June 4th in the Greene Commons at 5:00P.M. There will be the theme of a story arc; Creation, Fall, Redemption. Mr. Ross DeWit, the choir teacher, and Ms. Tasha Reynolds, the band teacher, will be hosting the Job and Star Wars themed performances. The choir and band have been working hard to prepare the pop music pieces to be presented at the concert.

Mr. DeWit and Ms. Reynolds arranged the concert which includes the theme of Creation, Fall, Redemption. This will be displayed through a series of songs. Mr. DeWit announced two or three months ago in front of the choir that the concert would include pop music, the songs, which were decided by the choir, include: "Believer", "Counting Stars", "What the World Needs Now", and "The Climb". These songs are for the choir, and the band will be playing music from John William's songs in the popular LucasFilm Ltd. LLC Production "Star Wars". These songs will be finished with the final song "May the Lord Bless and Keep You" played by the band through harmony with the choir.

The band students have been practicing for two weeks with the choir, and their vocal skills have been improving. The choir students have been helping the band students and have been encouraging role models. Both the band and choir students have been working hard together to perfect the songs.

The band and choir con-

Remembering the Dead *by Matthew Tjoelker*

Memorial Day is a day where we remember the people who died either in the line of duty or relatives who have died for the military in service to the country. Some people put up flags and others go to graveyards and burial areas to remember the people they lost. Some people spend the weekend traveling or relaxing at home. Some people go and have a barbeque. Since it is a holiday there is a four-day weekend, Memorial Day is on Monday the 28th and on Friday we don't have school because of weather make up day. Weather make up day is a day so that if we are snowed in or have a storm that closes the school, we use the weather make up day.

Memorial Day was first founded in 1868 and was first called Declaration Day. It was made after the Civil War. One of the reasons why they call it Memorial Day is because approximately 620,000 soldiers died on both sides. Memorial Day is when we remember the heroes who gave their lives to give us freedom. Congress declared Waterloo, New York the birthplace of the holiday. 3:00 PM local time is dedicated to remembering the dead. President Lyndon Johnson was the president at the time that Memorial Day was made. In the ancient times, the Greeks and Romans had an occasional day for remembering the dead. Recently freed slaves held one of the first ceremonies. One of the traditions was made because at the time of the Civil War the women would decorate the graves of fallen soldiers. It didn't become a federal holiday until 1971. Over 20 towns claim they started the Memorial Day including Boalsburg, Pennsylvania and Carbondale, Illinois. John A. Logan was the person who suggested Memorial Day, but at that time 11 states were already celebrating Memorial Day. In 1950 congress passed a resolution requesting the President would sign a proclamation to pray for permanent peace. New York, Washington D.C., and Chicago host the biggest parades in the nation for Memorial Day. What will you do for Memorial Day?

cert is a chance for the band and choir to work together, separately and in unison in order to create melodious tunes. The band and choir have not combined efforts previously this year, but they will in the upcoming concert. The two musical groups did fabulous in rehearsal, and will be all the more prepared for the concert. Creation, Fall, and Redemption; the story arc is followed thoroughly with the songs presented in each musical group. The upcoming concert will show an abstract version of the stories presented.

The Letdown

by Marshall Montgomery

He had nothing
Between sunrise and sunset
He was ashamed
He was
Sad
Alone
And going to become
Bitter and Distrustful
Because one person betrayed...
Me