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What's happening in the 7th grade Social and Games club? *by Izzy Martin*

The 7th grade Social and Games club is a fun club where the 7th graders can have fun, play games, and talk with friends. This club is on Tuesdays and Thursdays and happens after 6th period. It is run by Mrs. Dana Kemp. The club is targeted toward people who love to socialize with their friends or talk with people they usually don't talk to. Maddy Miller, a student in the club says, "I wanted to join the club because I want to spend time with my friends and get a break from school." A lot of other kids enjoy talking and playing games with their friends to just have a good time and getting a break from school. The club is taken place in the B-hall in B-106. Johanna Barrios, another student in the club says, "I feel that socializing with others can help with making friends and getting to know them better and building good relationships." She also said, "I've learned a lot from others and their personalities." By being in this club, the students can learn about others and they can come closer as friends and class mates. Maryam Miltenberger mentioned, "I have loads of fun with my peers and friends and love to interact with them." A lot of the 7th graders would recommend this club to anyone outside of the club if they don't know what club they want to be in, or they don't like the club they're in now. Would you join the social and games club?

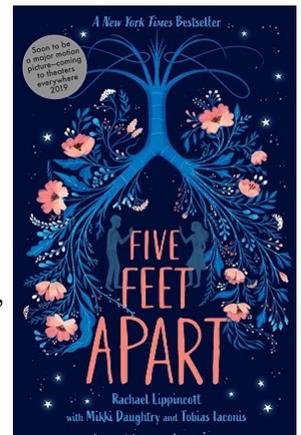


The Flynn-vitational JH Track Meet was held on Wednesday, April 17th. Colton Harris flies through the air in the long jump.

Spoiler Alert!

by Bella Escobar

Five Feet Apart was a heart-touching, tear-worthy book about two teenagers written by Rachel Lippincott, Mikki Daughtry, and Tobias Laconis. Stella and Will (the two teenagers) who have a disease called Cystic Fibrosis and can't get within six feet apart but manage to fall in love without touch. This book is a real tear-jerker and a book you would need tissues for. This book is a must read for ages thirteen and up and for anyone who likes romantic heart-warming books. In this book there is love, death, loss, and true friendships.



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The Night They Sang Their Hearts Out

by Andra Smith

On Mar. 25th, at 7:00pm, the JH choir sang their hearts out at a concert in The Commons. Izzy Martin, a 7th grader in the choir, said that the concert went great and very smoothly. The JH choir had a concert with the Mack and Three Points kids and Izzy said it was very fun singing with them. Izzy thought the choir sang beautifully, but always kept a mindset that there's always room for improvement. She suggested that at the next concert, they should try not to fiddle with things and learn the words of the song and how to pronounce them. She said they sang a bunch of different songs such as worship songs, songs in different languages, and specifically "This Little Light of Mine" which was Izzy's favorite song. Izzy says that singing those songs helps her grow in her relationship with God because the songs open her eyes to different ways of praising God from different cultures. Izzy feels that when singing she is in her happy place. She felt happy and free while singing in the concert. Izzy loves singing and is very thankful for choir concerts where she can share her beautiful gift that God gave her.

EMR Middle School Choir Festival

by Jillian Van Hise

The EMR Middle School Choir Festival took place on April 16th at Beaver Lake Middle School. It's an all-day event where middle school choirs come together to perform and watch other schools' performances. The choir members are given helpful critiques in order to help them be better singers. Middle school and high school choir director Mr. Ross DeWit said, "The overall purpose of this event is to have schools come together and listen to each other and to hear different styles and techniques of music." One of the main reasons that this event happens is because it is a great learning experience to hear other choirs perform and to see how groups work together in order to do their best. Unfortunately, the middle school choir at Bellevue Christian did not attend this year but hopes to attend next year and the years after. Good job to those who did attend and good luck next year!

The Sound of Music *by Owen Feneis*

Many different schools gathered together to celebrate music at its finest. Bellevue Christian was the last one playing at the EMR Band Festival, and you know what they say, they saved the best for last! Bellevue Christian played three songs, "Brighton Camp", "Under an Irish Sky" and "Ceremony, Chant and Ritual". The festival was held on April 18th from 8:00 AM to 2:35 PM. M. Woodruff said, "It was an enjoyable learning experience." It was held at Maywood Middle School. There were judges that graded each individual band, including ours. One judge said that the songs picked out were amazing. Another said that we should listen more to other groups in the band, not just ours. The EMR Band Festival was a fun experience for lots of students.



Welcome to BCS, Mr. Nguyen! *by M. Woodruff*

Mr. N came to BCS recently, in order to help Ms. Boone teach band. Mr. N enjoys teaching other about music, and his favorite part of doing so is watching students accomplish a goal. He wants to teach middle and high school because he wants to express himself through the music that the students play, and more experienced students can use their skills to do so. He plays the piano and has done so for fifteen years. He likes to play that instrument because it's like a "one-person band," as he describes it. You can really play any genre of music with the piano. Music has affected his life in a big way! Music brings Mr. N great joy, whether it's playing an instrument or just listening. His favorite genres of music are jazz and R&B, because he can improvise while playing. He currently attends Northwest University and came to teach us as part of his learning. Mr. N was born and raised in Vietnam, but he moved here six years ago. We're lucky to have you here, Mr. N!

BCS High School Computer Science Class Takes a Trip *by Justus Loving-Williams*

BCS' high school Computer Science class, formed and led by Mrs. Ruthanna Walker, attended the 2019 TEALS Computer Science Fair at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue on March 29, 2019. This was a new venue as the fairs were previously held at the Microsoft campus. The purpose of the field trip was to give students the opportunity to talk to computer industry professionals, to attend seminars related to Computer Science careers, and to experience different technologies.

Mrs. Walker became interested in Computer Science while attending high school. She continued her passion into college and then into teaching Computer Science at BCS since 2016. High school students do not need any experience or previous knowledge to take the Intro Computer Science class, and AP Computer Science class is available for those who complete the Intro Computer Science class. In the intro class, students learn a programming drag and drop language called Snap, as well as basic computer science skills. Mrs. Walker is excited to continue to grow the BCS Computer Science program and to expand students' knowledge through Computer Science. After all, Mrs. Walker's interest in computers was ignited in high school, so consider asking her questions and taking her class in the future!

New Seventh Grader: Noelle Burianek

by Katherine Gile

Noelle Burianek is a seventh grader who transferred from Rosehill Middle School. She came to Bellevue Christian on Monday April 8th, 2019. Her favorite subject in school is fitness. Some of the reasons she decided to transfer was because she was bullied and did not take any pleasure in the environment. Also, Rosehill didn't have much freedom, and when she visited Bellevue Christian, she wrote, "the environment was so much better." So, if you see her, say "Hello".



Noelle Burianek

Student Council Field Trip *by Halle Meyer*

The Student Council is going to a retirement home called The Garden Club for a service project. They plan to make and set up spring decorations. They hope to relate to the community. All of the Student Council members are going to the retirement home. They don't have an exact date set but it will be in May. They are all excited to try and make people's day. The retirement home they are going to is located in Bellevue. Nat Curran, an 8th grader in Student Council, said "I want to be able to be a good example for the 7th graders." They decided to pick the retirement home because they wanted to put some smiles on people's faces and get out of their comfort zones. It is also an opportunity to have the 7th graders bond more with the 8th graders.

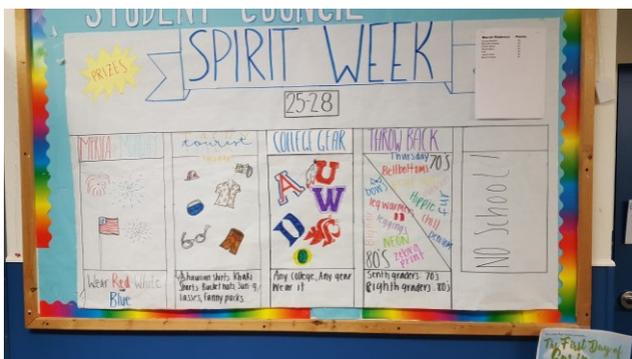
Friday Night Fun!

by Sydney Ohlemann

Come all Junior High students, families, and friends to a night of capture the flag, on May 27th at the main campus from 6:45-9:00! The night will start off with about an hour of capture the flag, then popsicles will be given for no charge, after that the night will end with a few rounds of sardines as people start to leave. Maddy Miller, a member of the student council, and a student at BCS said that one should go because, "It will be fun playing games with friends, and there are free popsicles!" The student council is putting on this event so that people can have a night to have fun and play games! All you need to bring is yourself and maybe a jacket. See you there!

What Week?... SPIRIT WEEK! *by Brooke Harper*

Spirit Week is a time for students to bring out creativity around school in their clothing. Student Council made this spirit week right before Spring break to most likely get everyone excited. Cassie Klauder was one of the students on this board who arranged Spirit Week. Bellevue Christian junior high/high school is where Spirit Week happened. Spirit week occurred during the week of March 25-28. Cassie and a few other students dressed up, even some of the teachers did too. The student council will most likely plan for another Spirit Week later this year. The winners for Spirit week were Colton Harris, Chloe Potthoff, Sanae Loutsis, and Mrs. Caitlin Johnson. All the winners of Spirit week each a received 10-dollar deli card. The themes for the days the students, and teachers did were America Monday where students and teachers wear red, white, and blue. Tacky Tourist Tuesday where students, and teachers wear apparel for what a tourist would wear regularly. College day Wednesday is where students and teachers wear the college they went to or like. We also did Throwback Thursday. Seventh grade wore 70's apparel, and eighth grade wore 80's apparel. The teachers had the option to pick either one. Student Council picked these options because no one has done them, and they seemed more fun. Cassie said, "I think the people who participated did enjoy spirit week." But they do wish that more people would've participated.



Hello Baby! *by Samantha Ratterree*

Have you ever wondered who works at the counseling office? Mrs. Winskill is one of the very talented counselors. She left school on April 12th to have her baby!

Mrs. Winskill's favorite part of her job is getting to know her students and watching them grow up, plus seeing them overcome obstacles. This is Mrs. Winskill's sixth year at BCS. She came to BCS because she was very excited about being able to work in a smaller school where she would be able to build relationships with students and families. She loved the community feel, and the opportunity to combine counseling and faith.

Mrs. Winskill favorite TV show is FRIENDS. She has a Corgi-Mini-Australian Shepherd Mix named Archie, who is her favorite dog. Mrs. Winskill likes to do yoga, travel, hang out with friends and family, play games, hike, play with her dog, Archie, and read. Also Mrs. Winskill's favorite color is green.

Mrs. Winskill's private life: She has a husband named Josh and a dog named Archie. Mrs. Winskill had a baby girl and named her Ada Lousie on April 17th at 10:15AM. She loves spending time with extended family too! She is a very kind person and is very welcoming!

If you see her next year give her a big hug and say how thankful you are to have her! Make her day!
Special thanks to Mrs. Winskill.



Ada Louise Winskill

Coffee with the Counselors *by Charlie Moe*

Teachers are always looking for ways to connect with parents to help students be more successful in their learning. In an effort to do that, counselors at BCS have developed a program called "Coffee with Counselors". Parents and counselors get together for one hour each month to talk about issues students are dealing with in junior high.

On one Friday of each month, counselors and parents meet in the small conference room at BCS to have coffee and discuss all sorts of issues that impact students lives, like mental health, pure pressure, year-end planning, cell phone use, screen time, social media and study habits. Meetings usually

go from 8:00AM to 9:00AM. The goal of the meetings is to help students, parents and the counselors connect and find solutions over a cup of coffee. The event is organized by Micaela Winskill, Danielle Lopez and Rachel Dooley who deserve a round of applause for taking time out of their day and go to extra effort to help the students at BCS. If you have ideas about future topics, talk with your parents or with a counselor.



**Next Coffee
with the
Counselors is
Friday, May 3rd**

A Non-Phone-y Situation *by Meredith Buonerba*

On Monday, April 15, 2019, there was a presentation of the documentary *LIKE*. The screening was one of many that took place around the world. The one that took place at our school was in The Commons. Our screening was special because the filmmaker was one of the panelists along with Mr. Olson, some counselors and Mr. DeYoung. Apparently, the reason our school got special privileges was because our school was featured in the movie. They took some videos of Mr. DeYoung talking about Yonder Pouches and some video footage of lunchroom time and the Yonder Pouches. There were many people that didn't go to BCS. Mr. Olson stated that the 7th graders are more obedient than the 8th graders about putting their phones in the pouches. The reason this documentary was shown is, "We are trying to better understand how phones, apps, and social media are intentionally created so we can use them thoughtfully and responsibly," Mr. Olson said. Thanks for reading this and kids, STAY OFF YOUR PHONES!

A Vacation ... Yes, Please! *by Ava Harrison*

Spring break is one of the best things all year. Students and teachers all can't wait for it because there is no teaching and no learning—just relaxing. It was April 1st through April 5th. Izzy Martin is a student that goes to BCS and loved spring break and had so much fun. "My spring break was very worthwhile and an amazing experience." Izzy got to go to Paradise, California for her trip. Izzy said, "My family and I drove down to Paradise, California and we donated birthday gifts and toys to the people that did not have a house (because they had been burned down)." She even got to see some old friends, "I got to reunite with some of my best friends that I had not seen in what felt like ages. It was also so heartwarming to see them." She did some fun things while she was there. "Most of the time we were driving but I got to bond with my family, we drove down to the church and that was where we donated the money." There were some downfalls of the trip too, "It was really heart-breaking to see the poor families without any homes because their home was burned down, I felt so bad for them." She also had many highlights. "One highlight was giving to toys and money to the children. It felt so good and made me feel so warm inside. I was so incredibly blessed to have had this experience." This is how Izzy's spring break went and it sounded super fun! Spring break was most definitely a big hit because everybody had so much fun!

Easter is a Time to Celebrate with Family

by Alex Fernandez-Kim

What is Easter like for other people? Well, Charlie Moe, a BCS 7th grade student, tells us that his traditions are going to his grandma's house, afterward going to Catholic church, and plays a game like Secret Santa, but Easter version. Charlie's family also holds Easter egg hunts. At his grandma's house, he eats food like turkey because feast holidays are combined as one in his family. Charlie explains why he celebrate Easter by saying, "Because I'm Christian, and I believe in the Easter bunny." Apparently, Charlie believes in the Easter bunny as well, and is a deep believer and has a good relationship with Christ. Charlie also goes to church, which also makes him a deep believer.

Charlie goes to church with only his family. He prefers to celebrate Easter with only his family and not his friends, since Easter is mostly spent with family and God. Charlie's typical day of Easter is first: waking up and going to eat breakfast, then traveling to see his grandma who lives in Kirkland. After meeting up with his grandma, he goes to church, and later goes back to his grandma's house and eats lunch. Directly after his grandma's, he goes on an egg hunt with his family. Lastly, his family eats dinner together. When he was younger, he took photos with the Easter bunny. As he gets older, he does not, but he still believes in him. Charlie does have an especially strong relationship with God and Jesus. He truly feels God's presence with him at church. Even to this day, Charlie's "Cool grandma" hangs up crosses in her house.