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Guilty or Innocent? *by Graham Foster*

In English 7 on November 5th and 6th, classes held a Mock Trial of Jimmy Valentine from “A Retrieved Reformation” by O. Henry. I played the role of Mr. Adams. I prepared for the trial by reading the story which allowed me to remember the key points. Was this a fun event? Yes, I had lots of fun, there was some pressure and stress but other than that it was purely fun. I honestly had no idea what to expect at all. I didn’t know if people were going to take it seriously or not. I didn’t have a strategy going into it because of the lack of experience. I just went with the flow. I felt that I failed in the beginning but towards the end I did a good job. I learned that knowing your facts is important. If you had no idea what happened then you can’t do a good job. My favorite part of the trial was getting asked a question and having to improvise an answer. Would I like to do this in real life? No, I know that a real trial is serious, and it can take a long time for the trial to finish, and if you make a mistake, it can mess up your argument or job in the trial.

BCS Library Welcomes New Books and Activities! *by Sonya Melman*

“There is no better way to escape the world than to read”, says Mrs. Pamela Johnson, librarian of Bellevue Christian School, main campus. Our library has many new books and fun events going on. Mrs. Johnson has taken in many of the requests posted on the poster in the LRC. She says that the most requested/viral series are Dystopian books, *Maze Runner*, *Hunger Games*, and *Harry Potter*. And, the good news is that all these series are currently in the library and/or will be getting entered into the library throughout the

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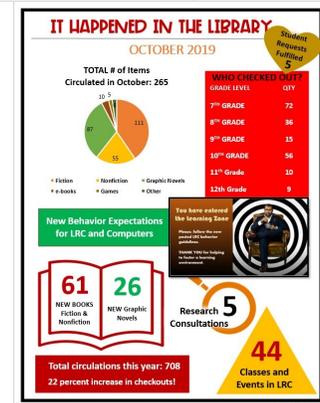
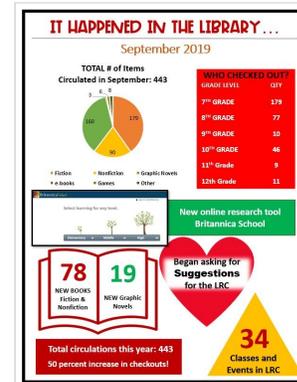


Top Left: Mackenzie Morlock & Jaybin Rippee, Top Right: 6th period jury, Bottom Left: Kyla Phillips & Luke Evenson, Bottom Right: Caitlin Edison & Addison Taylor

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entire 2019-2020 school year. She also said that in September, there were 97 new books, and in October there were 87. That's a lot of books and opportunities to read! She also decided to have themes each month, October was spooky/thrillers for Halloween, and November was war and sports. If you're looking for a good book to read, Mrs. Johnson recommends graphic novels, authors *Gordon Korman* and *Kwame Alexander* for boys, and for girls she recommends the *Christy Miller series* which is about a young girl growing up. She says that she enjoys all the requests, and to keep them coming! She would like more book suggestions for January and February, and especially more game requests. She says that we will be getting in some new cookbooks and Transformers books. Mrs. Johnson brought us some exciting news and she says that one day in December we will have a lot of free birthday cakes in the library in honor of Jesus. There is no set day yet for that to happen, but everyone will soon be informed about it more. She also says that parents are organizing crafts and activities in the library soon. She was also thinking about setting up a healthy snack station, so please keep the requests coming for food, books, and games. It would benefit our community to have more special things for us to enjoy in the library.



Tech Tips with Mrs. Ahnert by Blake Kusak

Technology is everywhere but if something goes wrong with your computer it can be hard to know what to do to solve the problem. Mrs. Ahnert gave us some tips to solve common technology problems.

One of the most common problems is when your computer freezes, and this is what you can do about it: hold down the power button for five to ten seconds or until your screen turns off. Another tech tip is that you should always save your files to your OneDrive, because then if you lose or break your school computer you will still have everything you need. You should take your computer home every night to charge it. But if you ever do need a charger at school and don't have your charger, Mr.

Olson has four charges available for check out and Mrs. Johnson has two in the library. The computers were paid for by the school auction and the tech department saving money.

Creativity is Flowing in Woodshop club

by Daniel Garland

The wood club is a great club to join. Top 10 Reasons to Join Woodshop Club:

1. Safety is rule number one in the shop. If you are not safe you can get hurt.
2. It can be dangerous, but Mr. Zschoche keeps everyone safe.
3. You can build a lot of things in this class.
4. You can make a carving, build shelves etc.
5. Yes, you do get to use tools.
6. You get to use chisels, scalpels, saws, etc.
7. You can do a long project over a few weeks.
8. The shop has a lot of supplies for you to use.
9. Woodshop is a good workout.
10. It is a lot of fun!

Pickleball vs. Basketball *by Roman Venti*

On October 23rd and 25th, a pickleball tournament took place. More recently, on the 13th and 15th of November was a basketball tournament. While pickleball and basketball aren't necessarily opposites they are very different sports. Even though pickleball is not played by huge amounts of people as basketball is, there is no denying it remains both an engaging and endearing sport, especially to those in the Seattle area! The sport gets its nostalgic ways about it, mainly due to the fact it began as a summer past time on Bainbridge Island only 55 years ago. The story gets even better in that the sport was created from a place of competitiveness and comradery mixed with a sense of innovation and adventure by three dads and

their kids who turned their boredom from average summer activities into a summer they would never forget, the summer they created pickleball!

Here at Bellevue Christian we had our own pickleball and basketball tournaments! According to Ryder Brickman, a member of student council, "The preparation for the tournaments wasn't too bad. all we had to do was put up the nets. For basketball all we had to do is make the bracket." It sounded like due to the anticipation and excitement for tournaments ahead, it was fun having the opportunity to be part of something bigger than yourself, and the role he got to play in helping with

setting up for the tournaments made him feel a part of something. Both Meredith, a 7th grader and part of the tournament, and Ryder's favorite piece of the pickleball tournament was the comradery of playing with their partner. In addition, Meredith said, "Both pickleball and basketball is a team sport and builds community because you need each other to win." The tournaments were fun and much like the reason behind why pickleball began, it was a community building experience. There is nothing like playing on a team with your friends! The winners of the pickleball tournament were Levi Bengelink and Luke Evenson. The winners of the basketball tournament were Levi Bengelink, Garrett Bold, Chengyang Song and Justin Huang.

5k Fun Run Opportunities *by Justyn Peterhans*

There are some interesting opportunities to stay in shape coming up. Coach Amy Ford, coach of the Junior High cross-country team, sent a list of 5k Fun Runs to the members of the cross-country team. These runs are good ideas for anyone who is interested in running and wants to keep in shape. The run coming up the quickest is the "Celebrate Woodinville Winterfest 5k." This run takes place at Wilmot Gateway Park in Woodinville on December 7th, with two different runs: a 10k and a 5k. The runners register at 7:00 am, and the 10k starts at 8:30 am. The 5k takes place at 8:45

am, and then after the race is complete, a finisher celebration starts that goes from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Next, coming on the 14th of December, is the Shoes-n-Feet Winter Wonderland 5k. This running event will be located in Lake Hills, Bellevue. A portion of the proceeds from this run will be donated to an organization called Jubilee REACH. If neither of these runs hold any appeal, there is also a run on the 21st of December at Seward Park. This run is called the Seward Solstice run, appropriately. It is different from the first two runs because it is a 4.2-mile

run, instead of a 5k, which is 3.1 miles. The final run is on January 1st, 2020, known as the CNW Resolution Run and Polar Bear Dive. The Polar bear part refers to an option the runner can take, where instead of completing the normal 5k, the runner has the option to run into the surf of Lake Washington, which is approximately 100 yards from the normal racetrack. Hot chocolate, coffee, chili, and other hot foods and drinks will be provided at no cost to the participant. If someone is interested in doing this, they must specify if they want to participate in the Polar Bear dive. Anyone who comes to any of these runs are encouraged to bring their friends and family.

Aidan Morlock: Junior Olympic trap and skeet shooter

by *Trey Hodo*

“What first got me into shooting was the experience of being a hunter. Kayla Wilgus got me into it, and I have been doing it ever since. In trap you shoot a round of twenty-five discs which they throw into the air and you shoot at it. My favorite moment is when I was in the West Regional championship in Tucson. I shot a ninety seven out of a hundred and won the whole thing for my division. My competitions take place in-state in Ravensdale, Redmond, Renton, and out-of-state competitions in Oregon, Texas, and Arizona. For me, it depends on the day. Somedays I will shoot high nineties, some days I will shoot low fifties. For my age I think I’m overall a pretty good shooter. You would think shooting is really easy, but you’re trying to hit a target that can fit in the palm of your hand. These targets go up into the air at around 75 MPH. I think it is mostly a mental game because if you are doing really good, and all of a sudden you miss, you are thinking, wow, how did I miss that, I shouldn’t have. Argh! After that happens, you have two choices: bounce back and rub it off your shoulder, or you can let it get to your head and end up having a really bad round.” Unfortunately, Aidan was sick and did not have the chance to go to the Junior Olympics.



Aidan Morlock
Photo: Morlock family

The Speed of Sound

by *Kendrea Beazer*

Tatum Ford is an eighth grader who has a talent for music. Tatum has been playing music outside of school in a band for two to three months. She is currently playing the electric guitar which is an instrument she has been wanting to play. Band has taught Tatum to take what she is learning individually and incorporate it in a group. She plans on pursuing music in the future as a singer and songwriter. If there was one band she would like to join, it would be Calpurnia, if they would not have broken up. Tatum and her band, called the Speed of Sound, mostly perform covers of rock pop music. With the six people in the band, and lots of practice outside and in band, they sound like a good group of performers. She also said she would like to teach

others about music but plans on really focusing on her own music in the future.



Tatum Ford (far right) playing with her band. Photo: Ford family

'Twas the Night *by Meredith Wetter*

Amelia Lowry is a 7th grader at our school and she is a mouse in the play *'Twas the Night...* She will be performing at the Studio East Mainstage Theater in cast A. The dates for her performance are November 30th, December 8th, 15th, and 21st. On each of these days she will be performing at 11a.m., 2p.m., and 5p.m. Amelia and the whole cast have been working very hard on this play. Last year Amelia played the part of an elf in this production. This is a fun play, best for ages 4 and up, to go and see. Each ticket is \$20, and you can get them at www.studio-east.org. It will be so much fun. I recommend going as a great way to get into the Christmas spirit.



Amelia Lowry
Photo: Lowry
Family

Mr. Cushman and Veteran's Day *by Jack Zylstra*

Every year on November 11, everyone in the U.S takes time off to celebrate all the veterans of the military and all the great ways in which they have served our country. During this holiday, we celebrate the men and women who served and are alive who served in wars such as, World War 2, Vietnam, the Korean War, and many others.

On October 10th and 11th, Mr. Ron Cushman, a veteran of the Vietnam War, was here to visit and answer questions about Vietnam for a story we read that related to the Vietnam War. Mr. Cushman was in Vietnam for a little over a year, and he was a soldier on the front lines. During the year, the soldiers had to travel through harsh jungles, open fields, and other hazardous environments and geography during their stay there. Mr. Cushman, on the day he lost his arm, took the position of "scout", and after seeing some people in the jungle and deciding not to fire, had stepped on a mine. The aftermath of this explosion was that some of the ground and rocks that were near the mine were launched up and injured him greatly, including puncturing Mr. Cushman's right arm's muscle so that it couldn't move. This, although initially is looked at as a tragedy, Mr. Cushman explained that this tragic event also helped lead to leaving Vietnam in a helicopter, a cool arm, and even his marriage!

This is basically why we celebrate Veteran's Day. It's not just another day off from school because it's just another holiday, but because it is time given to us to take time off from school, work, and what we do for a living to celebrate and remember all the brave men and women like Mr. Cushman who have served our country for the benefit of us all!



Mr. Cushman speaks while Justyn Peterhans, Meredith Wetter & Jack Zylstra listen. Photo: Mrs. Graves

What's up with Viking for a Day?

by Sachi Culver

Viking for a Day is an opportunity for a student from 7th to 11th grade to come to Bellevue Christian to experience our school. Students from public and private schools in the area can come and shadow a current student from their grade. The student that the child shadows is a student that the Principal gives recommendation for being a leader to Ms. Monique Borrego, Director of Admission. The student typically comes on a Monday when there are all seven classes. Bellevue Christian likes to do it on a Monday because the student can sit through all the classes and get to know the teachers and other students, and the student can have fun through the little breaks and lunch. A five-dollar deli card for lunch is provided.

In the morning the student and their parents come and get the student's schedule and the host student comes, then the two students go off to their class. At the end of the day the parents can come and ask questions to Ms. Borrego or Mrs. Tristen Teramoto, the admission counselor, and get a tour. Ms. Borrego & Mrs. Teramoto direct Viking for a Day. Viking for a Day has been happening for the past couple of years. Every month a new student comes and sees what BCS is like. The student mostly comes on the first Monday or the second Monday of the month.

At the Elementary Schools, they have a visitation day like Viking for a Day, but it is called Visitation Day and the young student comes for two hours, 8:30 to 10:30. Viking for a Day is really important because Bellevue Christian is able to showcase who we are as a community, how teachers show love to the students, how we're different than the public schools or different private schools in the area. Ms. Borrego thinks that overall, we do a great job, our teachers are just phenomenal being able to welcome visitors. That alone shows how much our school loves students differently than other schools, just being able to show God's love through everything that BCS is doing. Ms. Borrego thinks that it is unique. Bellevue Christian is like the lines of our mission statement, it is just an opportunity to show who we are and how BCS prepares young people to live faithfully. The world is rapidly changing, and students are able to see that through their teachers and interacting with their classmates, they can see how we build community and friends in our classes and outside of classes through sports and clubs and they are just able to see community all around us.

Crash course in 8th Grade Civics

by Ben Cunliffe

The first semester of Eighth Grade History covers government, economics, and civics. Since the Constitution sets up how the US government is run, students have spent time in Articles I, II, and III, and they have even rapped about the Bill of Rights. It may sound as if this is easy but this subject can be dry at times, which is why Mrs. Schmer teaches the American Constitution through videos, like Crash Course History, Kahoot, and scavenger hunts.

Mrs. Schmer thinks of herself as being a hands-on teacher because her students love hands-on learning. It is much more interesting than just covering the textbook. "In social studies we do many interesting projects throughout the year and we are only getting started," said Mrs. Schmer. Mrs. Schmer shared, "I love to travel and go on interesting adventures, so that is why I love coordinating the 8th Grade State trip in the spring."

Boys D1 BB Team Starts the Season Strong

by Chengyang Song

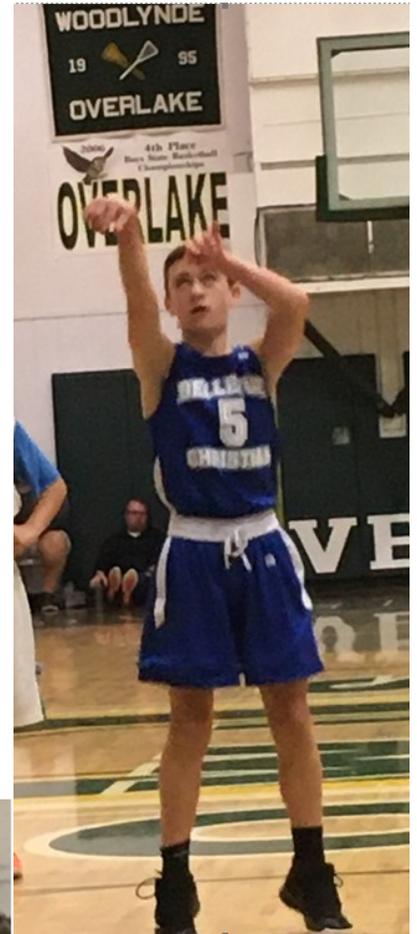
On the 8th of October, D1 basketball season of 2019-2020 officially started with a victory over UPS at University Prep, a 31 point blowout. Coach Eric Kats, Head Coach of D1, feels great about this year's team. He said, "We have tons of talent and I'm excited to see where it goes."

BCS D1 team played very well. the other team scored under 20 points the whole game and that revealed BCS played great at the defensive end. Coach Kats always said, "Defense wins the game." Trey Hodo, D1 starting small forward, said that Coach Kats is a great coach. "He is good at understanding what happens and why, he understands the game of basketball, because he has past experience of playing." However, the team needs to work on rebounding and defensive transition to prepare for varsity level and to win many games. Also, Trey added, "Getting open, because the point guard is being pressured a lot."

Coach Kats' expectation is to have a winning season – with no losses. To accomplish his goal, the team needs good chemistry, the drive to win, and a selfless spirit to put away their pride to get better.

"The favorite part of the team," said Coach Kats, is "the variety of personalities and seeing how much fun the kids have playing the game." Each player has an important role he brings to the team, yet everyone works together as a whole. Trey Hodo added, "How engaged everybody is, and they give 110% no matter what."

Finally, the team goal this year is to not lose even one game, and Coach Kats said the team is capable of doing that.



Nathan Wasson at Free Throw Line: Photo Mrs. Wasson



Team huddled around Coach Kats: Photo Mrs. Wasson