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The Play Must Go On *by Katie Schultz*

On October 29th and 30th the high school drama put on a play called *Hamlet Thrill ma-geddon*. This year they filmed it and then put it on a link, so then people could watch it from there due to COVID-19. You may ask, was the play harder or easier to do this year? Mr. Ramquist, the drama teacher said that it was indeed harder, having to wear masks at rehearsals, staying six feet, and not having the energy from an audience. Hampton Kay, 10th grader, also said that it was harder! The 1st rehearsals for the play did start online, so when Bellevue Christian went in person there were lots of changes.

As you can see there were a lot of differences, some were like not being able to hug, the stage movement, and having to wear chin shields instead of masks so they could still see face emotion, and they didn't even know if we were going to be in person or not. "You did get to have the script with you," Hampton shared, "when you memorize the lines you have more expression, but it's hard to have that when you're just reading from a paper." After all these differences because of COVID-19, Mr. Ramquist did pick this play because it was more of a comedy. He wanted it to be happy and something that would make us laugh because during this time we are normally sadder than we were before COVID-19. This also applied with the main roles, Mr. Ramquist picked the parts that fit the person's personality, but of course they still also go by experience. Overall, they said this was such a fun play to put on and watch! If you ended up missing it, don't worry there will be more plays later!



Ben Schnitzius, Hampton Kay, Samantha Ratterree, & Mr. Ramquist Photo: BCS staff

BCS Theatre presents...

Streaming
Oct 29 - 30

HAMLET THRILL-MA-GEDDON

BY DON ZOLIDIS

FREE Stream link - <https://bit.ly/37oRRzs>

This laugh-out-loud parody of *Hamlet* has characters and plot-line of Shakespeare's masterpiece, but a cash strapped high school theatre troupe mashes it up with zany plot twists, updated language, and corporate sponsorships. Somehow it all gets spun into crazy comedy. Enjoy watching this readers theatre presentation by BCS Theatre!

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Editor's Note: Due to COVID-19 *The Viking Chronicle* 5.2 includes articles about students and teachers at all levels of Bellevue Christian School.

Do You Have Spirit? *by Madison Temp*

The week of October 27th- 30th was spirit week! Spirit week is a fun, creative week of fun events. Maya Smith is a part of the junior high student council class that put this event together. For this event it was for the whole junior high and high school, but in this article, we will be focusing on the junior high part of spirit week.

What happened during spirit week? This week all students dress up according to the day as planned. There were four different days which were: Tuesday – crazy mask day, Wednesday – Inverted day, Thursday – black out day, and Friday—character day. It was an all-day event. Why did it happen? Maya said that the reason student council put on spirit week was, “To show school spirit and have a fun week.” How did it happen? The student council all collectively picked specific themes for each day and then started making posters to hang up around the school and made announcements to inform the other students. And how they came up with the different days, “we all picked themes for everyday of the week then did a vote of a ton of ideas and narrowed it down to a few and started assigning it to different days.” Why do we do spirit week? Maya said, “We do spirit week to bring community together.” Who was a part of spirit week? “The student council planned it but the whole junior high was a part of it.” (The high school was also a part of spirit week, but they planned their own days with the senate.) Was

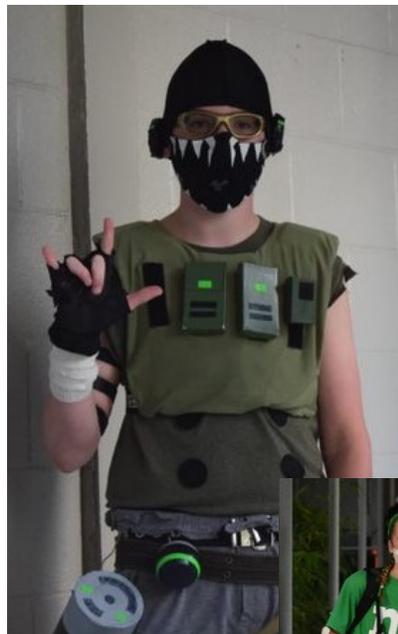
spirit week optional? Spirit week was optional for everyone but since it was such a fun week a lot of people participated. Maya’s over all thoughts, “It went really well, but more people could have participated in the event.” Spirit week was really fun and we hope you can join us next time!



Ryan Salazar Photo: Mrs. Graves



Olivia Reynolds, Rocklyn Osborn, Katie Schultz, Madison Erisman Photo: Ms. Fietchner



Justyn Peterhans
Photo:
Ms. Fietchner



Emily Eggers, Lily Naeseth, Georgia Shimotakahara, Naomi Mathew
Photo: Ms. Fietchner





Nick German
Photo: Ms. Fietchner



Mr. Hart - On Cozy Day
Photo: Ms. Fietchner



Robert Bartell
Photo: Ms. Fietchner

Halloween in 2020

by Annabel Stratton

During 2020 lots of weird things have happened like COVID-19. Since we are in a pandemic, we cannot have parties or even hang out with our friends, so Halloween had to be different this year.

Georgia Shimotakahara told me that she did not walk around and trick-or-treating instead she drove around and got the candy that way. She usually trick-or-treats every year and walks around and knocks on doors. This year she was up at her cabin when she went trick-or-treating. She got together with friends and family, but they had masks on. She was a red M&M

for Halloween this year. Georgia said “trick-or-treating was a lot of fun.”

Georgia said, “This year has been so weird.” She thinks that there will not be a spike in the COVID-19 cases after Halloween because not everyone went trick-or-treating and lots of people put out candy instead of handing it out at their doors. She goes trick-or-treating every year and gets an average of 185 pieces of candy. Her favorite candies are Snickers, Airheads, Dots, Nerds, Swedish Fish, Mike and Ikes

Georgia, most years, has pizza for dinner on Halloween.



This year Georgia carved pumpkins and on her pumpkin, she carved Forky from *Toy Story*. She also decorated her house with garland, Halloween lights, and a ghost holding a pumpkin.

Alumni Teacher Excited to Return *by Scott Dea*

Everybody loves BCS, but some people loved it so much they came back to teach here. Mr. Teng, math, photography, and volleyball teacher, and Ms. Sorensen, math teacher tell why they came back to teach. Ms. Sorensen says that, "From the time I was a 7th grader I wanted to be a math teacher," and what better place to teach than BCS. She also enjoys being back at BCS which is good for her.

Mr. Teng on the other hand wanted to be an engineer before he became a teacher and got a degree in college for electrical engineering, but he decided to become a teacher. One of his goals when he was pursuing a job in teaching was to teach here at BCS. Mr. Teng went to the 3 Points campus when he was in elementary school, but Ms. Sorensen did not even live here in Washington. She lived in Pasadena, California until she moved during 9th grade and attended main campus. Both Ms. Sorensen and Mr. Teng enjoy being back at main campus and teaching new students and meeting some of their old teachers, who still teach at BCS which is crazy to believe! Also, a fun fact about Ms. Sorensen is that, "I was on the 1st ever softball team at BCS and Ms. Steffen was my coach." Both say that BCS has not changed a lot since they were students here themselves - like the rooms and furniture, but it is always fun to see new faces. Ms. Sorensen and Mr. Teng were both good at the subject they teach today and were good students at BCS. Ms. Sorensen was so good at math that she was Salutatorian which means she was the second best of her class. Both teachers like teaching the subjects that they teach. Ms. Sorensen does not *just* like her subject though, she likes every subject but especially Math, English, Science, and PE. Mr. Teng likes the subjects he already teaches, and he also hopes to teach science someday too. We all love BCS and so do these teachers so stay safe and keep the school open.

Other teachers who are alums: Ms. Bennett and Mrs. DeJonge.



Ms. Sorensen class of '96



Mr. Teng class of '07



Ms. Bennett class of '75



Mrs. DeJonge class of '93

Taking the PSATs

by Naomi Mathew

The PSAT testing took place in the LRC on Saturday, October 17th at 7:45am. Ms. Amy Fox was asked questions about the PSAT testing and what it was like to take. Ms. Fox is the Director of Curriculum and Innovation, so she directs and manages the educational program for Bellevue Christian. She oversaw the planning and putting together the PSAT tests. The PSAT testing is preparation for 12th grade SAT tests and is taken by 10th and 11th graders. PSAT testing can be challenging, stressful, and necessary for acquiring college scholarships in the near future.

When asked why kids must take the PSAT's, Ms. Fox responded, "Students choose to for a few reasons, NMSQT, and if you score high enough you can get scholarships." NMSQTs, National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is the same as a PSAT test and if you score high enough, you can get scholarships for college. High School student Noah Mathew shared his thoughts about taking the PSAT test for the first time, and said, "No, never stressing, a little apprehensive, but never stressful." Clearly this is only one student's opinion and it can be stressful for other high schoolers who are worried about the outcome. How it works is, "You get a report from the college board, and you get advice for the actual SAT test," says Ms. Fox. The PSAT test can be different experience for all students but has an overall good beneficial effect.

JH Ping Pong Tournament

by Duke Young

The Ping Pong tournament was from the 21st to the 28th of October 2020. The tournament happened in the MPR during lunch time. The Ping Pong tournament was everything from entertaining to fun and much more. There were multiple games in the tournament and multiple winners. Two of the winners were Ryan Salazar and Kaden Kivett and there were many more competitors and winners. Some people said this tournament was fun to watch and overall an amazing experience and fun to be with their friends. The student council and Ms. Steffen set up the tournament. There were not a lot of people at the first game, but at the second game there were a lot of people. One exciting moment is when Madison Temp played Kaden Kivett. It was very noisy because all the girls were rooting for Madison and the boys were rooting for Kaden and it was crazy but in the end Kaden Kivett won. Overall it was a fun school activity and an eventful opportunity.

Want to compete? Join HS Class competition!

by Cam Thomas

A moment about High School Class Competitions with Ben Douglass, senate member. You might have the question of what are class competitions? Class Competitions are a way to be active at school while building the BCS community.

Class Competitions was an idea by the senate to build school spirit while giving students something to do during lunch. In fall and winter seasons, they occur in the gym or MPR and during the spring on the field. Sign-ups are usually posted on the bulletin board and throughout the school. But this year if you would like to participate, you can sign up through the bio of the senate on Instagram. Anyone can participate and they can be as competitive and as serious as they want. You can try to compete and win, or you can also just sign-up and play for fun. There is usually a mix of competitors from every grade level. Class competitions happen usually throughout the year, about 1-2 times a month.

HS Class Competitions build school spirit and fuel kids' desire to compete while giving students something to do with extra lunch time.

Return to In-person School *by Oscar Hernandez-Olagaray*

This year has been tough, but we're all happy to be back. "The mask situation is not great," said George Hermann, 7th grader, but he likes how it is keeping us safe from the coronavirus. His favorite classes are his electives Photo & Design and Drama. Coming back from remote learning is so relieving. When everybody was in remote computers were lagging, and everybody got kicked from calls and got muted every second. During remote learning we would be on the screens the whole day. Now that we are in school, we can talk and not see each other on screens. Overall, the school is great now that we are back in person. There are lots of nice teachers, new friends and good curriculum.

What's New in the Deli the Year? by Yara Akarasirikanhana

The deli has always been part of BCS; with a ton of different food to eat from ice-cream bars to vegetables. The popularity of food changes every year, this year chicken burgers and Subway cookies are mostly purchased by Junior High students. The deli is open 7:45am and closes after high school lunch.

Pizza sticks are new this year. So is the new arrangement for the hot water; it is inside due to COVID-19 instead of outside where students and teachers could access it without the help of a deli worker. There is not new food every year however, some years only a couple things are added.

Ms. Amy Miller has been working as the deli manager at BCS for around nine or ten years now and enjoys being with kids and moms that come to help. She got interested because she volunteered to help while her kids used to learn here. Ms. Miller does not want to add anything else to the deli considering that there is no more space, but she does want a sprayer head for the sink to make it easier to clean. Other than that, she is happy. Her favorite food in the deli - taquitos.

How One Man Observes Veterans Day by Reid Rekdal

People observe Veterans Day in different ways. Many people call Veterans Day a celebration, but for one man, it is more like being proud that he served and thinking back and remembering his past times in the military. Mr. Cabot Guidry, my friend's father, was interviewed about what he does on Veterans Day and the answers were surprising.

One example of what he does on Veterans Day is group texts with military friends. He said, "I do that to give everyone a shout out." He also calls friends on Veterans Day on a regular basis. Here are two places he served: Thailand and Asia. He wishes he could still hang out with his friends from the military.

When he was asked about his medals this was his answer, "Only medal I think about is first one I got, but I got a lot over the years but I don't really think about them on Veterans Day." He does however think about food. He hated the food in the bag called an MRE, a small and easy to eat meal the military service gives out. But he loved when they went to a restaurant like the one in Thailand they went to.

When he was asked, "Is there a sad military story you ever think about on Veterans Day?" "Yes, I think about this a lot. Some of my buddy's lost their lives in fights."

Even though Mr. Guidry has celebrated Veterans Day since he was a kid, he now celebrates in a different way because he remembers his time of service and he remembers his friends, both alive and dead.

School Library & Spectacular Themes

by Tadem Wilson

Mrs. Johnson, the school librarian's, inspiration for the library themes was to highlight different books and genres. She wanted to be able to expand the students book genres and help suggest books for students. Some of the different themes that she does are *Score with a Book* for November and *Warm up with a Good Book* for December And for January she does Survival Books and she also does separate books for President's Day. She gets about 95% of her own books from the school library.

Students can suggest books for the library as well. She has a board in the LRC where students can put sticky notes with their suggestions. For Christmas there are some parents that come in and put up a Christmas tree. She changes the book theme every month sometimes a little earlier and sometimes a little later.

The best time to come and checkout the LRC would be before and after school sometimes during lunch ,although there will be a class going on, and during office hours. So if you want to grab a new book and make sure you can find the right one for you, you should head over to the LRC.

Cross Country Runs for It *by William Bian*

Coach Vicky Donnel is the cross-country coach for Bellevue Christian School. Firstly, Coach Donnel said, “There are 19 kids on the team.” She went on to explain that there is plenty more room for more kids to join the team. Based on this answer, it seems like they expected more kids on the cross-country team this year than came out. Practice is from 3:15 to 5:00 and runners meet in the courtyard before heading to that day’s running location. According to Coach Donnel, students are “supposed to run twice a week on their own. The days we practice on are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.” Junior high runners usually run 2.5 to 5 miles and at each practice we, “run other running drills and stretch.” Masks are worn before practices and temperatures are taken. Masks are taken off once the practices start. This year the season has been moved to the spring. Competitions against teams start in April 2021.



JH & HS XC Team
Photo: Mrs. Graves

BCS HS Girls Fastpitch is back! *by Simone Loving - Williams*

Did you know BCS high school has a competitive girls Fastpitch team that has been in the state championships more times than the school’s baseball team? The girls are already practicing twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. to get ready for their spring season. The JV and Varsity teams always welcome new players so drop by practice at Marymoor Park in Redmond to see BCS softball in action. No experience is necessary because girls with good hand-eye coordination most often have natural batting and fielding skills.

Assistant Coach Pridmore, aka “Prid,” has coached softball on and off for 38 years, and he’s also experienced as a basketball, soccer, and football coach. He explains about softball, “I love the game, I love the strategy of the game, and most of all, the team – the girls are awesome!” Such positive and energetic coaching makes for enthusiastic players like Amanda Pippel who comments, “Softball is a great experience and a place to have fun!” And, Coach Pridmore encourages his players by reminding them that it only takes three things to get better at any sport, “Practice, practice, practice.” So, if you think you might be interested in playing Fastpitch, want to have a great time, and want to learn more, connect with Coach Pridmore!



Softball team at Practice
Photo: Coach Ryan

BCS Girls Basketball 2020 *by Georgia Shimotakahara*

As we all know everything has been different lately. Especially sports. Some are happening and some are not. Mr. DeJonge, the school athletics director and the girls basketball coach, has shared with us what is currently going on with the High School girls basketball team. The good news is that High School Girls get to practice however there can only be so many players at a time in the gym. Coach says that there can be twelve people or less in the gym at once. There are normally ten to twelve players on each team for both Varsity and JV. "It is harder because you can't do all that you used to do but, I am thankful for all that we can do," he says. He also says how the dynamic of practices in general are harder specifically because they are not able to do all the same stuff that they could before. They are not allowed to do any five on five anymore - just mainly ball handling, passing, shooting and one on one. He says that he is grateful that last season wasn't cut because of COVID-19. "We got to do all of the winter season and we made it by a week," he says. He also says how they got to start practices this season on September 28th but also mentions some of the harder parts of practicing now. He says that the players do not have to wear masks, but the coaches do all the time like most of the other sports. Coach DeJonge has coached basketball for over twenty years; this is his 9th year coaching girls bas-



2019/20 Team from State

ketball and he is as excited as ever for this season as, "we have a very good girls team" he said. We have been in the top two or three the last few years. Unfortunately, as fans, we will not be able to watch our girls team play, but we wish them luck just the same.

HS Boys Basketball *by Ryan Salazar*

One of the most common sports in high school is basketball. Almost every basketball player has the desire to play for their high school team. The high school BCS boys basketball team's season starts December 28 and runs through February. Right now, they are practicing on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the BCS gym. At practice, the players are working on skill building: shooting, ball handling, and fundamentals. There are two different BCS boys basketball teams. The first is the varsity team and the second is the JV team which stands for junior varsity. For each team there is a limit of 12 players per team. Varsity team coaches are Branden Kats and Chris Reamer.

The returning players on the varsity team are: Avery Morgan, Jared Whitton, Luke Henry, Lucas Meissner, Robert Bartell, and Mayson Green.

Due to COVID-19, Athletic Director Mark DeJonge does not know if there will be any restrictions regarding fans to coming to the home games. Mr. DeJonge thinks, "To become a great basketball player and leader it takes a lot of hard work, a lot of practice, being a good listener, and the desire to put the team first at all times." Also, he says that the boys varsity team is a good group and is in contention for a league cham-

pionship and thinks every player on the team has potential to be a strong leader this year. Lastly, BCS is known for its strong relationship with Christ. In basketball they do this by having prayer time, devotions, and doing all these things together as a team. GO VIKINGS!



Hoping They Can Play this Year *by Lila Naeseth*

Rylee Reese, captain of the varsity soccer team, and her 16 teammates did not have practices cancelled last season from COVID-19. But as of now they are practicing at Marymoor Park or BCS field for this year's practices. They unfortunately cannot have games yet, but they can practice; so, they wear masks on their way to practice and take it off while practicing.

At practice, Rylee says they do all sorts of different types of drills including footwork, scrimmages, passing and her least favorite drill is running (but she does like to get in shape before the season).

"My favorite moment was probably my freshman year game when we went into overtime and had a shootout and we ended up winning the shootout and I had the goal to make us win!" center forward, Rylee says.

Rylee says she loves the sport because of how competitive and goal driven it is. She is the type of person who's always up to compete; and thinks that is why she enjoys playing soccer so much because it challenges her to be competitive in every aspect which she loves. Rylee has also been playing soccer since she was 3!



"My best advice is how everyone talks about it being fun, but there's a time and place for fun and if you are serious about playing that you need to push yourself to be the best player you can be. You should always put in the work outside of practice because that is where the real dedication and time is put in. I am a firm believer that anyone can play, but in order to be good you must want it and put the work in. Full effort ALWAYS!" Rylee says to all the young female athletes out there.

Rylee Reese is a great role model, and you should use her advice and put full effort and confidence into the things you love.

Go Vikings!

Volleyball is BACK

by Rocklyn Osborn

According to Cora ter Kuile and Mr. Andrew Teng this year's volleyball practices are different than other years. This year their practices are every Tuesday and Thursday in the gym after school. Besides Cora there are 23 other team members. The volleyball season has gotten pushed back from fall to mid-winter making it currently their offseason and them having practices like summer. Mr. Teng the BCS high school volleyball coach says, "I enjoy watching the athletes develop their skills and the competitive dynamic of the game." When the players first walk into practice, they must get their temperatures taken and answer a few questions. Cora a senior on the BCS volleyball teams says, "I love the competition and teamwork that goes on in the game." So excited to watch the BCS volleyball team this year!



Volleyball practice begins Photo: Mrs. Graves

Mrs. Winskill - BCS Counselor by Kenny Wang

Mrs. Winskill is one of our BCS counselors and is amazing at her job here. She went to St. Olaf College for an undergraduate degree for 4 years and then went to Seattle Pacific University where she studied school counseling. It takes at least 6 years of college to counsel. Mrs. Winskill says she likes to help students so that they feel good about coming to school. She loves her job, as she has been doing it for eight years. She likes to watch students overcome their challenges. Sometimes students are going through something heart-breaking and it's hard to help them.

She taught as a teacher at Newstart High School before coming to BCS. When she was young, she wanted to be a teacher, then when she was in high school, she didn't have a good counselor that helped students, and that's why she wanted to be a counselor.



Mrs. Winskill

***Alice in Wonderland* Auditions Begin Soon!** by Drew Lowry

On February 15, the school play *Alice in Wonderland* will be streamed straight from The Commons stage by Mr. Mark Ramquist, Director and Grace Edwards, Student Director. Mr. Ramquist states that masks will be required, and the acting will be more difficult due to COVID-19, and pantomiming will become essential during “fights” and other fake contact between actors. When asked how Mr. Ramquist feels about having to stream the acting instead of in person acting, he claims it will be “Odd but exciting because it’s virtual, and it will be more TV-ish.” Auditions will be happening soon. In terms of safety, we are assured that, due to recent regulations, that the play will have “Less risk than having lunch in the commons.” Mr. Ramquist claims that, “Theater is creating a story and putting it on stage. There are so many un-knowns to take into awareness.” Grace says she chose *Alice in Wonderland* because she has a soft spot for the amazing costumes. When asked how she feels about the play she explains that she feels a mixture of excitement and “fun stress” towards her role as student director. “I personally think it’s going to turn out good, and that the cast and crew will help me out and make things much better.”



Cover of the 1899 edition of the book by Lewis Carroll