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Spring Hwang

"AHHH!" The screams of students echoed throughout the basement hallway as the zombie in the haunted house burst out of the cemetery. On November 1st the Student Council organized a haunted house for a finale of the 2013 Halloween celebrations. Many students from kindergarten to middle school took the challenge to go visit the spooky haunted house. The members of student council are very thankful for the school-wide support they received. They feel the haunted house was a great success.

The student council members stayed after school every day for a week to design and decorate the haunted house. They collaborated with Ms. Gawboy who contributed her creative ideas to come up with many different characters like the Mad Scientist, the Blanket Ghost, and the Bleeding Zombie. Student Council was also able to borrow Halloween decorations from the PTO.

All the windows of the basement room were covered with black paper in order to prevent light from coming in. Plus some spooky Halloween music, a big hairy

spider, and pumpkin ghosts scarily greeted all the shivering students as they walked into the room.

Ms. Goldman leads high school student council and she loved the creative process, "In the beginning, we started brainstorming ideas for the storyline, ghosts, and decorations. Every member of student council contributed and worked together very well. The Haunted House seemed to take shape after about 3 days. I was proud of student council's first big project this year. The haunted house looked great!"

Student council member Heenha Kim will have memories of this event forever, "I would say that the best part was the Blanket Ghost who blocked the students from getting out of the haunted house." Reflecting on the effort she put into this, Heenha mentioned, "The hard part was that we had to control the level of scariness depending on the age group of students. At times the ghosts scared the students a lot. Be we hope this remains a fun memory for all of them."

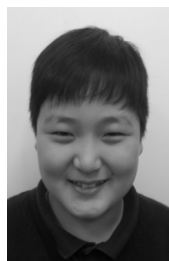
Sumin Kim from grade 12 said, "The Blanket Ghost played a big role in scaring the students all the way till the end. Seeing the Blanket Ghost wiggle and grab



Student Council President Louis Kim ready to scare

students' ankles seemed very scary, yet entertaining. It made me laugh a lot."

Student Council would like to thank the PTO and Ms. Gawboy for participating and supporting the design of the Haunted House. The BFS student body should also be recognized for participating and celebrating Halloween together. The haunted house was one of the most memorable moments from Halloween 2013. Now that Halloween is over, all the wandering ghosts and spiders are looking forward to scaring you again next year.



ID Cards Make BFS Life Easy

Danny Cho

Hey kids, did you know that the new dangling ID cards around your neck aren't just for twirling during a boring lecture? They actually serve many important purposes at our school. BFS and our new lunch company, Pulmuone, have implemented an ID card system for going through the line in our cafeteria. This is a new procedure for the current 2013-2014 school year and beyond. The ID card system serves a multitude of purposes.

BFS principal Mrs. Lund says, "The ID card is to ensure that children who paid for the lunch plan get their

lunch. Also, it is important for the cafeteria staff because they can plan out how many students eat lunch and what kind of lunch is popular." As Mrs. Lund points out, the ID cards not only help the students, but they also benefit the school. The cafeteria staff now has very accurate data and statistics on lunch consumption, so they can prepare the perfect amount of food each day.

Mrs. Lund has previous experience in schools without ID card systems and sees an additional benefit, "In other places, students had to bring money every day instead of having these cards. If you didn't bring the card you would not get any food. However, at BFS the new ID card makes students worry less about

lunch."

If a student forgets to bring their ID, Chef Oscar points out that, "Those that do not have an ID card can just go to the office and get a lunch pass."

The new ID card is useful outside of the cafeteria as well. Students can now be identified by teachers more easily. Students can remember each other's names with less effort. Students and teachers alike think that it adds to the general unity and positive atmosphere of the school. Cameron Beck in 12th grade says, "I actually like the lunch checker and ID card because it only takes a split second to check and that in turn helps out the whole school."



Students use the new IDs at lunch

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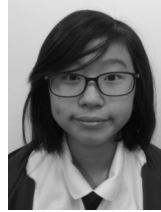


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7 girls basketball teams from SKAC are competing at our gym on Nov. 22nd. Come and cheer for our team any time of the day!

Many Games All Day Long
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GO SHARKS!



Elementary News by Elisha Kang

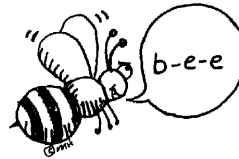
It's Elementary, My Dear Students

"The spelling bee is fun because we can learn words that we can use in our lives and it feels good to win."

SKAC Spelling Bee

It's the fall, so spelling bee fever is in the air at BFS. Elementary and middle school kids are excited about this year's competition. Two winners from each grade level will represent our school at a large SKAC competition on December 3rd which takes place at KFS in Kwangju.

It takes a lot of work to be successful in the spelling bee. Fifth grader Amy Jung reflected on past success, "I studied at night and I used many dictionaries." She walks the walk, winning her grade level BFS competition again this year, and she will represent Mr. Payan's class at KFS.



Winners of the SKAC spelling bee can receive a medal and a monetary scholarship. If you want to win, follow more of Amy's advice, "Be calm, and don't get nervous or talk too fast, or else you might misspell a word."

Success at the spelling bee is a big deal to our students. Amy shared,

2nd Grade Music Video

In other elementary news, Ms. Schmidt's 2nd graders are starring in a music video. The high school MMJ2 class brought the youngsters down into the new media studio and filmed them singing a tune.

"It was fun because I felt like I was a real movie star," commented Kennedy Ciara Edwards, one of the grade 2 students that sang in the video.

The students were adorable as they sang "If You Want to Sing Out, Sing Out" by Cat Stevens. Look for the video on the BFSTV youtube channel and our school's facebook page.



2nd graders making a music video



Middle School Bytes

Jordyn Johnson

The fourth Thursday of November means only one thing - Thanksgiving.

It's time to sit down with your families and friends, tell what you're thankful for, and enjoy delicious holiday food. The middle school student council has been working their turkey feathers off planning the annual BFS Thanksgiving festival that will occur on November 28th.

The festivities begin with students enjoying a lovely lunch prepared by Chef Oscar and some food donations from the PTO. You are guaranteed to walk away with a super full stomach. The meal features turkey, stuffing, potatoes, an assortment of desserts, and so many more goodies. 8th grader Soomi Lee is excited about the big meal, "I liked the turkey and desserts from last year's feast and I can't wait for this one!"

The main goals of every Thanksgiving festival are to make it fun and to improve

upon the previous year. Middle school student council supervisor, Ms. Lund, says, "The High School student council will be adding a personal touch to Thanksgiving this year by facilitating a 'What You Are Thankful For' project. They will encourage students to think about what they are thankful for, write it, and post it to share with our BFS community."

After the fabulous lunch provided by the PTO, the students will head back to class where a game of Turkey Bingo will be played later in the afternoon. Each student will be given a bingo card and playing chips and they will listen attentively as an announcer calls out a number over the loudspeaker. Once a winner is determined, the winner must literally gobble like a turkey all the way down the hall to the front office where he or she is awarded a holiday cookie.

"Turkey Bingo will be better this year because middle school student council will be making homemade chocolate chip cookies. We thought this would be a really fun



MS student council planning Thanksgiving

opportunity to put a personal touch on this year's Turkey Bingo. After all, Thanksgiving is all about togetherness and family — so that is what we are doing — strengthening our BFS family." exclaims Ms. Lund.

BFS students look forward to this event each year. Middle and high school student council members are prepared to make this year's Thanksgiving festival another memorable event.



Got the Munchies? Look No Further!

Gihun Lee

Students and teachers can now find a cure for their growling stomachs, tired brains, and exhausted

bodies. The Snack Shack is open for business. Conveniently located in the cafeteria on the first floor of the new building, the Snack Shack offers a wide variety of food, drinks, deserts, and much more. It is open from 7:50am to 4:50pm every day except Wednesday when it closes at 3:50pm. If you forgot to bring cash you don't have to worry. The Snack Shack accepts debit or credit cards.

Students don't have to remember to bring a snack from home or buy a limited selection of drinks from the vending machine in the old building anymore. Waiting until after school to walk over to the CU is a thing of the past. There is something for everyone at the Snack Shack. You don't even have to remember to pick up a cake

before school for your friend's next birthday celebration. The Snack Shack sells them, too. Teachers can get their caffeine fix and focus more easily since the Snack Shack



brews several different types of coffee.

Empty stomachs can lead to a decrease in productivity and the ability to pay attention. But now students don't have to worry about being hungry in their morning or afternoon classes. Señorita Gawboy

mentions, "A great benefit of the Snack Shack is that the kids can grab a quick bite to eat so they can concentrate more on the things they are learning by boosting their mental and physical energy." Teachers can relax knowing that students are more likely to stay on task and be less grumpy.

Alex Chalophin in second grade loves the Snack Shack because of the variety of food available. He excitedly told Shark Bytes, "I like to bring money to school and buy chocolate, jelly, cookies, beverages and ice cream!" Students from all grade levels will find an item to enjoy. The busiest time of the day is during the morning break (after 2nd period) and right after school. These seem to be the times of the day when kids are most hungry.

The Snack Shack is just one piece of all the big improvements at our school this year. It's the perfect place for people to get a little pick-me-up any time of the day. Drop by, fill up, and then hit the books – your grades might even go up, too!



Get in the Zone at the New BFS Library

Phillip Park

"The library is a place where knowledge and creative ideas thrive. It's a

powerful and peaceful place to come and focus." Miss Nicholson eloquently states the impact of one of our nicest and newest facilities. She let Shark Bytes know how much the BFS library helps the student body. The space doubles as a media center and a computer lab. It's open to all students and study halls most of the day and after school.

One of the benefits of the new library is the incredible amount of books that are availa-

ble. Miss. Nicholson stated, "Students love to find interesting books and take them home." Kids at BFS are finding a new love for reading.

Another draw of the new library is the iMacs. They are available to all students for any computer need. The elementary kids use them to discover computer basics and for interactive learning. Older kids are conducting research and creating documents. Students, parents, and other teachers are impressed with these new pieces of technology.

High school students are in the library during their study periods. It is the perfect place for them to hit the books and get work done. There are very

few distractions and loads of resources for them. The new furniture is comfortable and pretty interesting to look at. There are circular couches, stubby stools, and tons of open desk top space.

We're only a few months into the school year and the library is already making waves. Elementary kids love checking

out books every day. Teachers are bringing full classes in to research and utilize the Macs. And one more thing that everybody agrees with, it sure is a beautiful place. The cutting edge architecture and design and the scholarly atmosphere make this a top spot to spend time at the new and improved BFS.



IT'S TIME TO GO MO!

ONE LUCKY STUDENT WILL GET TO CHOOSE ONE MALE TEACHER AND SHAVE THEIR MUSTACHE OFF IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL AT NEXT THURSDAY'S MOVEMBER EVENT!! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHAVE SOMEONE'S MUSTACHE... WRITE YOUR NAME AND GRADE ON THE RAFFLE TICKET!! RAFFLE TICKETS COST 1,000WON!!

And don't forget to buy a mustache from the BFS Leadership Class!



Shark Bytes Book Review

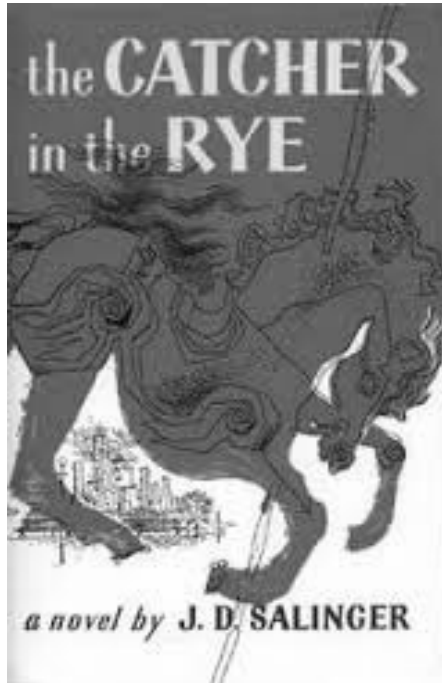
Ryan Ro

Voice is how the author tells a message to the reader. Holden Caulfield is the main character in *The*

Catcher in the Rye, and his voice is heard from the first person perspective throughout the whole story. "I had never read a book that uses voice the way that 'The Catcher in the Rye' uses," said Mr. Brennan.

The voice used in "The Catcher in the Rye" changed how Mr. Brennan approaches books ever since he first read the story way back in high school. He and Mrs. Olson teamed up to teach this book for the Reading & Writing Studio high school elective course. The voice in "Rye" is different than other books. Other authors try to use pseudo-intellectual and superficial language, but J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye" speaks the way a regular teen like you or I may speak in our daily lives.

"The Catcher in the Rye" is a certainly a book with lots of controversy and



debate. Yet it's still an interesting book. Holden is a fictional character that represents what many of us have gone through,

The use of slang words makes it effective, making the reader relate it to their own life. The wording is just wonderful; I love the use of humor and teenage language in the story. It also makes the characters more realistic.

There are underlying meanings and lessons to learn while reading the book. The story shows that it is difficult to take care of yourself when you're a teenager. Kids have a tough time gaining compassion for others. In the book, Holden loses his innocence and is going from adolescence to adulthood by leaving school and his home. He then learns how the real world works. He tries to partake in adult activities, but his sinful behavior makes him depressed. By the end of the story we find out he is having a mental breakdown. Being a stubborn teenager lead to his downfall.

I recommend this book to anyone that wants deep emotional connections to their reading. It has twists, turns, and it makes you want to never want to put the book down. Mrs. Olson is also enthusiastic about this story. "I enjoy the book a lot more while I'm re-reading it with the students." The book is timeless, and it inspires teachers and students alike.



The Chopstick: Bap Burger Review

Nina Abad

What's your idea of a burger? A patty with lettuce,

tomato, pickles, and ketchup in between two buns? Koreans have tweaked this in a messy yet yummy way. Westerners prefer bread, but in Asia rice is king. The buns are made of rice instead of wheat. Hence the name: Bap Burger (밥버거). Bap is the Korean word for rice. Bap Burger places are usually a hole-in-the-wall type of small business, and they are open from early in the morning till late at night. The place I frequent is called Bongousse (봉구쑈) in Seomyeon, and it's open 24/7.

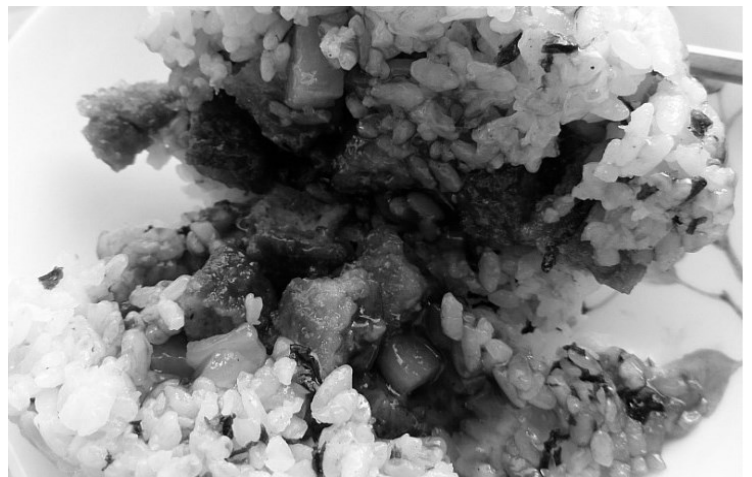
There is so much freedom at a Bap Burger restaurant – everything in between the rice buns is the customer's choice. I ordered a Bap Burger with tonkatsu, tuna, and pickled radishes. Tonkatsu is a deep-fried, breaded pork cutlet.

When I first bit into my Bap Burger, I was delighted to taste the tuna in the mid-

dle. The tonkatsu was slightly fatty and tasted a little sweet, but the tuna helped cancel some of that out. I then sensed the radishes, which were sweet and cold and brought a little more flavor into the mix. I'm not usually a big fan of pickled radishes; but in the Bap Burger the radish flavors worked so well I even nibbled on the tiny bits that fell out of the sides of the burger! The rice balanced all the flavors out.

The texture in this sandwich was odd. The tonkatsu was crunchy but then soft. The tuna was dry, and the pickled radishes were cold and slightly hard. But with the soft and chewy rice, it was all equalized, even if the rice was stickier than normal. I wouldn't eat this slowly, because as soon as the burger grew cold, the rice was too gooey and the meat turned hard.

I could only eat about half of the burger with my hands before retiring and using a fork and spoon. I don't know if there's some kind of skill, but my Bap Burger fell apart so easily. It weighed about half a kilogram, and it was slightly



Bap means rice in Korean, so the buns are made of rice instead of wheat—totally different than an American burger

bigger than a baseball. The price was ridiculously reasonable. 2,000 won for a bap burger was getting way more bang for your buck, or should I say won? It was pretty convenient, all prepped and plated in less than five minutes. However, it's too much food for younger children to eat.

On a scale of 1 to 10, I would give the bap burger a 7. There were many other flavors like ham, cheese, kimchi, tonkatsu with mayo, chicken, or even ramen. It's a creative idea,

but it's too messy for its own good and makes it difficult to eat on the go. I would definitely eat it again as a snack, but only when I know that I'm staying in one spot and not in a rush. It's in another category of food so comparing it to an actual hamburger wouldn't be doing it justice. The bap burger is a food of much potential and is a great experiment for foreigners, but the options given are mainly suited to the tastes of Koreans.

Dear Jaewon,

Jaewon Lee's Advice Column



Dear Jaewon,

I'm 14 years old and there's this guy in my class that is giving me mixed signs. One day he's super sweet and always paying attention to me then the next day he'll ignore me or is really mean. I'm so confused it's driving me crazy! I think I might like him but since I can never tell if he likes me, it's confusing. I don't know what I should do. Should I approach him or just wait it out?

Sincerely,
Frustrated Girl

Dear Frustrated Girl,

Boys are always giving mixed signals regardless of their age. He's probably just shy and worried that he's too revealing so he's trying to "cover up his tracks." If you really want to know if he likes you, ask him. Don't be afraid to ask, what's the worst that can happen? He tells you he doesn't like you and you just move on. You have nothing to lose. Don't get too caught up with relationships, you're too young for that. Relationships should be fun, not stressful. By getting a direct answer, you'll save a lot of time and possible heartbreak. Hope this helps!

Sincerely,
Jaewon

Dear Jaewon,

My grandpa recently passed away in May. We were super close, too. Is there a certain length of how long grieving should last? It's getting better but being happy makes me feel guilty. Little things still remind me of him. It upsets me that he's not with me anymore in the here and now. What can I do to feel better? I grew up being told that boys don't cry so it's difficult for me to express my distress.

Sincerely,
Grieving and Tired

Dear Grieving and Tired,

Thanks for sending in this question, I know it's difficult to talk about things like this. There is no time limit on how long you can or should grieve. Everyone's situations are different and people have different coping mechanisms. I also lost my granddad a couple of years ago so my heart goes out to you. I haven't felt a time when I thought, "Oh, I'm over it. I feel great now." However, as cliché as it sounds: time does heal everything. Little by little, the pain subsides. Don't try to rush it, if you feel sad then feel sad. Letting these emotions out will help you accept the loss of your loved one. But the next day, get back up on your feet and smile. Your grandpa wouldn't want you to wallow in misery forever over his death. It *is* important to remember him and cherish the memories you had with him. Celebrate his life rather than mourn over his death. Talk to someone about it because bottling up your emotions is unhealthy. Or find some other creative outlet, like writing in a journal or playing an instrument. Hope you feel better!

Sincerely,
Jaewon

MR. CHAPA SAYS SING THE BFS FIGHT SONG AT THE NEXT BIG GAME!



**FIGHT ON FIGHT ON B-F-S
TAKE THE BALL MAKE A SCORE WIN THE GAME
ONWARD FOR THE BLUE AND WHITE
PUSH'EM BACK, PUSH'EM BACK, BRING US FAME**

**FIGHT ON FIGHT ON B-F-S
OVER ONE, OVER ALL, WE WILL REIGN!
FIGHT COME ON FIGHT!
FIGHT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT
SHARKS WILL WIN THIS GAME!**

BFS Shack Shack Now Available:

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Give Thanks for Thanksgiving

- FREE for people on the lunch plan
- November 28th
- Donate your tangerines and other desserts
- All donations go to the cafeteria the morning of the feast
- Students not on the lunch plan can buy their lunch at the office for 10,000 won



Stylin' & Profilin' with Jennifer Shon



Winter Wear

Morning frost, seeing your own breath, turning on the floor heat – this can mean only one thing: winter weather is right around the corner.

Are you having a tough time deciding which coat to buy for this winter season? Well, don't worry. I'm the new BFS Fashionista Jennifer Shon, AKA Shony. I've got some hot fashion tips for the cold weather. Here are my top outerwear picks for winter 2013-2014.

Down Jackets

Fashionable winter clothes tend to sacrifice warmth for good looks. The more attractive the clothing, the less warm you'll feel. But this doesn't have to be the case: enter the down jacket. They are super warm, very regal, and they are back in fashion again. Down jackets can be seen in many of your favorite Korean dramas these days.



Stadium Jackets

Stadium jackets are very trendy as well. They look like what an American student might call a "letterman's" jacket or a baseball team jacket. They have been released by many different clothing companies, from low end to high end. I've seen many different Korean TV shows with stadium jacket product placements and endorsements. The outer material of a stadium jacket look is now being combined with the

inner material of down jackets, combining interesting looks, inexpensive prices, and winter weather warmth.



Moosetang

Another trendy item is what Korean's refer to as "moosetang" jackets. An American might call them a bomber, motorcycle, or aviator jacket. They are coming back in a big way. If you aren't into down or stadium jackets, then moosetang is for you. They are stylish and appealing. They look elegant with the oversized collar. The fur that lines the collar makes it unique and sets it apart from the other jackets that I recommend.



Coats

Of course the staple clothing for cold weather is the traditional, long coat. These can be seen in the famous Korean drama "The Heirs". Lee Min Ho wears several different coat designs. If you like what she has been wearing lately, than traditional coats are for you. Coats can give you a polished as well as luxurious look.



There you have it: four diverse coat suggestions to keep in mind when you go shopping. You can pick up any of these styles at Sfunz, Shinsegae, or Lotte Department Store. My personal fav is the stadium jacket – keep your eyes peeled for my hip new look in and out of school.





Soobin Bae

K-pop groups--A Pink, Girls'

Generation, Exo, and Shinee--all have something in common: they have a "face," or a "visual" in their group.

Whether they can sing or not is an issue that can be debated. In A Pink, for example, Son Na Eun is considered the visual,



Son Na Eun from A Pink

but she's more or less, a mediocre singer. In Shinee, Minho is considered to be the face.

Why are they necessary, might you ask? For publicity. The face of the group brings attention to their music. Simple as that. Often, Korean group members are all good-looking or pretty. When you hear the word, "talent," you think of something that you're born with, right? For Korean entertainment companies, this concept applies to looks as well.

Being beautiful is a huge part in deciding whether someone can be a singer/idol or not. If you can't sing but you're gorgeous, you have a chance of becoming a singer in Korea!

Of course, there are exceptions--it's not like people don't appreciate talent.

Take Ailee for example. She is unbelievably gifted and it's a mere coincidence that she's gorgeous. However, Spica, an amazingly skilled group isn't

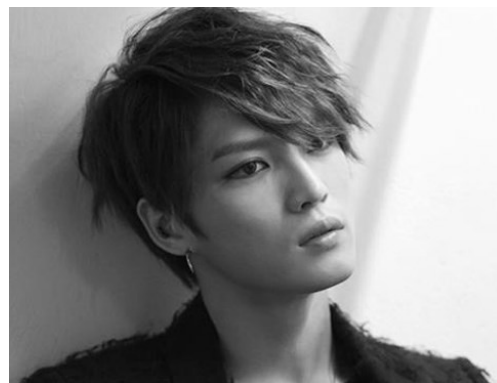
as well known as groups like f(x), which are not that talented in the vocal category.

What do South Koreans consider beautiful? First of all, big eyes, white skin, and a slim body are a virtue. Multiple idols--IU, Yoona, Suzy--have these qualities and are considered beautiful/ the faces of their groups. Humorously, men's looks are similar to the standard of beauty for women. Tall, pale, and slim. Chanyeol,

Donghae, and Jaejoong all embody these qualities. As you can see, South Korea mostly focuses on the face rather than the body. But in other countries like the US, body trumps face. This is a big contributor to the fact that faces/visuals in Korean idol groups are so important.

Is this technique effective or not? Many would say yes

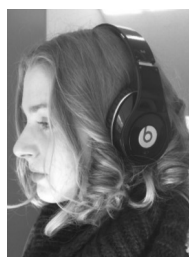
because a lot of successful groups like SNSD, EXO, Shinee, 2NE1, and Big Bang have visuals or good looking members. The one thing they



Kim Jaejoong from JYJ

share is that they have all topped the charts. This suggests that looks are indeed necessary for singers in Korea to be successful.

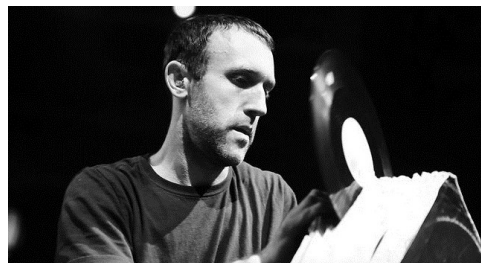
Is South Korean idol culture another case of "just another pretty face" or is there legit talent on display? You be the judge.



Angelina Brays

If you are a fan of hip-hop, pop, or electronic music Randall John Krohn (who performs under the monicker RJD2) is right up your alley. RJD2's album "More Is Than Isn't" came out in October and I've been addicted to it ever since. The name RJD2 might sound familiar to Star Wars fans. He borrows his name from *R2D2*, the short, friendly robot on wheels and sidekick of C3PO. But RJD2 is very much a real person that produces awesome music.

RJD2's work has been used heavily in media and advertisements. He made it big with his hit singles "The Horror" and



Randal John Krohn, aka RJD2

"Ghostwriter". His career is now over 10 years old.

His newest record, "More Is Than Isn't", is his fifth solo, full-length album. He uses addictive, gritty, buzzy hip-hop, and searing rock guitar that cuts through his tracks. Some people say RJD2's music sends them into another world and gives them the feeling of full relaxation and calmness.

This album mixes several different genres together. RJD2 has hopped from style to style on previous records, and this new creation is a big mix of all the different directions he's taken over the years. He also ventures into new territory, using more vocals than he normally does, some soul roots, and a lot of synthesizer.

Many fans regard "Deadringer" and "Since We Last Spoke" as his best stuff, and these new recordings remind me a lot of his older stuff.

The song "Her Majesty's Socialist" especially touched my heart. It's got trap, violin, crunchy bass, and catchy clap rhythms. When you hear the tune you will instantly want to bust a move.

People all over the world are digging this fresh sound. Several music websites



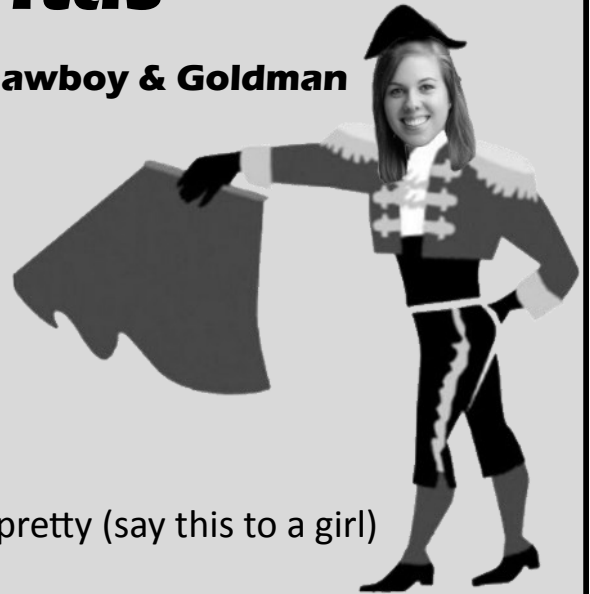
are giving great reviews. BFS students are into it as well. Sofia Oleynik from grade 9 said, "This album is the best one out of all his music I've heard. I really like the song 'Temperament', it's very catchy and I like the singing part."

No matter your age or your music preferences, you should definitely check out RJD2's new and previous albums. Beats By Brays gives "More Is Than Isn't" 9 *Beats* out of 10.

Dos Señoritas

Spanish Lessons with Señorita Gawboy & Goldman

Nothing makes people smile more than receiving compliments from a friend, or should we say *amigo*?! For the first edition of Dos Señoritas, we want to teach you how to say nice things to your friends in Español. ¡Olé!



¡Te ves linda! = you look cute/pretty (say this to a girl)

¡Qué guapo eres! = you are so handsome (say this to a guy)

¡Qué chévere _____! = _____ is / are so cool!

Fill the blank with: tus zapatos (your shoes)

tu camiseta (your shirt)

tu pelo (your hair)

Kwon's Korner

The region shown is bounded by the arcs of circles having radius 4 units, having a central angle measure of 60 degrees and intersecting at points of tangency. The area of the region can be expressed in the form $a\sqrt{b} + c\pi$ square units, where \sqrt{b} is a radical in simplest form. What is the value of $a + b + c$?



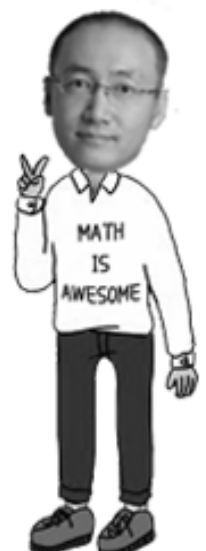
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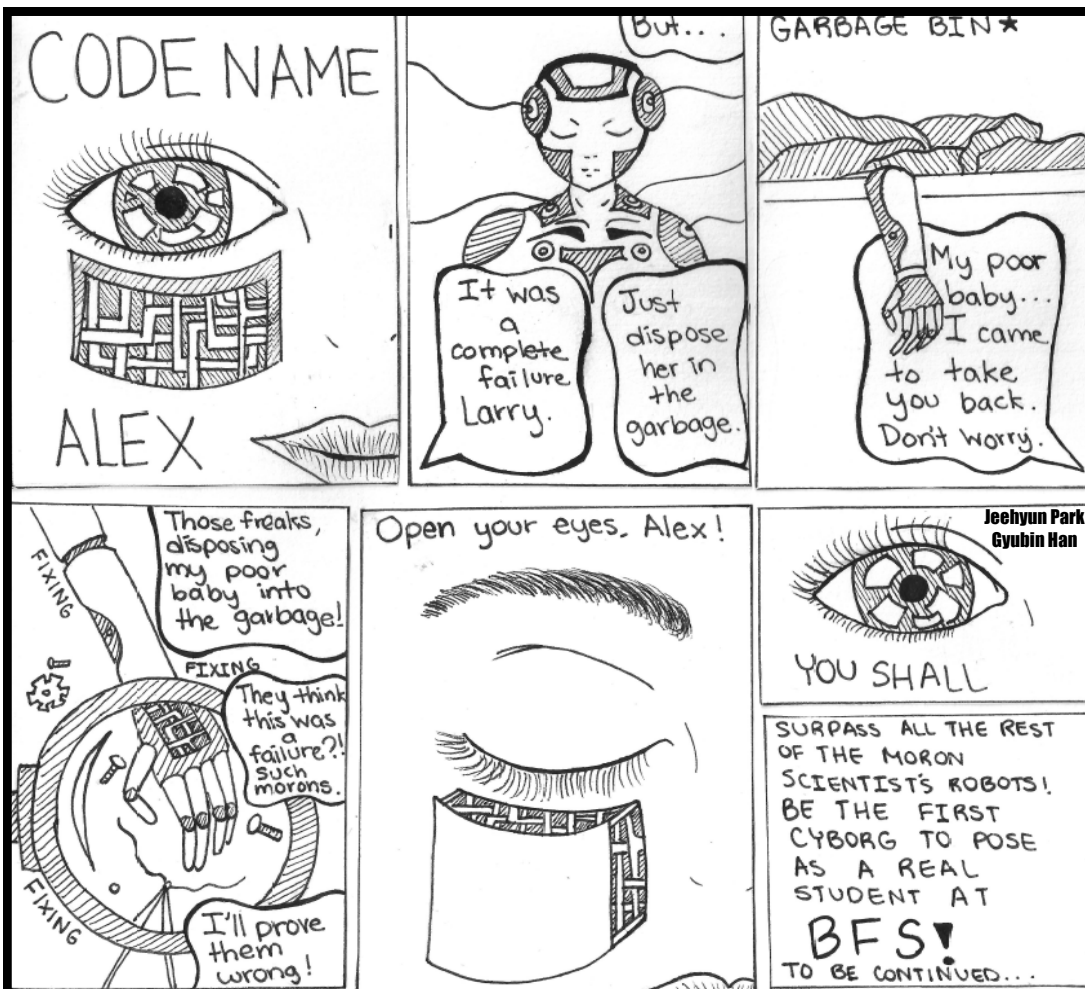
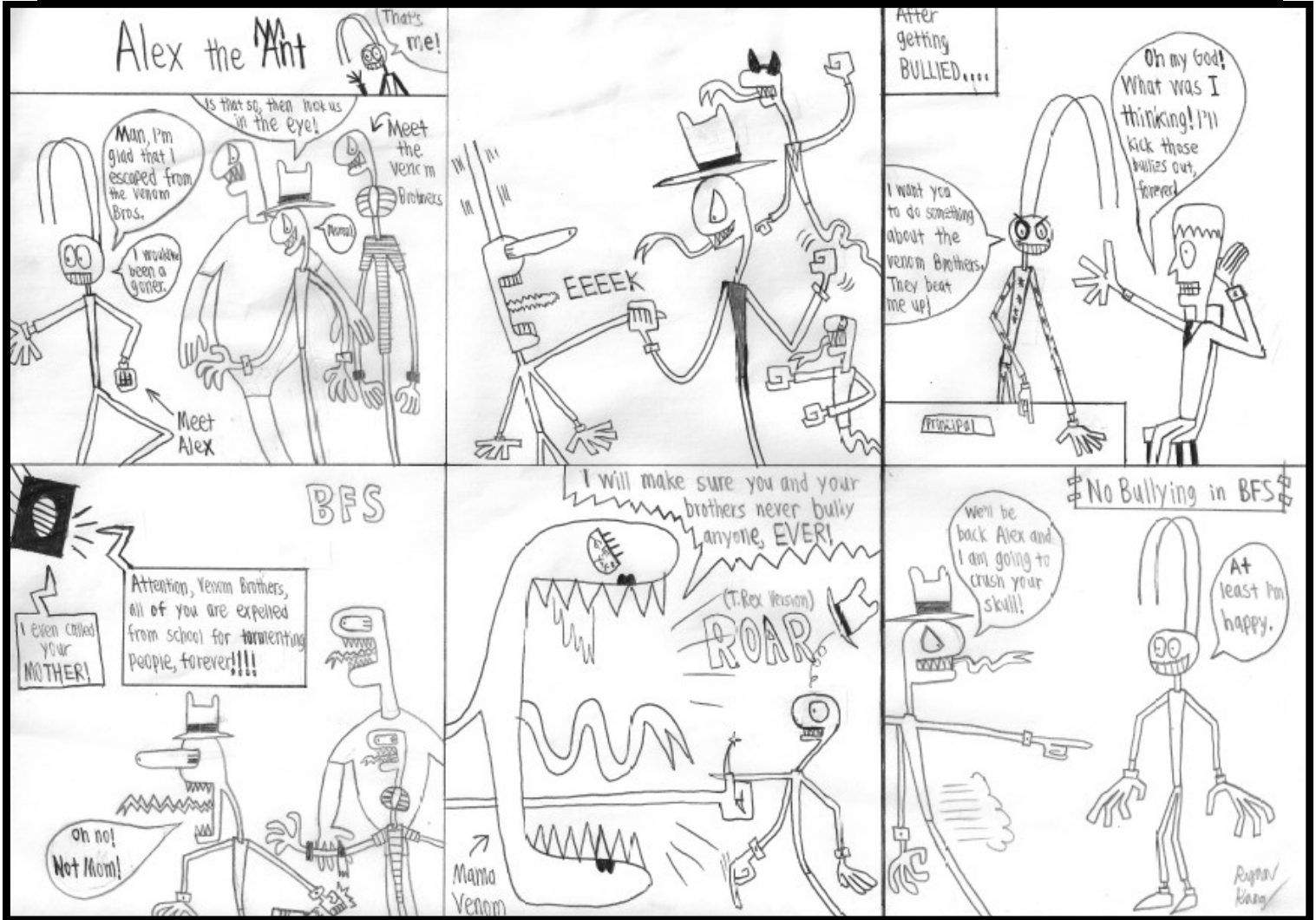
Try to complete this math problem. If you think you got the correct answer email ojkwon@bfs.or.kr and try to win a fabulous prize!

1ST PLACE: ICE-CREAM CONE FROM CAFETERIA

2ND PLACE: FREE MATH BOOK

3RD PLACE: FREE MATH TUTORING





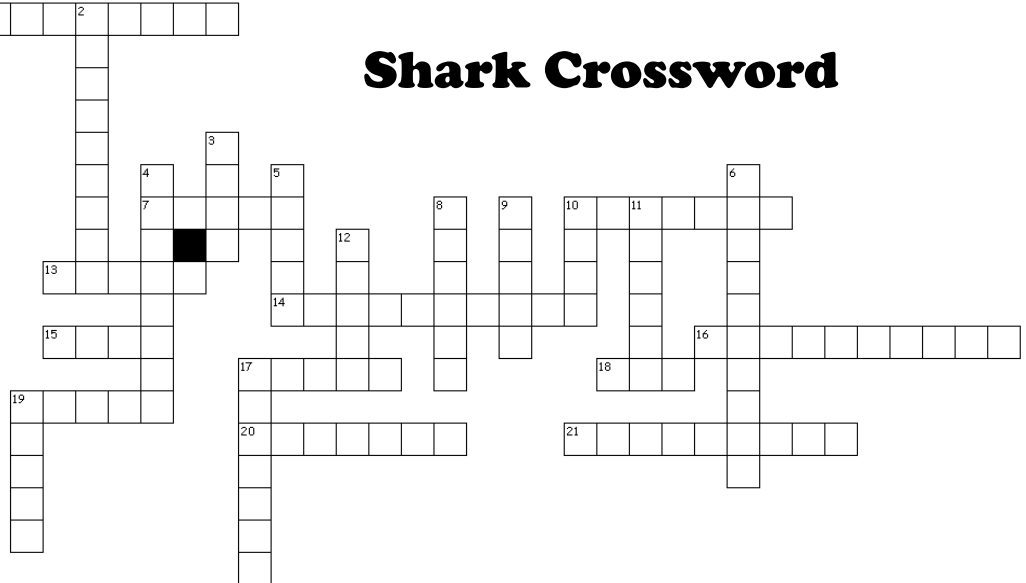
BFS RIDDLES

1. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?
2. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?
3. I am weightless, but you can see me. Put me in a bucket, and I'll make it lighter. What am I?

- Answers:
1. Silence
 2. A river
 3. A hole

Shark Crossword

**How much do
you know
about BFS??**



Across

1. the full name of our school
7. jazzy vocal teacher
10. new spanish teacher
13. short history teacher
14. the name of our school newspaper
15. our school color, not white
16. new place to eat things before or after lunch
17. things that you carry in your backpacks and read
18. where our stage and the new basketball court is
19. our main chef
20. the only language we can speak in campus
21. lady that loves books

Down

2. place where we eat lunch
3. high school math and computer science teacher
4. middle and high school science teacher
5. middle school math teacher
6. our new building name
8. old spanish teacher
9. our school color, not blue
10. our sister school
11. scary MS and HS cross country coach
12. mascot of our school
17. middle school english teacher
19. high school english teacher

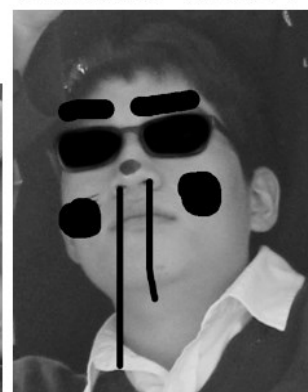
Crossword Clues

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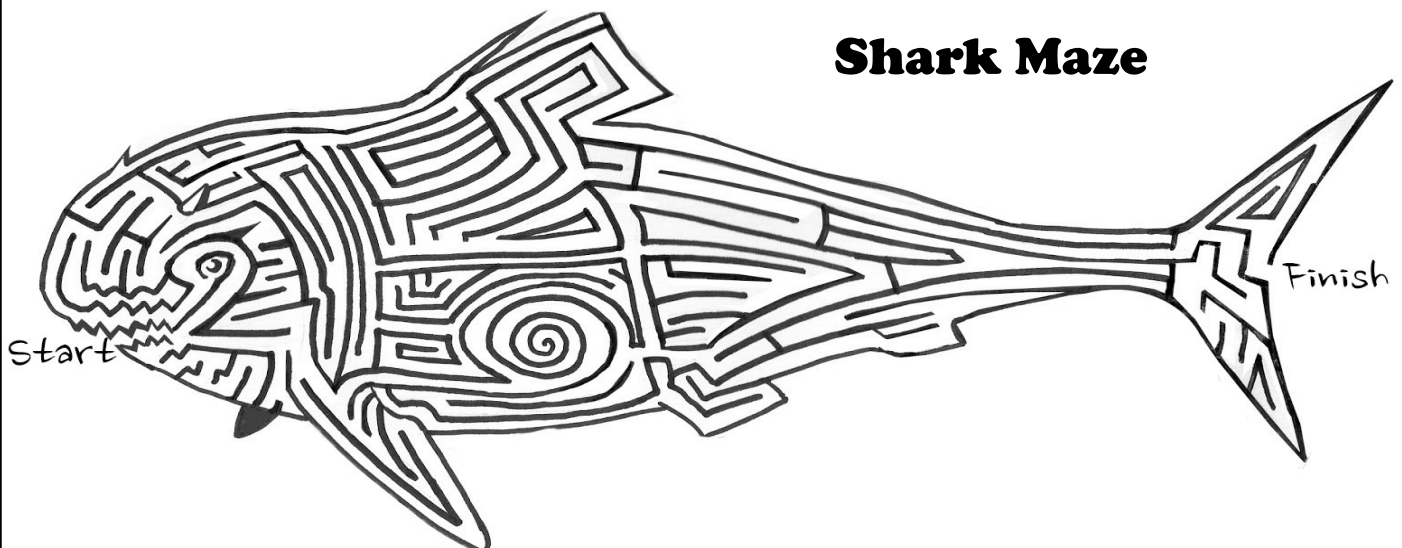


Can you figure out who
these students are?

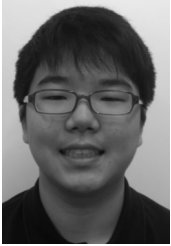


Answers will be on the next edition

Shark Maze



Boys & Girls BBall Teams Seek Trophies



Samuel Lee

On November 22, 2013, BFS history will be made. We'll be hosting the first ever girl's SKAC basketball championship tournament here in our new BFS gym. GPA, KFS, GIFS, DIS, BIFS, and HIS will be participating in this huge event. The games will run from 9am to 9pm.

Many people are excited about this event. However, one particular super fan, Mr. Saunders, will be loudly cheering for the Sharks. "I want this to be a showcase of the BFS facility," reflected Mr. Saunders. "I think it is a great opportunity to show off our new gym, cafeteria, and other new

improvements." He added, "I am also excited that we have the home court advantage. It will be a school wide event. We expect classes from elementary to high school to come and show support."

He expressed his confidence in the girl's team by saying, "Our girl's team is poised to win the whole tournament and I hope they'll be able to win it all on the home court. Our school will also be able to sing our new school song written by Mr. Chapa."

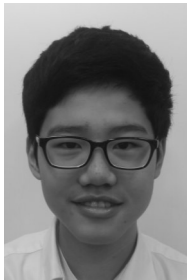
The high school boy's basketball team will end the fall season by traveling across town to BIFS for the boy's championship. "I think we're going to win it. We're going to take it all," Coach Naegeli said. "I think



HS Boys & Girls Teams with the coaches

the team will hoist Mr. Brennan on their shoulders after he takes them to the promised land."

He also conveyed his confidence in the rookie players, "If the freshman step up big like I know they can, we'll win this whole thing."



Ricky Ahn

The BFS cross country dynasty lives on. Friday, November 15th

was the final conference race of the season. BFS defended their titles at Handong International School. The Sharks ended up winning it all and reclaimed their trophies.

The boys have now won back-to-back championships and the girls team has won an unbelievable four years in a row. The ladies got a guaranteed win thanks to Jihong Lee, who placed first at every race this year. The boys finish was a nail biter--BFS won by only one point.

BFS had been preparing

intensely for the SKAC tournament. Sylvia Lee, a cross country runner of four years said, "The coaches encouraged us to come to practice four days a week. During the actual runs, if we walked, Mr. Lipsky pushed us to the limit and made us run until we felt like dying. This is why we were able to win the tournament again."

Alex Kim was very emotional, reflecting on placing second individually at each SKAC race. He angrily stated, "Next year I'm gonna run five days a week for the entire season so I can finally finish in first place." Let's hope he keeps his promise next fall.

YuShin Cho reflects, "This season has been a rollercoaster ride for me. It was hard at first because I wasn't a very good



Cross country runners celebrating yet another SKAC championship

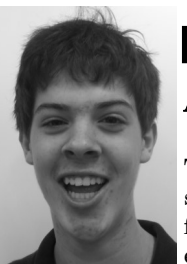
runner, and I used to get caught walking in practices and sent home early. I even quit the team once. But I ended up being the fastest seventh grade girl in the last race of the year."

The phenomenal performance by both teams culminated in an uplifting award ceremony, and a joyous celebration

with tons of photos. BFS cross country has proven once again that our athletes are a force to be reckoned with.

Every single runner played an important role in the championship. This article would be over 10 pages long if Shark Bytes gave every runner their due recognition. Congrats!

Middle School Futsal Season Comes to a Close



Adam Lossiah

The middle school futsal season came to an end a few weeks ago with a heated battle between the team and the parents. After an

hour and a half of play, the parents narrowly won by 2 points with a final score of 12-10. The parent team consisted of Chef Oscar, Mr. Gates, Mr. Chu, Mr. Lee, four of the player's dads, and the Middle School team's own Coach Wojcik. It was a great day of soccer for both the players and the spectators. The school shark mascot even showed up to play goalie for a while.

The middle school season got off to a rocky start with a record of 0-2, but they

slowly found their footing and developed into a better team throughout the fall. "It didn't start off very well and that was my fault, but as the year went on we improved and we ended on a good note in Ulsan. We played very competitively and we played as a team" said Coach Wojcik.

The team ended up going 1-3 in their last tournament in Ulsan that Coach Wojcik reflected on, just barely losing those 3 games with an exciting victory in their last game. The coach and the team had a lot of fun this season and hope to carry on that enthusiasm into the next one.



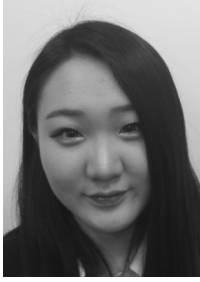
JK Kim tends goal for the Sharks

and we need more teamwork."

Looks like the team knows what to do in order to be more successful next season. Good luck Sharks!

Alex Tyan in grade 7 played on the team last year and again this fall. He compared this season to his previous year, "I think we did a little better last year, but we have such wonderful players on our team this year. The offense, defense, and goalies were all good but we need more skill,

Choi's Choice: Winter Vacation Tips



Jenny Choi

If you're staying in Korea for winter break don't spend all of your time on homework, at hogwan, or sitting around the house meaninglessly. Jenny is here for you with brilliant ideas about things to do during winter vacation. These are interesting winter activities that anyone can enjoy.

Let's begin with one of the most popular winter activities, skiing. There are many resorts in Korea, with Muju being the most famous. Muju is home to Korea's longest ski trail, the "Silk Road Slope". Muju is great for beginners all the way up to advanced skiers. It takes 3 hours to get there.

Want something closer? No problem! Eden Valley Ski Resort is on the outskirts of Busan in the Yangsan area. Even though it is much smaller than Muju, you will still have a great time at Eden Valley. I think it is the perfect place to learn how to ski if it's your first time or to practice your awesome skills if you are experienced since it's less crowded than Muju. Both resorts have places to sleep and other fun activities for the whole family. There are many noraebang rooms nearby to practice your singing in between time spent skiing down the hills.

My next winter choice is hitting up the spa. I am sure that some of you don't want to go outside during winter because of the bitter cold. So go and relieve your stress and stay warm at the same time. Immerse yourself into the hot water and picture yourself in paradise. This is so soothing in the winter weather. The best spa near BFS is Spa-Land inside Shinsegae.

Before you dip into the hot water at Spa-Land, get up to the 4th floor and go ice-skating. Even though you are inside the world's largest department store you can still close your eyes and pretend you are on a frozen lake in Canada.

My final choice is going to a Christmas festival. Nampodong is a famous tourist location in Busan and home to the Busan Christmas Tree Festival. Young couples love to roam around the streets of Nampodong during this event. Whether you are in a relationship or not, it doesn't matter. Go check out the giant dazzling Christmas tree. I've heard if you wish for romance in front of the tree your dream may come true.

So get off the couch and celebrate this wonderful time of year. Use your three week vacation wisely. Remember how close all of these places are to your home and take advantage of the winter fun in and around Busan.



Busan Christmas Tree Festival in Nampodong

Which Senior?

How cute!

These are baby pictures of one of our graduating seniors. But who is it? Take a guess! The answer will be in the next issue of Shark Bytes.



Shark Crossword Answers

ACROSS

1. busanfor-
7. chapa
10. goldman
13. patel
14. sharkbytes
15. blue
16. snackshack
17. book
18. gym
19. oscar
20. english
21. nicholson

DOWN

2. cafeteria
3. quan
4. scheier
5. gates
6. haddonhall
8. gawboy
9. white
10. gifs
11. lipsky
12. shark
17. brennan
19. olson

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