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# BFS MONTHLY WAVE

February 2016 Edition

# Making the Right Choices

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We are always faced with a situation where we have to make choices. As Jean-Paul Sarte, French philosopher and novelist, once said "Life is C between B and D, life is Choice between Birth and Death." But as young adults it's sometimes difficult to realize difference between the good and the bad choices. As Mr. Thorson, our high school economics teacher, always reminds us, "Make the right economic decision!" He's referring to choosing the option with the lowest opportunity cost --the cost of the alternative choice we have to give up when making a choice.

You might be faced with a situation where your friends invite you to the movies but you have an exam the next day. It would be very tempting to go to the theater but you know that you should stay home and study. If you don't then you will get a bad grade then you will regret your decision and your parents might even nag you. In an extreme case where you constantly choose to go to the theater every time over studying, you will fail the class, not be able to go to college, and most likely not be able to get a job. Most of us have, at one point in our lives, chosen to go to the theater over studying. But we all know how that ends, and so the next time we are presented with a similar situation we know which choice to make.

It is impossible to go through life without making a mistake. Those who succeed are those you learn to embrace them and to learn from them. Going back to the example of going to the theater, it taught us how to be responsible. It is important to be able to learn from small, recoverable mistakes and to avoid large, irreversible mistakes. My father told me, "Everyone is born with a thousand mistakes, those who make those thousand mistakes then go on to succeed." Just remember once you make a mistake, don't give up, learn from it, and thrive from it.



# **SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS**

### BFS memories Condensed: Buy your yearbook now!

Feb 16, 2016 02:08 pm

The 2015-16 BFS Yearbook is now available for pre-purchase at the discounted price of 55,000krw (February purchases). As of March the yearbook will be priced 60,000krw. An amazing and wonderful production of this year's Yearbook Club. To make your purchase go to the main office or speak to Mr. Morrison.

### Getting Ready for this year's Yearbook!

Feb 16, 2016 12:56 pm

Mr. Morrisson's Yearbook club is working hard to meet BFS expectations and keep up with the quality of our yearbook. School wide yearbook pictures were taken last January 27th and 28th by a professional photographer. This is quite an important step in the process of finalising the yearbooks. Our PTSO parents helped with making sure all students complied with the school dress code and assisted in ensuring a...

### U.S. Consul General Roberto Powers to hold information session at BFS

Feb 15, 2016 12:23 pm

On March 18th at 3:30pm U.S. Consul General Roberto Powers (head of the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul) will visit Busan Foreign School and hold an information session meeting. At the meeting Consul General Roberto Powers will share information about the processes in place regarding American citizen services, evacuation procedures, and security support for US citizens. We believe this information will be very valuable

# **DEPARTMENT NEWS: EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY**

# Expansion of our Early Childhood Program

Feb 16, 2016 01:12 pm

It's with great excitement that I write to inform you about the expansion of our early childhood program. Our PreK-3 enrollment for the second semester has exceeded our capacity and therefore we have expanded our program to include another section of PreK-3 to be led by Miss Shirley Elder Harris. Not only is Miss Harris the proud mom of two great kids at BFS, but...

# Dec 15-Jan16 Early Childhood and Elementary Student of the Month

Feb 12, 2016 10:31 am

This month, at the ELC and Elementary we celebrated those students who exceeded at our Physical ESLR ... and the winners are: PK3: Michelle Uyema K4: Sofi Mercado K5: Rinka Kawana, Taewoo Kim 1st Grade: Sean Bae, Maria Yuguy 2nd Grade: Yusei Katana, Justin Kim 3rd Grade: Ethan Poppe, Kylen Elliott 4th Grade: Sebastian Bonomo, Grace Chun 5th Grade: Edward Cho, Erika Kim, Michael Choi, Andrew Lee Well done everyone! What does it mean to earn a physical ESLR: Learn healthy habits Live long,...

### 100th Day of School

Feb 01, 2016 11:01 am

PK3 through first grade celebrated the 100th day of school on Wednesday, January 27th! The day was filled with

fun activities that gave students the opportunity to count to 100 in many different ways. The PK3 and K4 students searched for 100 cubes on the playground, created a sign with 100 hand prints, and made a snack mix with 100 snacks! The K5 students created...

### Martin Luther King Day

Jan 24, 2016 01:03 pm

4th and 5th graders had a nice unit on using web resources to research Martin Luther King on MLK jr. day. MLK jr. day is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around King's birthday, January 15. Do you know how the holiday became to be? At the White House Rose Garden on November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill, proposed...

# **DEPARTMENT NEWS: MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL**

# University acceptances are starting to trickle in!

Feb 12, 2016 01:33 pm

University acceptances are starting to trickle in! Here's our list so far and growing: Cornell University St. Andrews University, UK Columbia College Chicago Depaul University Michigan State University Indiana University And one certain high school co-president, who will not be named, was awarded upwards of \$9000 in scholarship to Michigan State. Way to go! Stay tuned for more results over the coming weeks!

### Change for Change NHS Fundraising Results

Feb 09, 2016 03:37 pm

Change for Change Final count! An initiative by the National Honor Society where all proceedings are donated to Doctors without Borders. Cumulative Points Friday's earnings Money raised 6th grade -32.4 27,680 ...

### MS goes skating

Feb 05, 2016 10:45 am

On Friday February 5th the entire BFS MS went skating to ... the beach! as Ms. Lund mentioned: what an awesome afternoon! Mr. Wojcik pointed out that it is always neat to see people shine and you didn't know they had that kind of talent like Sera Chang (awesome figure skater), Harrison and Charlie (hockey boys) and in MS golf, guess who stands out!! Won Jeong.

# HS Students go to Singapore to participate in the Yale-NUS Model UN

Feb 02, 2016 10:01 am

Eye-opening. This word would be my ideal description of the Yale-NUS Asia Pacific Model United Nations 2016. On the coldest day of this year's winter, January 20th, the team came together in short-sleeves and shorts at the airport. Everyone seemed very excited for the trip. As soon as we arrived with our suitcases at the Kimhae Airport, Yushin flipped out her infamous selfie stick and everyone took...

### **SPORT NEWS**

# BFS 2016 Winter and Spring Sports Updates

Feb 16, 2016 12:27 pm

BFS 2016 Winter and Spring Sports Updates There's good news for BFS sports fans as many winter/spring sports are underway and record numbers of participants are going out. The MS Volleyball season is winding down with our end of the year SKAC tournament on Thursday, February 25. It's an all day event with BFS hosting the boys and BIFS hosting the girls. 7 teams will...

# **OTHER**

# BFS Hoodies refurbished

Feb 16, 2016 01:35 pm

Due to the insistent public demand BFS has refurbished its stock on shark hoodies. Come and get yours at Ms. Allepuz's office. Only 20,000 krw.

# Celebrate the end of Winter in Style at Haeundae Beach - Great Maslenitsa

Feb 16, 2016 12:36 pm

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