

# BFS

# MONTHLY WAVE

February 2017 Edition

## What a start to 2017! *A Word from the Principal*

*Iain Macfarlane*



**Our community of students, parents and teachers are working together**, "...to inspire each learner and provide educational services that nurture their social, intellectual, emotional, and physical growth." Our year had a fantastic beginning thanks to the **Spirit Week** organised by Mr. Virgen and HS Student Council. This week of fun days

culminated with a pep rally that pitted the HS basketball teams against the faculty.

It was a great way to showcase our High School basketball players. Thanks to the hard work of our coaches, Mr. Galles and Mr. Gates, our teams have had a phenomenal season. These were our largest basketball teams ever at BFS. This was also our first year to participate in a **KISAC basketball tournament**. Not only did our team get to travel to Jeju to play but we co-hosted a tournament with BIFS. Complimenting our strong showing in the **SKAC league**, it provided new opportunities for our students.

In the elementary school, Mr. Zwingelberg led our students to the **Volleyball finals at ISK**. Not only are our youngest SKAC members learning the fundamentals of volleyball but developing the teamwork and sportsmanship that are crucial skills in life. Our coaches and players should feel proud of the accomplishments that they have made this past year. In March, we will be hosting the **middle school volleyball finals** and the **elementary school basketball divisionals**. **I hope to see many parents and students out there to cheer on our players as they represent the Shark Spirit.**

Thank you to the **PTSO** and the work that they do to make our community better. Whether it was volunteering for the **Valentine’s Day Bingo** or working the **concession stands**, BFS is a better place because of the generosity of our parents. Before this past month’s PTSO meeting, Mr. Saunders and myself were able to present our new offering of the **AP Capstone Diploma**. This represents a phenomenal opportunity for our students as they prepare to enter the top colleges and universities. **2017-2018 will see a host of new academic offerings at BFS**, including computer coding from K-12 as well as 7 new AP classes. Keep your eyes open in March for our new course catalog.

**This last month has been amazing but it is only the beginning. 2017 is going to be our best year ever.**

BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF OUR SCHOOL'S LATEST WEBSITE POSTS

SCHOOL-WIDE

[It is Valentine’s Day!](#)

Feb 15, 2017 02:03 pm

February 14th marks Valentine’s Day. At BFS we like to celebrate friendships on that day and our Middle School Student Council took it to themselves to sell, pack and distribute over 900 candy grams across all sections and levels of...

[AP Capstone Diploma Presentation](#)

Feb 03, 2017 01:42 pm

Thank you to all parents that attended the AP Capstone Diploma presentation on Friday February 3. For those who could not attend please see attached the presentation slides as well as a short explanatory video on the AP Capstone Diploma...

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY

[Dec/Jan ELC and ELE Student of the Month](#)

Feb 10, 2017 02:48 pm

Congratulations to our ELC and ELE student of the month winners for the category “Knowledgeable”: PK3: Misha K4: Joshua K5: Sofia and Lea Gr.1: Shiou-Bin Gr. 2: Amber and Jamie Gr. 3: Kihwan Gr. 4: Angela and Kelila Gr. 5:...

### Polar bear Express at BFS!

Dec 22, 2016 10:24 am

The children were so excited to gather together in the auditorium on Wednesday to board THE POLAR EXPRESS! Students from PK3, K4, Grade 1, and Grade 2 arrived to school in their pajamas, ready to get cozy and watch The...

## MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

### University acceptances are starting to come in!

Feb 20, 2017 04:20 pm

The majority of university admissions decisions will be released in March. However, I thought I would share the great success we've already had. \$376,000 in Merit Scholarships 6 top 25 Public Universities Auburn University Boston College BYU Cal Poly Tech Depaul University...

### Humans of Busan Foreign School

Feb 15, 2017 02:11 pm

The Digital Media Creation class is beginning a new series which will focus on sharing the positive stories within BFS to help you know more about the people who make BFS a special community. This series is inspired by the...

### Commander David Suchyta (USN) presents to our MUN Club members

Feb 13, 2017 09:57 am

Commander David Suchyta (USN) came to our BFS Model United Nations Club meeting this last Thursday (Feb 9). He spoke about the current situation in the South China Sea and about counter-terrorism efforts around the world. Our students got to...

### MS Student Council visits the Haeundae Soup Kitchen Charity Site

Feb 06, 2017 09:40 am

On February 4th, Saturday, the middle school Student Council went to check out a local soup kitchen in Haeundae and give a small donation. The soup kitchen is located near Haeundae Station, next to the flower shop. It is a...

### History Bowl – Seoul Competition

Jan 24, 2017 03:48 pm

Our students attended the 2017 History Bowl Tournament in Seoul over 1/21/2017. Our students did well, with one of our MS History Bowl Teams placing second, and qualifying for Asian Championships. Individually, Robert placed 2nd in the History Bee, with...

### MS&HS Student of the Quarter – Q2

Dec 21, 2016 12:10 pm

Congratulations to our MS & HS SHARK winners (Social, Hardworking, Articulate, Respectful, Knowledgeable) for the second quarter! S      Danil, Arina H      Chloe, Alexa, Phillip A      Chaewon, Bini R      ...

## SPORTS

### End of HS Basketball Season: KISAC Finals

Feb 21, 2017 09:49 am

On Saturday, February 18th our BFS Sharks HS basketball teams competed in the Korean International School Activities Conference (KISAC) held at BIFS for the boys and hosted here at BFS for the girls. The tournaments were the final events of...

#### [HS Basketball goes to Jeju](#)

Feb 16, 2017 12:41 pm

On February 10th and 11th 2017, the BFS Sharks HS basketball teams traveled to Jeju Island to participate in the Korean International School Activities Conference (KISAC) basketball tournament. Teams from all over South Korea ranging from Seoul to Busan and...

#### [Elementary Volleyball Season End](#)

Feb 07, 2017 10:27 am

Elementary Volleyball has just ended an amazing season with a tournament at the International School of Kojé. We had 14 students participate in three different teams. Every volleyball player worked hard and improved greatly throughout the day. At the beginning...

#### [MS Volleyball SKAC](#)

Feb 06, 2017 02:22 pm

Middle school girls volleyball team did an outstanding job at their first tournament! Teamwork and positive attitude was the theme of the day. The girls encouraged each other and at the end, the girls improvement over the day was clear...

## **OTHER**

#### [Rising Stars Soccer Summer Camp in England and Norway](#)

Jan 25, 2017 03:04 pm

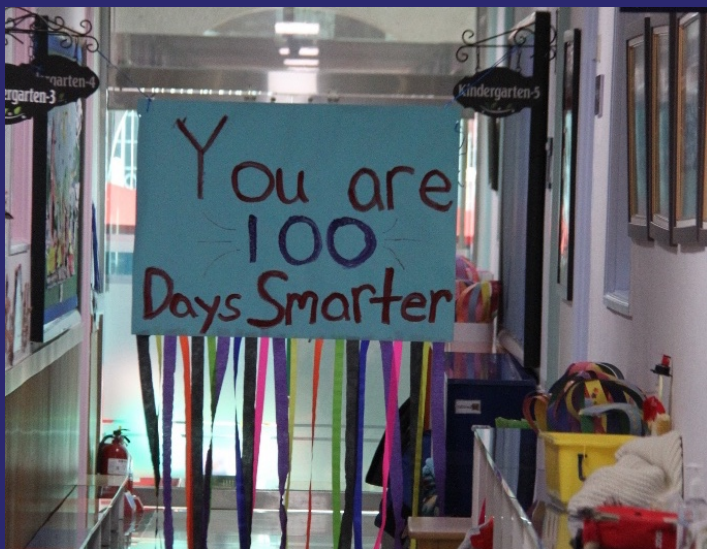
A perfect opportunity to combine sports, culture and language ... Rising Star Soccer academy offers new opportunities for students this summer. Check the attached flyers for more information.

#### [Dave the Date: Maslenitska Riussian Celebration at Haeundae Beach](#)

Jan 25, 2017 02:37 pm

The Russian consulate kindly invites all families to drop by Haeundae Beach on Sunday, February 26th for their Maslenitska celebration (Sun festival). There will be many traditional activities, performances and food.

## IMAGES OF THE MONTH



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