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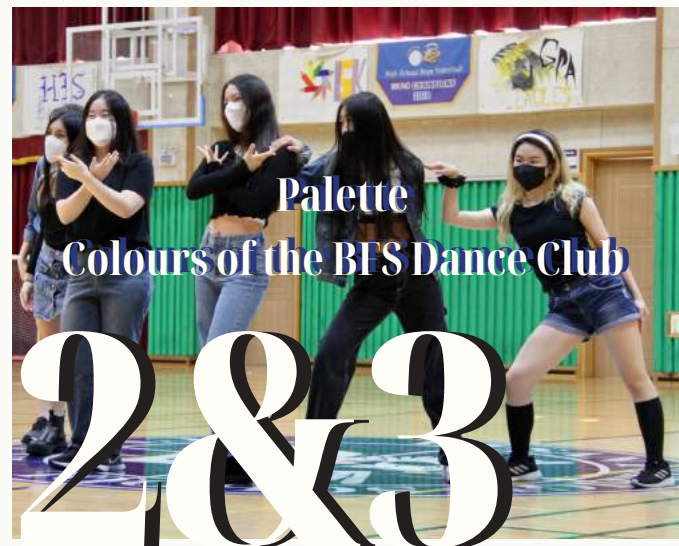
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SPIRIT DAY

High School

By: Sona Park



The High School Student Council organized a full-day event, Spirit Day, on October 1st for students to enjoy. This year's Spirit Day had a distinct theme of the movie Avengers: Endgame. All the activities were designed to build a strong bond among students and teachers. Every grade level went against each other by winning various activities such as team-building activities, floor hockey, scavenger hunt, dodgeball, group relay games, trivia, and capture the flag. This event strongly influenced the high school community and introduced our wonderful school spirit to the new students and teachers!



"Spirit day was fun and organized. I hope to see more days like Spirit Day in the future," said Victoria Yuguy (10th grade). Many students showed their appreciation towards the HS Student Council for organizing an astonishing event that will forever remain in their hearts.



While each grade level strived to become the winner of Spirit Day, the energetic and dynamic Seniors won most of the activities at the end of the day. The next day, they were rewarded with a free dress day and free donuts during lunch. The majority of the high school students greatly wished to spend another day building a stronger bond with their classmates and teachers. Let's all thank our student council for all the hard work they put in and hope for more fun days in the future!



By: Bella Kim

WE *ARE* Palette

“A palette that holds each and every dancer’s unique colour of dance.”

— Ewon Kim (Grade 12)

WE *ARE* Palette

If you would like to become a part of Palette, contact Ewon Kim via email at 2022kime@bfs.or.kr



The kick-off to a brand new school year in BFS wasn't as lively with only half of the students attending school everyday. However, despite the hardships during the first few weeks of the school due to COVID-19, BFS had exciting news and events to welcome all students into their first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.



One of the most exciting news came from Ewon Vanya Kim, a senior of BFS this year. She sent out a notice on the daily Morning Memo reaching out to dancers around the school to become a part of her famous dance club, Palette. Palette is the dance group of BFS founded by Ewon Kim and Ejew Kim. With experiences of participating in a dance club in every single school she went to before, Ewon shared her passion for dancing with the BFS community through creating Palette. She imagined there were hidden dancers around the community who were hiding their talents, and she took the lead in unveiling those beautiful talents. Now, Palette has grown into a proud dance group representing BFS.



Although the hybrid system did bring some difficulties in getting things set up right, Ewon expressed her excitement to paint another year of BFS with the brightest colours on her palette. When asked about the recruitment of new members, she quoted, "We are still in the process of promoting our club and recruiting new members. This year, Palette is open to middle schoolers as well, so I really hope we get to show some new faces on stage with us."

The group has already performed during BFS' Spirit Day and Founder's Day. Their recent performances included not only the hottest dance challenge in Korea to the song 'Hey Mama' by David Guetta, but also their own choreographies.

With the recent performances ending in success, Ewon explained her future goals with Palette as having "another concert before the end of the year". As a senior, the final concert at the end of the year will remain as her last concert with the members of Palette here in BFS. With this school year being the last one for her, she added that she wishes the COVID-19 situation would get better enough to allow them to hold another

concert during the SKAC Fine Arts Fair. Before the end of school, Palette hopes to earn a chance to perform in front of new audiences who are not part of the BFS community.

With high hopes, Palette is preparing for another year to impress the BFS community with their dazzling performances. As her quote translates, the performances of Palette vividly paint the distinctive colours of different students. BFS is thankful to have a group of such energetic, passionate students who are willing to share their talents and skills with others.



HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

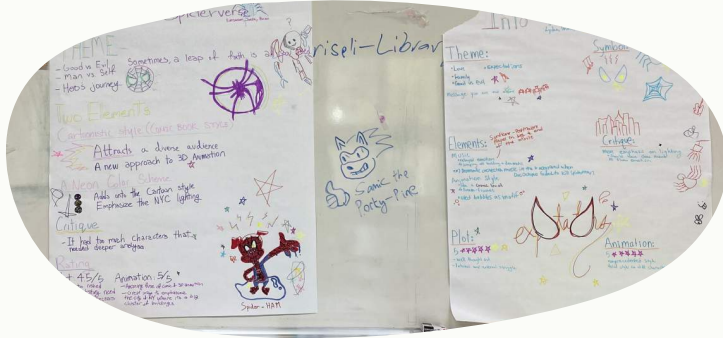
By: Gaëtane Sloomweg

On a rainy Saturday morning, the boys and girls high school volleyball team participated in a volleyball match against ISB. The girls team played home court while the boys played at ISB. The day started at 8 and finished at 10 with the BFS girls winning every match, both the A team and the B team. From the sidelines, it was a riveting game to watch with strong serves and spikes from both teams. However, this was only the practice games for the girls and boys. October 23, once again on a Saturday morning, was the final tournament. We were joined by ISB and a team who came all the way from Taejon, TCIS. Both the boys and the girls team gave their very best and finished as the second place out of the 3 teams. Let's go Sharks!



Looking at the World Through Film: Film Studies

By: Val Kim



A brand new class has been opened at BFS — Film Studies. Film Studies is a class where students learn about various aspects of films all the way from filming techniques to cultural depictions of films. Any BFS high school students from serious future filmmakers to film enthusiasts (pretty much everyone) can join the class and there are no prerequisites.

At the very beginning of the year, the students learned filming techniques that involved utilizing different angles and perspectives to portray different moods and messages. During the learning process, many iconic scenes were carefully analyzed as a class. Afterward, the first unit, documentary, began and many parts of documentaries were learned such as their history, technique, and purpose. An exciting thing that happened during the unit was when the class applied their knowledge by making their documentaries on an issue of their choice. While many were new to making documentaries, a lot of people produced impressive work. On top of this, a professional documentary on gender revolution was viewed to consolidate the concept of different perspectives in filmmaking.



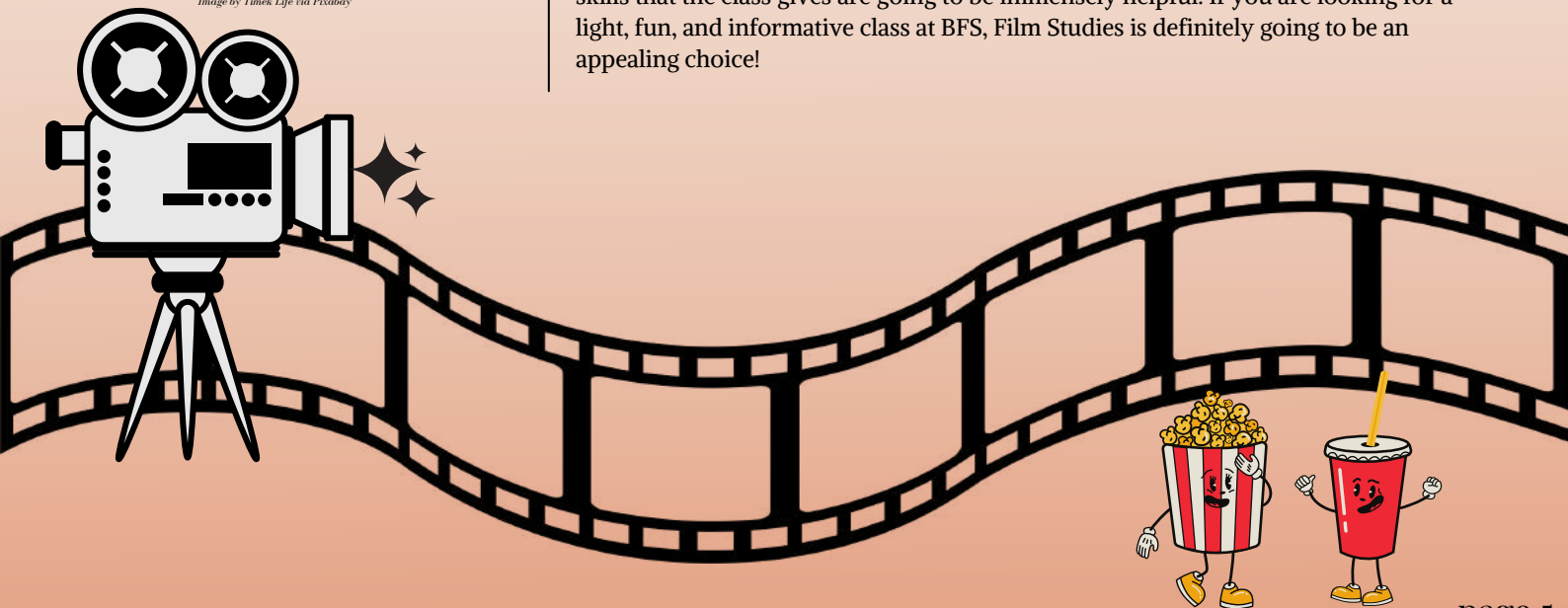
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Most recently, the students started their animation unit, which looks at different types of animation and their histories. To do this effectively, famous animation films such as Kubo and the Two Strings were watched as well as many interviews of animation producers on how they create their work. Right now, pupils are working on making imaginary animation characters of their own by drawing them out, designing them on TinkerCad, and 3D printing them. This helps to learn the development of characters in an animation film, which is the heart of the whole movie.

Film studies, just like any other class offered at BFS, is distinctive from all the other classes. It is very entertaining as students can watch many famous movies from a wide variety of genres and create their work of the corresponding genre. Most importantly, they can learn film on a deeper level and get to look at films from a new perspective. As most people watch movies or some types of films for the majority of their lives, the skills that the class gives are going to be immensely helpful. If you are looking for a light, fun, and informative class at BFS, Film Studies is definitely going to be an appealing choice!



THE RISE OF

By: Youseung Kim

KOREAN POP CULTURE



Over the last few decades, the global popularity and influence of South Korean popular culture (or pop culture) has grown to an unprecedented level. Millions of fans around the globe listen to and support Korean music, especially K-pop, and millions more enjoy Korean dramas, TV shows, and movies. Additionally, Korean video games, books, and sports are also leaving their impacts on the world.

As most readers may probably know already, K-pop is one of the most popular aspects of Korean pop culture, and there are K-pop fans in every corner of the world. Just last year, K-pop boy band BTS achieved the amazing feat of releasing three number one Billboard 200 albums within a year, making them the first band to achieve such an accomplishment since the Beatles. This rise in the popularity of K-pop, as well as other forms of Korean music, has led to an increase of interest in things like the Korean language, and Korean history. In fact, the U.S. Modern Language Association found that between 2006 and 2016, the number of university students taking Korean courses nearly doubled.



Music isn't the only part of Korean pop culture that has been shining in the past few years though. In 2020, the Korean movie 'Parasite,' directed by Bong Joon-ho, made history by winning four Oscar awards, and by being the first-ever non-English-language film to win the best picture award. Additionally, the Korean film 'Minari' was also nominated for many awards this year, and actress Yuh-Jung Yoon, who starred as a grandmother in the film, became the first Korean actor to win an Oscar award.

Finally, one of the most recent entrants to Korea's growing pop culture is one that all readers have most likely at least heard of by now: The Korean Netflix show that has taken the internet by storm, Squid Game. Since its release over a month ago, the show has become the biggest series launch in the service's history, achieving 111 million views in the first month alone. Through watching Squid Game (slight spoiler alert!), millions of people around the world were able to learn about many games that children in Korea play, once again spreading the country's pop culture.



Korean pop culture, consisting of music, television, movies, sports, games, literature, and more, has undoubtedly already left a huge impact on the world. Over time, it has influenced millions of people, and it continues to spread and grow every year. It is likely only a matter of time before we see another part of Korean pop culture reach unprecedented heights, and millions of people await that moment.

Kimchi

By: Minjune Chung

When you think about the idea of “spicy fermented cabbage,” you might freak out because it sounds so unorthodox and scary. How on earth do you ferment spicy cabbage, and is it safe to eat?? But this so-called spicy fermented cabbage might be a South Korean’s greatest friend, as it is kimchi: the icon of South Korean cuisine that is eaten as a side dish all the time. This article will discuss the origin, ingredients, and nutritional values of kimchi, and kimchi in Korean cuisine.

The first traces of kimchi can be found in the Samguk Sagi, which was a historical record of the Three Kingdoms of Korea. This record included pickle jars, suggesting that fermented vegetables were commonly eaten at this time. The idea of kimchi also spread through Buddhism, as it encouraged a vegetarian lifestyle.

The first type of kimchi was actually an uns spicy dish with no peppers. This was because peppers had been a plant only grown in the Americas, meaning that it was inaccessible. The idea of spicy kimchi was finally introduced in a 17-18th century book on farm management.



The first time kimchi started to be produced in mass amounts was when South Korean soldiers involved in the Vietnam War needed large amounts of food rations.

Finally, in 2008, scientists developed a new version of kimchi that was lower in calories and more vitamin-rich, becoming the kimchi that we all enjoy today.

The most common type of kimchi, the cabbage kimchi, is usually made up of napa cabbage, radish, scallions, red pepper, garlic, and salted shrimp. Thanks to these healthy and natural ingredients, kimchi is usually packed with nutrients. Kimchi also contains beneficial microorganisms called probiotics that come from its lacto-fermentation process.

In Korean cuisine, cabbage kimchi is not the only type of kimchi. Other famous types of kimchi include: kkakdugi, which is kimchi made from small blocks radish, baek-kimchi which is a non-spicy kimchi, dongchimi which is made from thin sheets of radish and consists of a soup, Gat-kimchi which is made from mustard leaves, yeolmu-kimchi which is made from radish leaves, and pa-kimchi which is made from scallions.

Besides being a side dish, kimchi is also used for other Korean dishes such as: kimchi bokkeum bap or kimchi fried rice, kimchi guk which is a soup made from kimchi, kimchi jjigae which is a stew made from kimchi, and kimchi buchimgae which is a crispy pancake made from kimchi.

All in all, kimchi is a really great South Korean dish that any newcomer should definitely try! Although it might be a bit spicy at the start, once you get the hang of it, kimchi can become a very delicious dish!

By: Jasmin Slootweg

THE GHOST SHIP MYSTERY: THE MARY CELESTE

The Mary Celeste was found drifting in the Atlantic on December 4th, 1872 by the crew members of a British brig called Dei Gratia about 400 miles east of the Azores islands off of Portugal. The captain of the British brig discovered that the Mary Celeste should have already arrived in Genoa, Italy after leaving New York 8 days prior to this discovery (Quercia, 2021). Upon boarding the ship to offer aid, the crew members were surprised to discover that there was no one aboard the ship. What happened to the crew members?



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An investigation that the crew carried out revealed that all the missing crewmen's belongings were still in their quarters, and the ship's charts were tossed around. Upon checking for the ship's only lifeboat, the crew noticed that it was missing. The cargo that the Mary Celeste was carrying, 1,701 barrels of industrial alcohol, was intact, and upon further investigation, it was determined that there was over 6 months' worth of food and water on the ship as well, the large amount of food being for the journey that the ship would have continued after arriving in Italy. The crew were only left with more questions, and after the investigation was released to the public, speculation about what could have happened spread among people. Speculation ranged from sea monsters to pirates, and to things as mundane as the crew going for a swim and being unable to return to the ship on time. This mystery sparked many modern-day investigations being based on the Captain's logs, which revealed nothing out of the ordinary, as well as weather data. Weather data was determined through the captain's logs in order to determine the location of the ship when the crew disappeared.

One of the most prominent questions that rose was: Did the captain order the crew to abandon ship? Phil Richardson, a physical oceanographer at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution said "It wasn't flooded or horribly damaged. The discovery crew sailed it, so it was in really good shape" (Blumberg, 2007). The weather logs were probably the only real things that Anne MacGregor, a researcher working to find out what happened to the ship, had to go off of. Looking at the logs, MacGregor noticed that "The night before the last entry in the ship's log, the Mary Celeste again faced rough seas and winds of more than 35 knots", "Still, rough seas and a faulty chronometer wouldn't, by themselves, prompt an experienced captain to abandon ship. Was there something else?" (Blumberg, 2007). To this day, the story of what really happened has not yet been uncovered, so that leaves this up to you. What do you think happened to the Mary Celeste?



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Model T

October 1st, 1908 By: Val Kim

Whether it be a taxi, Uber, or your parent's car, it is very likely that you have been inside a steel body on four wheels at one point in life: a car. In fact, according to the US Federal Highway Administration, around 93% of American households had at least one car. This is a huge increase from the mere 20% of car ownership in the 1930s, which was just a few generations ago. In the center of this change was the Model T by Ford.



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For years after cars were first introduced, they remained the symbol of extreme wealth. On October 1st, 1908, however, this was entirely changed. American engineer Henry Ford joined the automobile market with the Model T, calling it the first car for everyone. The Model T was faster, stronger, and more comfortable than all the other vehicles, selecting a gasoline powertrain. Most importantly, it was affordable for most people with a price point of \$200. How was this possible? Ford utilized one of his most revolutionary production methods, which used conveyor belts to allow mass production. This enabled well-built cars to have low prices and therefore appealed to a wide variety of the population. By the 1920s, Ford sold more than 15,000,000 cars and held an astounding record of dominating over 50% of the automobile market. Soon afterward, an influx of new brands such as General Motors, Chrysler, Mercedes-Benz, and BMW followed Ford and took part in the automobile 'boom'.



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In the late 1800s, Germany and France started to release cars that were usable. The cars then were mostly powered by steam engines and could only go up to 22 km/h, about the speed of a rabbit casually sprinting. It was also known that the build quality of automobiles in this era was abysmal, with the car breaking down even at the slightest bump in the road. Nonetheless, the new transportation fascinated many people and was only accessible to the wealthiest.

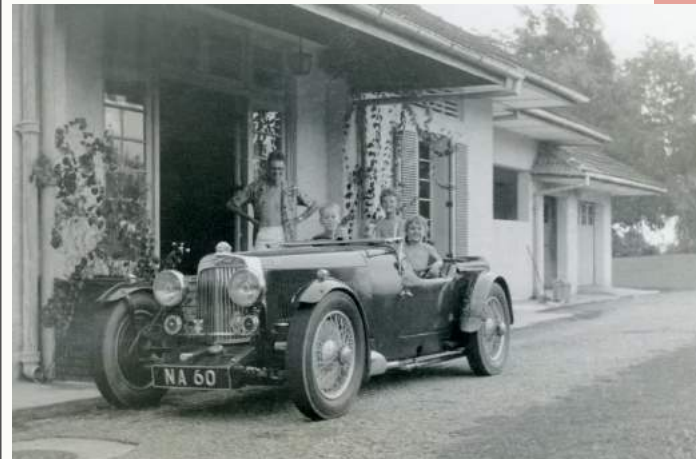
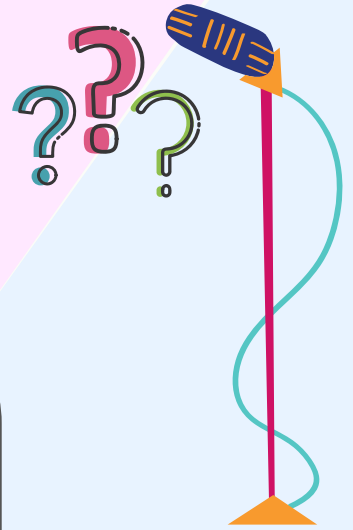


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Ford, although still having 5% of the market share, has now lost most its old glory when the Model T was around. The more luxurious German brands hold around 13.6% of the market and the better value Japanese brands have 17.5% of the market. In addition, there are enormous waves of changes coming to the automobile industry with the introduction of electric cars like Tesla and self-driving technology. All major car brands have announced that they would transition into an all-electric lineup by the end of this decade. How would this look like? Who will dominate the market like Ford with the Model T did? Whatever way the future turns out to be, it is certain that the Model T will always keep its position as the beginning of cars.

INTERVIEW WITH LEO JUN

9TH GRADE



How has covid-19 affected your life?

Back when I lived in Japan, I was actually supposed to meet my grandparents, but covid-19 prevented me from meeting them. But I moved to Korea, and I was able to meet them which is a good thing. Something bad about covid-19 is that we have to wear these masks and that we can't breathe freely. I can't play sports with full energy unless I take off my mask.

What do you like about BFS and how is it different from your previous school?

I like BFS because of how great the music department is and how consistently they practice and rehearse. It is different from my other school because they did not focus on the musical area as much as BFS. Overall, BFS is academically better and they focus more on things like education and electives.

How is high school different from middle school?

HS is different from MS because extra credit isn't a thing anymore. One good thing about HS is that there is more variety of classes you can take, like AP classes, whereas in MS, you can only take a certain amount of classes or have to wait to take more classes. One bad thing about transitioning to HS is that the grading system is more harsh than it was in MS, and there is more pressure because colleges are going to look at your grades. Also, there is less time to play.



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