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# A Milestone Year



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## Word from the Principals

*Lauren Harvey & Carl Brenneman*

May and June were a wonderful time at BFS! As Covid-19 cases within our community subsided, we were fortunate to restart athletic competitions, field trips, band concerts, and many other events. We applaud our entire school community of students, teachers, operations team, school nurse, and parents who all came together to stay safe and healthy through the pandemic.

The ongoing schoolwide fundraising efforts to support refugees have concluded. We are pleased to report that over 3.6 million KRW was raised and donated to refugee organizations UNHCR and Help4Refugees. The Grade 5 class, Palette Dance Club, HS Art Club, and MS and HS Student Council are commended for their initiatives, and we appreciate all the donations toward this worthy cause. In a world that is often violent and unjust, this student-driven initiative helps our students become empathetic, responsible, contributing citizens in a rapidly changing world.

This twenty-fifth anniversary year at BFS ended with a wonderful Graduation ceremony for the Class of 2022 featuring speeches by Carl Brenneman (BFS Upper School Principal), David Jea (General Consul of The United States of America in Busan), and Michael Jung (BFS Class

of 2006, Harvard Law School Class of 2018). The Class of 2022 earned acceptance to over 50 universities and was awarded more than two million USD in merit-based scholarships. We appreciate Glenn Saunders, Director of Admissions and College Counseling, our teachers, and PTSO and Senior parents for their support of the Class of 2022.

Together this school year, we have supported students' social and emotional growth, ensured a safe learning environment, and promoted a culture of learning. Our students have shined academically, athletically, and artistically. We embody the SHARK values: Socially Conscious, Hardworking, Active Communicator, Respectful, and Keep Learning. To those leaving BFS, we wish you all the best in the future, and we hope you continue to carry on with the spirit of a BFS Shark: Do keep in touch!

***Have a safe and restful summer break. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, August 13th for our Family Orientation Day.***

Ms. Lauren Harvey  
Elementary Principal



Mr. Carl Brenneman  
Upper School Principal





## Fire Drill with Haeundae Fire Department

On May 24th, BFS hosted a fire drill with the Haeundae fire department. Teachers and students were prepared, expectations were clear and met. We also had our First Aid Club guiding the whole school on how to perform CPR. Fantastic job BFS!



## 2021-22 SY Last PTSO Meeting

Our last Parent meeting of the year was emotionally charged as we wished goodbye to some of our great supporters and acknowledged our PTSO parent reps: As the WASC Committee pointed out, we truly have a strong group of parent supporters who make a difference.





## 2021-22 SY End of Year School-wide Assembly & Pep Rally

This is BFS! At the end of year pep rally we:

1. Celebrated the fact that through different student initiatives, and in just a couple of months, we raised 3.6 million krw, most of which will benefit the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).
  2. Celebrated our successes.
  3. Held a elementary students vs Sharky free shoot contest (students won!).
  4. Laughed, talked, shared.
  5. Had MS&HS students play soccer against the teachers with some very peculiar positioning from the goalies that just had to get out to the field (students won ... again)
  6. Sang, talked, danced, laughed some more.
- We are Sharks!



Photos by Anna Schier

## Humans of BFS: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage

In May, we celebrated the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage. In the honor of our AAPI community we portrayed some of them as part of a special "Humans of BFS" edition. Visit our Instagram or Facebook for the detailed interviews!





## Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Austin-Castillo



**Caregiver Handouts: Games and Activities that Build Brains and Executive Function Skills (Preschool through High School)**



**Activities Guide: Enhancing and Practicing Executive Function Skills with Children from Infancy to Adolescence**



**Mind Yeti** is a library of research-based guided mindfulness sessions that help kids and their adults calm their minds, focus their attention and connect to the world around them.



**The Joy Workout:**  
6 research-backed moves to improve your mood



**Kids Relaxation Activities**



Summer is a great time to focus on mindfulness and executive functioning skills with your child and to engage in activities that promote physical movement such as exercise, dancing, cooking, board games, puzzles, and meditation. Here are a few activities you may enjoy doing this summer. These proposed activities have been sourced from The New York Times, Center for the Developing Child, Harvard University, and the Committee for Children. Wishing you a rejuvenating summer!

Warmly, Ms. A-C



## 2021-22 SY Kindergarten Moving On Ceremony

On June 7th, our Kindergarten class celebrated their end of the 2021-22 SY with a moving on ceremony. This great class will be moving on from the ground floor to floor 2 and join the grade 1 ranks. Congratulations! We know you are ready.





## 2021-22 SY Grade 5 Moving On Ceremony

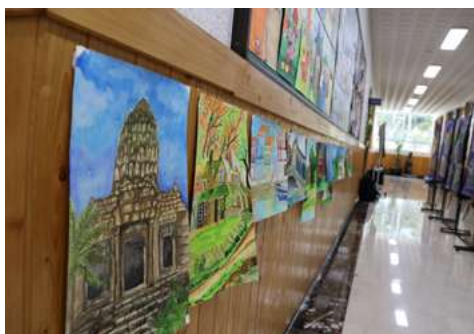
The Grade 5 class reached an important milestone on the last day of school: moving on to middle school. This group of nineteen students have worked hard all year to make this happen: They will make a group of fantastic middle schoolers.





## EC&ES Spring Concert and Arts/Makerspace Showcase

The Early Childhood and Elementary Spring Concert and Arts/Makerspace Showcase was a wonderful celebration of learning! With a performance from Ballet Club; songs in English, Korean, and Spanish; and Art and Makerspace exhibitions, families had a chance to see why our school is so special. This was a true team effort, and we appreciate the work of all our amazing teachers.





## Kindergarten, Grade 2 and Grade 5 STEM Fair

A very hands on STEM fair by our Kindergarten, Grade 2 and Grade 5 classes. We loved the compost machine and explanations, as well as the many activities the students had put together so that families and other audiences could experience the theory behind the display boards. Well done sharks!



## Elementary June Assembly

As we approach the last week of school there are so many “lasts”. On June 3rd, we celebrated the June EC&ES student assembly. Ms. Harvey and Ms. A-C with the help of the Anchored4Life students presented and shared what it means to be Respectful and Keep Learning. We’ve grown so much this year! Our leaving ES teachers were also recognized.





## Early Childhood ABC Countdown to Summer

Following an Early Childhood tradition, our youngest students experience the end of the school year with an ABC countdown. Can you guess what some of the activities were?



## Early Childhood and High School Makerspace Making Garden

Early Childhood, with the help of our BFS gardener and some high school makerspace students, started their garden project. EC students will grow their own plants in a dedicated space by their playground, and thus experience being responsible and develop a relationship with living things. We look forward to seeing their plants growing.





## **Kindergarten Field Trip to the Busan Children's Museum**

Kindergarten had a fantastic experience at Busan Children's Museum on their field trip day! They explored many science concepts including force, motion, speed, and more. Everyone loved it!



## **Kindergarten & Grade 1 Combined Morning Meeting**

Grade 1 and K5 met for their final mixed Morning Meeting of the year! It was a great opportunity for the Grade 1 students to be role models and a chance for K5 to get a taste of what life will be like in Grade 1 next year! Mixed morning meetings are a fun way to build community and a chance for students and teachers of different grade levels to interact with each other.





## Grade 2 Reader's Theatre: The Gruffalo

Grade 2 Reader's Theater was great! On May 19th, they read "The Gruffalo" in a loud, proud voice in front of their parents! Way to go second grade sharks!



## Grade 5 Field Trip to the Busan Science Museum

Grade 5 visited the science museum on their field trip day. The students got a lot of exercise and learned as well as practiced transforming energy.





## Theater Games Club Production

Scan the QR Code to watch a cute production from our Theatre Games elementary club!



## Taekwondo Demonstration & Test

Our #Taekwondo club was able to demonstrate their skills to their parents during a Taekwondo demo/test day. Upon completion of all level exercises, they were granted their yellow belts! Yes, they all passed. :)





## Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation ceremony was a memorable celebration with notable speeches by U.S. Consul David J. Jea, BFS alumni Michael Jung, and Valedictorian Michelle Moon. We are proud of the class of 2022 and wish them all the best in the future.





## 2021-22 SY Grade 8 Moving On Ceremony

Grade 8 students moved on to high school with an inspiring speech from Mr. Neeno about finding your passion and standing up when you've fallen down. We celebrate the class of 2026 and look forward to their success in high school.





## MS/HS Band, Choir, and Dance Spring Concert

What a fantastic evening on June 1st at Daechon's park bandshell. Needless to say all performances were absolutely amazing. BFS is a caring community and we were happy to share our talents with our Haeundae neighbors, and Jangsan-mountain-hikers. Thank you to everyone that contributed and supported our music programs this year.



## Busan.IZ May 2022 Edition

The BFS' student newspaper May 2022 edition has been published! Check it out for some really interesting articles and visuals.



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ALL ARTICLES



## Middle School Author Visits

On the last week of May, Middle School virtually sat down to connect with published authors Ms. Alexandra Diaz and Edward Bloor. They both had many stories to tell and tips to share with our middle school writers. A daughter of Cuban refugees, Alexandra now lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico and teaches creative writing to adults and teens. Edward Bloor has been a high school English teacher in Florida and published more than ten books!



## Middle School Computer Science

Dr. Barnes and the Middle School Computer Science students are currently working with Arduino-based electronics kits called DuinoKits. The DuinoKit Jr. hosts a variety of components and 20 mission learning cards to get started in learning about electronics and programming. Each mission contains additional sub-missions for extra fun and learning. Through this hands-on programming unit, students are able to collaboratively investigate and experiment with the relationship between hardware and software utilizing microcontrollers.





## Middle School Field Trip to Songjeong Beach

On Thursday, June 9th, the Middle School faculty took their students for a final beach day in Songjeong. This was an excellent occasion for the middle schoolers to spend quality time together and wish farewell to those leaving Busan.



## Brian Choi Receives 2022 EARCOS Global Citizen Award

Congratulations to Brian Choi of grade 11 as he is this year's recipient of the 2022 EARCOS (East Asia Regional Council of Schools) Global Citizen Award. This award is presented to a student who has an open mind, is well informed, and is strongly committed to making the world a better place. Brian's essay focusing on unrestrained consumption and unmitigated greed struck a chord with today's social media generation that glorifies perceived wealth and temporary fame.



## 2021-22 SY Yearbook Signing

Signing this year yearbooks forced for emotions, thoughts, creativity, writing, and reflections to be brought to surface. We are thankful for this wonderful publication that will help keep our school memories alive.





## GSA Club Fundraiser

The GSA Club (Gender and Sexuality Alliance Club) held a Treat Sale on May 19th and 20th at MS/HS lunchtime in the cafeteria. There were cookies and frozen treats and a rainbow of candy and jelly treats to choose from! Proceeds benefited a non-profit organization building a shelter for LGBTQ+ youth in Seoul.



## High School Self Defense Training

During May, BFS 9th Grade Advisors, Mr. Neeno and Ms. Amoros, took a poll of 9th graders, asking what activities they would like to have in Advisory class over the rest of the year. They overwhelmingly asked for some self defense training.

Through the Office, we were able to arrange for Master Heo, a black belt Taekwondo instructor, to come out to BFS and teach our 9th graders some basic self defense moves in the gym. Master Heo had students pair off and practice defense moves.

A big hat's off to Ayden Jun, who agreed to be Master Heo's instruction partner!

Note: No 9th Graders were hurt in the making of this episode.





## High School Student of the Quarter 4

Congratulations to our quarter 4 HS SOQ winners. As the year comes to an end our auditorium filled with recognition and gratitude. High school has accomplished so much this year.



### Students of the Quarter 4

#### Grade 9

Chloe Chung  
Alyssa Mae Toledo  
Nari (Abigail) Kim

#### Grade 10

Victoria Yuguy  
Minjune Chung  
Otis Linkfield

#### Grade 11

Chloe Jung  
Euijin Kim

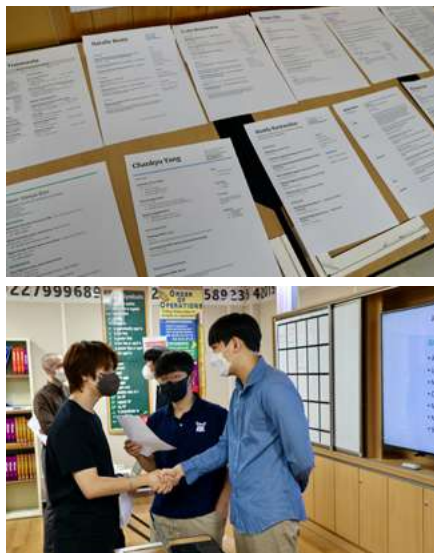
#### Grade 12

Natalie Beaty  
Ella Tuomaala  
Hyejeen Chung



## Personal Finance & Business - Job Fair

The students of Personal Finance and Business had a job fair on June 8th. This job fair was not the kind of job fair we would normally imagine where job seekers hop from one station to another to talk to different hiring representatives. Instead, employers (teachers) were walking around the room, and got to look at candidates' (students) resumes and asked questions. At this hypothetical job fair, most students were assuming that they are fresh out of college and are applying for an entry-level job.





## High School Computer Science

Dr. Barnes' Intro to Computer Science class began a physical computing unit utilizing micro:bits and the Python programming language. The BBC micro:bit is a pocket-sized computer that introduces students to how software and hardware work together. It has an LED light display, buttons, sensors and many input/output features that, when programmed, let it interact with the user and their world. By using their previous Python experiences throughout the school year, students have done a tremendous job in applying what they know to this physical computing unit. So far, students have created display games, animation sequences, and programmed their micro:bits to play music. As they move through the unit, they will be designing more complicated programs that will enable their micro:bits to act as personal billboards, night lights, radio messengers and more!



## BFS Guitar Performances

Scan the QR Code to watch the BFS Guitar lunch session performances!





## 2021-22 SY Prom

This year, HS STUCO chose the BFS Gymnasium to host prom. Themed “Casino Night”, everyone looked their best. What a fantastic group of students!





## Class of 2022 Senior Breakfast & Parade

The senior class families came together on Friday, June 3rd to treat our graduating class with a fantastic breakfast. 100% home-made by all moms, it was incredible to see so much variety, but also creativity and effort to decorate the auditorium. And to top it all, one of the volunteering moms ordered personalised luggage tags as a gift for all our seniors. As this class moves on and travels around the world to pursue university they will certainly come in handy.





## SKAC Elementary Basketball Tournmanet

We have a lot to celebrate with Elementary sports. On Saturday, May 14th, our basketball teams (boys and girls) travelled to Daegu for a SKAC championship. Both teams won! We are also grateful for all the parents that travelled to cheer our squads: an uplifting presence for our sharks.



## SKAC Middle School Basketball Tournmanet

Our middle schoolers shined at the last basketball tournament and most importantly they were happy to compete again.





## High School Soccer



### HS Boys Soccer

Soccer-mania! The BFS boy's soccer team competed in a two-day tournament this past weekend and held their own against some very big schools from Jeju. There were wins, ties, and losses. Chad Yang, score a hat trick against KIS Jeju in a 3-1 win and we tied NLCS who was the eventual champion. A special shout-out to Danil Galkin who kept us in all the games with outstanding goalie play between the pipes. I had two coaches come up to me to compliment Danil's dominance in the net -- they were impressed! I am proud of all the boys. They left everything on the field. It was a great way to end the season. Now let's enjoy some pizza at the end of the year celebration!

### HS Girls Soccer

On May 27th and 28th, the HS Girls Futsal team participated in the Busan 7v7 tournament at ISB. In the four team tournament that welcomes both Busan schools as well as two Jeju schools, the weekend was packed with action. In round robin play on Friday, the Sharks adjusted to the new 7v7 game format with a 1-3 loss to NLCS. In their final two games of the evening, they would go on to beat St. Johnsbury Academy (4-2) and ISB (3-1). On Saturday, the girls' team marched into their morning match with a controlling victory against ISB in the semifinals with a final score of 4-0, setting them up for a rematch against NLCS in the championship game. In regulation, the Sharks would draw 1-1, sending the game into penalty kicks to decide the winner. NLCS would end up edging out the Sharks 3-2 in penalties to keep BFS in second place in the tournament.

Coaches Barnes and Lee were more than happy with the performance of the group on the weekend as it truly showed how adaptive the group can be. By playing as a team, with and for one another, they made their coaches and school extremely proud!



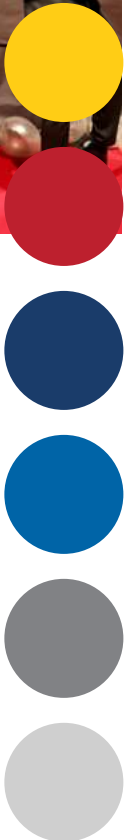
## 2021-22 SY End of Year Sports Celebration

BFS Sharks ended the basketball season with a Grand Banner reveal and ... pizza!





## IMAGES OF THE MONTH







# ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2022-2023

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December, 2021

## July 2022

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## October 2022

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- 3 Korean Foundation Day (No School)
- 6 Parent Teacher Conf. (Evening)
- 7 Parent Teacher Conf. (No School)
- 9 Hangul Proclamation Day
- 10 Hangul Proclamation Day (No School)
- 14 1st Quarter Ends
- 17 2nd Quarter Begins
- 21 1st Quarter Report Cards Sent Home

## January 2023

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- 1 New Year
- 9 School Resumes | 3rd Quarter Begins
- 13 2nd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
- 21-24 Lunar New Year (No School)

## April 2023

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- 3 School Resumes | 4th Quarter Begins
- 7 3rd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
- 13 Parent Teacher Conf. (Evening)
- 14 Parent Teacher Conf. (No School)

## August 2022

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- 13 Family Orientation Day
- 15 Independence Day (No School)
- 16 First Day of School

## November 2022

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- 25 US Thanksgiving (No School)

## February 2023

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- 17 Prof. Development Day (No School)

## May 2023

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- 5 Children's Day (No School)
- 27 Buddha's Birthday
- 29 Buddha's Birthday | US Memorial Day (No School)

## September 2022

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- 9-12 Chuseok (No School)

## December 2022

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- 16 2nd Quarter Ends
- 19 Winter Break Begins
- 25 Christmas

## March 2023

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- 1 Samil Day (No School)
- 24 3rd Quarter Ends
- 27-31 Spring Break (No School)

## June 2023

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- 6 Memorial Day (School Day)
- 9 4th Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
- 12 Graduation
- Summer Break Begins





The school's main office will remain available:

**Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

We look forward to seeing our families during BFS'  
**Family Orientation Day on Saturday, August 13th.**

*Busan Foreign School wishes you  
a restful Summer Break!*





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