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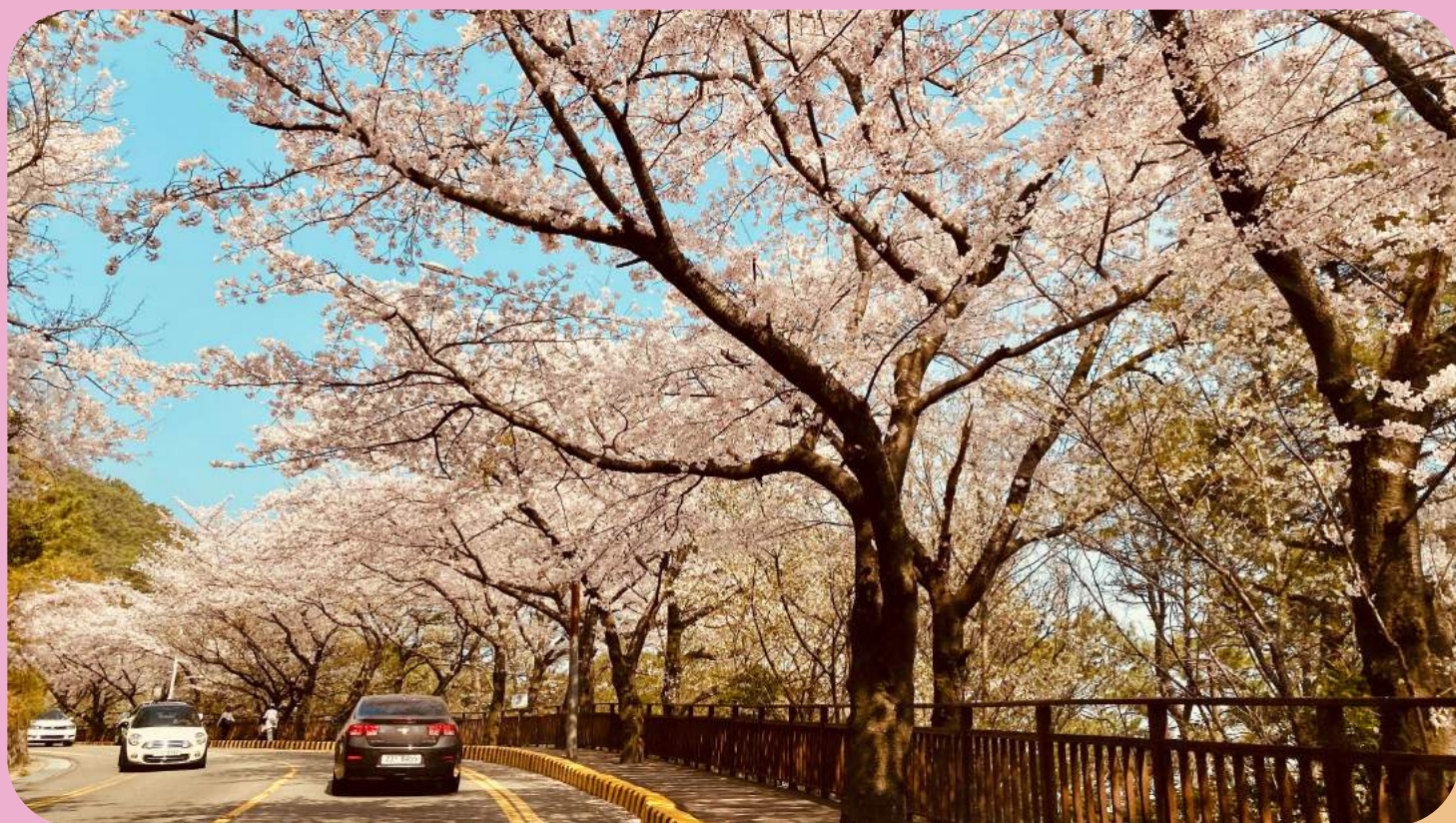


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# PLACES TO GO SEE CHERRY BLOSSOMS

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**By: Ryan Sim**

Have you ever wondered where you should go to see cherry blossoms bloom beautifully in Busan? These places introduced in this article will describe the three best places to see cherry blossoms in Busan.

The first place to introduce is the cherry blossom tunnel in Gwangalli Samik Beach Apartment. This cherry blossom tunnel is next to Gwangalli beach, where about 20 apartments are lined up together. The road that lets all the cars in the apartment outside creates a lovely tunnel in the spring where cherry blossoms are filled in the sky.

The next place is the Busan Macdo Ecological Park, and this place is also known for the sidewalk with cherry blossoms where people can walk past them and take pictures. But unfortunately, this cherry blossom spot is not well known, so not many people come to look at the cherry blossoms.

The final cherry blossom spot is the Haeundae Dalmaji road. Unlike the other two sites introduced previously, this cherry blossom spot is known for people being able to drive past beautiful cherry blossoms. Many people loved how they could see the cherry blossom while going down the road and how it was perfect to go with families while visiting somewhere else in Busan.



# Supporting War Refugees

**BY: YOUSEUNG KIM**



To help support the plight of all refugees, many clubs and organizations within the BFS High School community came together. HS Student Council, NHS, Dance Club (Palette), and Art Club worked to dedicate the month of April towards doing extra fundraisers. Each organization had different unique fundraisers, but were united in the goal of raising money for refugees.

The HS Student Council, for the week of April 18th, sold mini DIY bracelet kits during lunch, themed around the colors of the Ukrainian flag. The NHS worked with MS & HS Student Council to host Game Day, a series of games and activities that ran from April 13-22 in the gym. The Art Club held a caricature station on the week of April 18th to fundraise. The Dance Club, Palette, held their stunning fourth concert, the Palette Film Festival, in the gym on April 21st, collecting lots of donations.

Collectively, our High School BFS community was able to raise lots of money for refugees across the globe, from various unique fundraisers. Our High School community's heart goes out to all of the refugees going through struggling times, and we are glad to have helped make a difference.



# Rooftop PERFORMANCES



Spring

On a  
warm  
sunny  
day

By: Ryan Sim





Recently, many concerts were held on the roof of BFS. The BFS bands each prepared songs and performed them for the students, teachers, and staff of BFS. Along with the help of Dr. Grant, the intermediate band, advanced band, and the beginner band all completed their concerts.

Many people came to see the band and saw the band students' effort and dedication to the band. For musicians, this was their first-ever concert performing in front of a crowd. However, the practices outside and inside of school prepared them for their amazing first concert. The beginner and intermediate bands spent hours during the 1st period or 7th period practicing their songs. The advanced band, a band where skilled school players get to practice together two times each week for an hour during 8th period, also practiced as hard as they could each time they met as a group.



Even though the band students range from 6th to 12th grade, all the band players unite their sound and create great performances. After the concert, many students and teachers complimented the performances done by the bands. One of the band's players, Joy Cho, has stated, "I can proudly say that everyone in the band tried their best, despite some challenges. We are a small band, which is an obstacle that we work hard to avoid making obvious. This means that everybody has to pay attention to their sound even more, and that hard work from everybody in the band is why we were able to succeed. Luckily, everyone in the band is always extremely flexible, and the group can thrive with the help of many people trying to make it work. Dr. Grant also worked hard to get the Block 8 band going and the two other bands that took lots of effort to put together. I hope everyone enjoyed the rooftop concert series. The people providing the entertainment enjoyed it just as much as our hard work was able to shine in front of the sunny, amazing view of the mountains."

# Soccer Success

By: Gaëtane Slootweg

It's 7:30 on a Saturday morning, and the BFS boys and girls soccer teams are on their way to the final Skac tournament in ISB. They arrive at 8 joined by the schools HIS, ISB, DIS, and BIA. The first games for both girls and boys start at 9. Throughout the day they each play 5 matches. The last 2 are the knockout rounds, the first being the semi-finals and the last being the final. The day was hot being 19 degrees Celsius only with some slight wind.



*The soccer teams after the pep rally match*

In the semi-finals against HIS, the boys tied 1 - 1. Because of this, they played a golden goal where the next goal wins. The pressure was on as this game determined whether they would move on to the finals. 5 minutes in Nikita made a beautiful shot in the bottom left of the goal securing them a spot in the finals.

The girls win the finals against ISB 9 to 1 bringing back home the trophy! You can see it in the trophy case by the cafeteria.



# THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

MAY 1, 1931

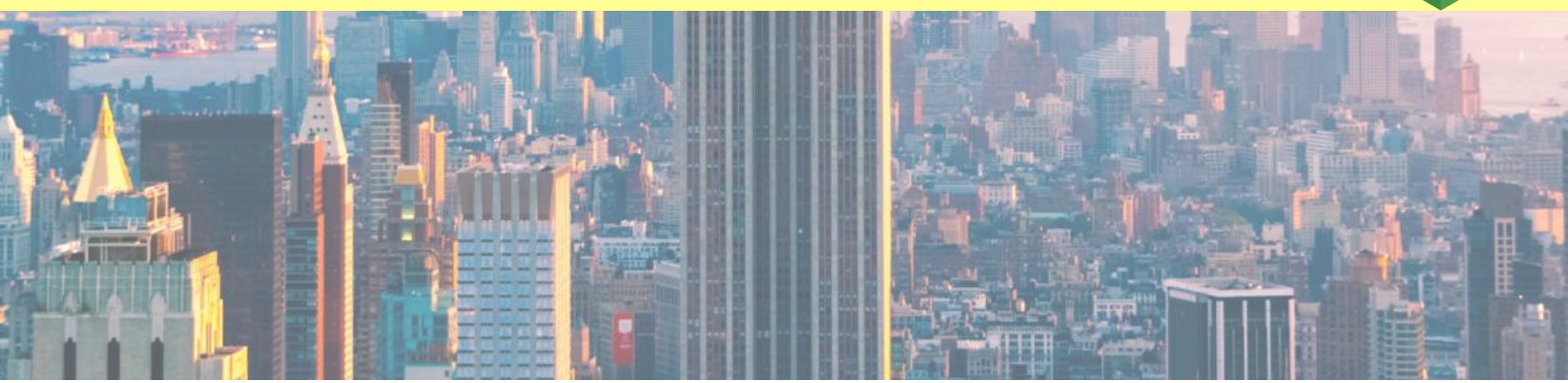
*By: Val Kim*

Humans have always wanted to go higher and higher in the sky and build taller buildings. The quest for this is an ongoing process and we see numerous attempts to break the limit each year as engineers figure out ways to heighten the already-tall skyscrapers. In New York City, however, things are a little different. A building that was built over 90 years ago still stands as one of the tallest buildings in the city: the Empire State Building.

The Empire State Building was originally built to house corporate offices and be used as a workplace. However, the real intention was to build the tallest building in New York City and boast the flourishing economy at the time as well as the advancement of architectural technology in the US. At the time that the building was being planned in the 1920s, the US was in one of its best days since its foundation; money was circulating the market at a good rate and people were becoming more comfortable. Therefore, the attention of people started to shift to luxurious and extravagant goods. And one of them was new, tall buildings.

However, the Great Depression had hit America just before the building opened its doors on May 1, 1931. Therefore, most of the corporations that signed up to be in the building exited, and the building instantly became a financial flop. People mocked the building by calling names such as "Empty State Building".

Despite all the troubles that the building had to go through, the Empire State Building is undeniably one of the most iconic constructions in America. Currently, the building isn't used primarily for offices as it was supposed to be. While there are still nine office spaces that are being used, most of the gigantic building is being used for tourism. Many facilities have appeared and disappeared at the building with hotels, restaurants, theaters, and amusement parks all coming and leaving the building. From this, it is expected that the Empire State Building will maintain its glory at least for the time being, and pack much more greatness for New York City in the future.





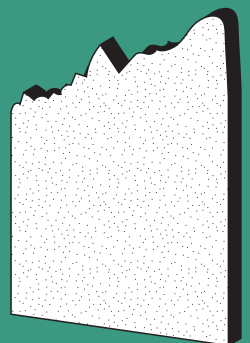
# AFTER 10 YEARS!



One clear-skied afternoon during the Highschool Boys Futsal practice, a monumental event in BFS futsal and outdoor field history occurred. On April 19th, 2022, one of the windows in the cafeteria that overlooks the field, shattered. Yes, shattered. The upper left corner of this particular window was struck by a kicked futsal ball and as a result, cracks webbed out from the origin of impact, and shards of glass were dispersed in the general vicinity while the second layer of the double-paned glass prevented shards from entering the cafeteria.

This window had sustained 10 years of impact from balls and other objects. The person who kicked the ball, Danil Galkin (a.k.a. goalie superstar), claimed to not even have kicked the it that hard, saying that "it was just the perfect angle I guess." Onlookers and witnesses displayed many emotions including surprise, wonder, and amusement. One person said that this was the "first time I've ever seen this happen."

Thankfully nobody was harmed and our hard-working bus drivers/custodians were able to swiftly respond to the scene and erect stanchions in order to cordon off the area. Although the broken first layer of the window was removed by the following day, throughout the next couple of weeks, the futsal goal on the cafeteria side of the field was not open to use as the danger of breaking the weaker second layer of the double-paned window was at risk. This hindered the use of the field by all grade levels including the high school futsal teams—limiting the space accessible by half.



Be careful next time!

# THE DISAPPEARANCE OF D.B COOPER

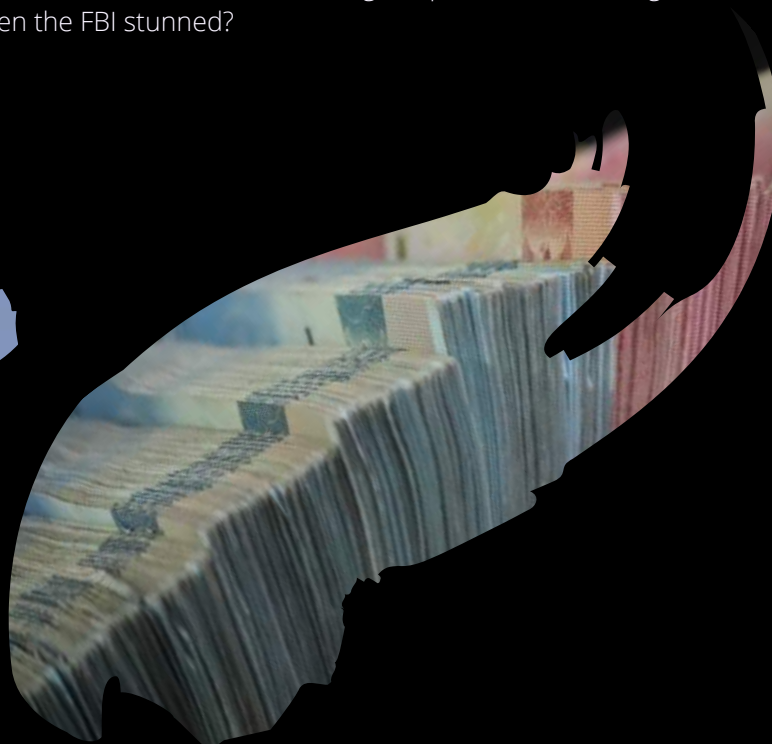


On the 24th of November, 1971, a man who went by the alias of Dan B. Cooper bought an airplane ticket for the Northwest Orient Airlines in Portland, Oregon. The ticket he bought was a one-way ticket bound for Seattle in Washington, and he paid with cash. Little did the airline know, but this was the beginning to one of the greatest unsolved mysteries in the FBI's history.

The flight attendants recalled that Cooper was a quiet man, wearing a business suit with a black tie and white undershirt, and seemed to be in his mid- forties. It was a little bit after 3:00 that Cooper put his plan into motion, and called over a stewardess. Upon calling her over, he handed her a note, stating that he had a bomb in the briefcase he carried. The note also called for the stewardess to sit down with him. She did as told, and was especially stunned when he leaned down to open the briefcase, showing her a mass of jumbled wires of red and blue. Upon showing her that he meant serious business, he gave her a slip of paper, and told her to write down his demands. On the slip of paper, he demanded four parachutes, and twenty-dollar bills amounting to a whopping \$200,000.

Upon landing in Seattle, Cooper exchanged the 36 passengers on board for the parachutes and the money, but kept some of the crew on board, telling them to take off and head for Mexico City. A bit after 8:00 pm, when the plane was somewhere between Reno and Seattle, he jumped out of the plane, with the parachute and ransom money attached to him person. The flight crew said that he jumped out over woody lands, which is something hard for even professionals to land safely in without injury, especially at night without a light. The plane landed safely in Mexico City, but the whereabouts of D.B Cooper and his ultimate fate remains unknown.

Upon learning about the case, the FBI opened an investigation. Over the course of 5 years, over 800 people were named suspects, and the FBI couldn't even close to figure out what could have happened to the money. What do you think happened? Did D.B Cooper die as he landed in the woods? Or did he manage to pull off one of the greatest hijackings that left even the FBI stunned?





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