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THANK YOU

Hello readers,

It is a great pleasure to end the year on a positive note for the second time. This year, we had a bit of a rocky start that made it difficult to be as active as the previous year. Nonetheless, the team is back and we are ready to continue producing quality work. I would like to recognize some of our members who are leaving: Gaëtane and Jasmin. They have been great members in our team and have produced numbers of valuable articles. It is unfortunate to not have them next year, but I wish them the best in the future.

My goal with the newspaper is to provide information and recap on school events/global events from students' perspectives. I hope that our papers are being enjoyed by students and teachers at BFS and I look forward to the upcoming years.

Sincerely,

Val Kim





FAREWELL

GOODBYE, BUSAN.IZ



Dear readers,

Last year when I joined the newspaper club as a photographer and editor I never imagined that I would be writing my own articles for the paper a few months later. Writing articles for the newspaper has allowed me to research and write about topics that I found interesting, giving me the creative freedom to write what I want. I think my favorite article has to be the one I wrote about the origins of the Nightmare Before Christmas, as I found out a lot of things that I didn't know about how the movie came to be and how the story was written.

The people in the newspaper club have been nothing but helpful and supportive of my articles, and having my work peer-reviewed always served as a learning tool for me to improve my own writing for the future. I will always remember the articles and people in the newspaper club as a valuable part of my high school career, and I hope that the club continues to grow even without my presence.

I hope all of you have a great summer,
Jasmin Sloodweg



Jasmin Sloodweg
Photographer, Writer

The Casino Royale

PROM

Night



BY: BEAU LEE

Highschool Prom Night. Finger food station: dysfunctional chocolate fountain. Gaming tables: no redeemable prize value. Raffle system: announcer pulling their own name. Free photobooth: too good to be true. The Casino Royale Prom was a night full of smiling faces, corsages and boutonnieres, relentless dancing, and a cornucopia-like bountifully flowing chocolate fountain.



The night started off mildly enough with soft background music and people minding their own business. Around fifteen minutes after the official starting time, Student Council announced the need for self-restraint at the finger food table, the need for caution at the photobooth, the mask mandate except when eating (not even for pictures), and the point system to be utilized for the casino tables throughout the night; then prom of the 2021-2022 school year commenced.



Many people sauntered off to the game tables—consisting of poker, blackjack, gin rummy, and roulette. Some marched straight to the food corner—a selection of finger foods ranging from tiny pesto pasta dishes to bite-sized ice cream cones (not real ice cream) and a chocolate fountain with no oil, butter, or any other substance that would make it flow, effectively turning it into a chocolate jacuzzi instead of a fountain.

However, the most visited attraction of the night was a deconstructed-looking photo booth with a camera with a touch screen and its sidekick: the printer with a dangerous blade that could potentially slice your fingers off. Yes, an unlimited, free-of-charge photo booth where you could take countless pictures of yourself. This poor machine had an unrelenting constant stream of students making faces, gestures, and waving heart props throughout the whole night. Miraculously it never ran out of the film and was able to satisfy all of its customers without mutilating or maiming anyone.

There were organized group games, lights were dimmed and the music got louder for dancing (the most memorable being the Macarena and HandClap), the Prom Royals were announced, and the raffle winners were drawn. The group activities nor the casino games counted toward any prizes or extra raffle tickets. Chloe Jung was the first winner of the raffle, Nari Kim the second, and Anna Schier the third. Ironically, Anna Schier was the person to draw and announce the winners—thus meaning she picked her own name.

Overall, despite some incidents, most of the students had a good time. some said that they enjoyed this night greatly while others claimed to have attended better. What's definitive was that many photos were taken, many casino games were played, and teachers and parent volunteers alike were ready to pack up and go home by the end of the night.



TENNIS

2022

THE WEEKEND
PROGRAM AT BFS



9 AM - 12 PM
SATURDAYS

By: Val Kim



Tennis is a magnificent sport. It is a combination of balance, composure, power, speed, and mentality. Tennis players must overcome not just the grueling matches that usually last for 2-3 hours, but the mental game where players cannot break under pressure.

While tennis is a popular sport in the world, it is very difficult to play the sport in Korea because of the small number of players. There aren't many courts, to begin with, and most of the existing ones are privately owned by individuals or coaches meaning that they are not open to the public. Tournaments are also hard to find as there are only a few of them in very remote areas. In most cases, students are not even allowed to participate due to age restrictions.

Fortunately, BFS students have access to a weekend tennis program right on the school campus. The large field is perfectly convertible to full-size tennis courts where students are able to do a full practice and play matches. Other equipment like nets, racquets, balls, and cones are also prepared, so students can simply come to school and start playing right away.

The students are taught by Coach Rojas and Val Kim (Gr. 10). Coach Rojas is a professional tennis player who once represented his country in the Davis Cup. Val is a competitive tennis player who aims to play tennis in college. Together, they make sure that each student receives individualized attention on their swings and forms.



Most of the current students started out as complete beginners in August. However, they have now fully developed their forehand and backhand swings, the most fundamental elements of tennis. Some of the players have even developed higher-level techniques such as slices and volleys. Therefore, classes are now planned mostly with games and matches to help students to practice the skills that they already have.

It's not an everyday chance that you get to see a tennis class available right at your school. Tennis is a difficult sport to learn, which is why it is better to learn the sport as soon as possible. With that in mind, consider signing up for the classes when the new school year starts.

THE Nightmare

B E F O R E

C H R I S T M A S

By: Jasmin
Slootweg

The Nightmare Before Christmas has been a staple movie for the winter holidays ever since its release in 1993. The popularity of the movie is immense, and for good reason. The movie combines two of the most celebrated holidays in America, Christmas, and Halloween, in a way that makes them almost seem like they were meant to be together. Despite the movie being roughly 28 years old, the movie continues to be relevant in the winter holidays. Its unique combination draws people into the story, but where did the story originally come from?

In 1982, a Disney animator named Tim Burton wrote the poem that this movie was based on. Tim Burton went to the California Institute of the Arts, but despite this, he was never able to really adapt to the Disney style of animation. Due to this, he left Disney, even going as far as comparing Disney's animation to a "prison".



<https://www.wdw-magazine.com/today-in-disney-history-10-29-1993-the-nightmare-before-christmas-released/>

FILM

The famous Nightmare Before Christmas nearly wasn't produced into the movie we know and love today, as it was a rocky journey to even get it into production. Disney had originally mulled over the idea of turning Tim Burton's poem into an 80's TV show special, but they eventually backed out of the idea. What gave Tim Burton the power to negotiate the production of his poem, however, was the previous success of Beetlejuice, released in 1988, and Edward Scissorhands, released in 1990. These successes allowed Tim Burton to get his movie project a thumbs up to go, but upon seeing the first trailer, the then CEO Michael Eisner decided that the movie did not fit Disney's typical style and was too "dark" for their usual audience. This is not the end of the story, however, as production was switched from Disney to Touchstone Pictures, which is where Disney sends the movies they "don't want to be associated with their child-friendly brand".

The film was created with stop motion animation at a painstaking 24 frames per second. It's no wonder that the movie took three years to complete, as a single minute of footage took a week to produce. The animation result was a wonder for its time, and despite its rocky road to production, we were still able to enjoy an amazing movie that combines two cultures people love together. Now we can only ask if there will ever be another movie that successfully combines two holidays and retains relevance for years as well as this age-old movie.

HOW

SUMMER CONCERT

BAND, CHOIR,
PALETTE,
SAXOPHONE TRIO,
PIANO SOLO, GUITAR

By: Ryan Sim





June 1, 2022

On the first day of June, Busan Foreign School's entire music department had a massive concert at Daechon park. In total, 11 different groups performed at the concert, and many teachers, staff, students, and families came to watch the students perform on stage.

The BFS String Club, where instruments such as violas, violins, and cellos are played, started off the concert. Then the HS and MS choir had a combined performance at the end of their turn. Following these performances, the Jazz band performed "Hey Jude," "Saxes with Attitude," and "25 or 6 to 4" in their groovy sounds. Sophomore Clara An also did a solo of "Chopin Bolero Opus 19," as she frequently does during Friday Foyers. Continued by the Block 1 band, the saxophone trio, guitar groups, Block 7 band, Block 8 band, and Palette's outstanding performances were shown. Finally, the songs of Michael Jackson were performed by the Block 7 and 8 bands, choir, Palette, and Guitar group as the finale of the concert.



This was also the last concert for Dr. Grant, our beloved band teacher, who will be leaving BFS next school year. The band students and the audiences all hope that the band programs will continue and students keep producing high-quality music.

KOREAN

MEMORIAL DAY



We will remember.

Forever.

By: Val Kim





Rest in Peace

SOUTH KOREA HAS GROWN AT A RAPID RATE THAT THE WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE. JUST A FEW DECADES AGO, SOUTH KOREA WAS ONE OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, SUFFERING FROM COLONIZATION AND WAR. THERE WAS BARELY ANY INFRASTRUCTURE LEFT IN THE COUNTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO TORN APART. HOWEVER, THROUGH REVOLUTIONARY BREAKTHROUGHS IN TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS AND HARD WORK, KOREA HAS ARISEN TO ITS POSITION TODAY WITH THE 10TH LARGEST GDP IN THE WORLD. AT THE BASE OF ALL OF THESE IMPROVEMENTS, THERE IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE: SOLDIERS.

JUNE 6TH IN KOREA IS MEMORIAL DAY WHEN CITIZENS RECOGNIZE THE DEDICATION THAT THE SOLDIERS HAD TO KOREA AND THE PATRIOTISM THAT SOLDIERS KEPT THROUGHOUT THEIR SERVICE. IT WAS FIRST SET IN 1956 AFTER THE KOREAN WAR WHERE MOST OF THE CASUALTIES OF THE KOREAN ARMY TOOK PLACE. JUST FROM THE KOREAN WAR IN 1950, IT WAS CALCULATED THAT AROUND 130,000 SOLDIERS PASSED AWAY DURING THE WAR. THE SOLDIERS WHO WERE INJURED ALSO TALLIED UP TO 450,000. A SUBSTANTIAL PERCENTAGE OF THE PASSED AWAY SOLDIERS HAVE STILL NOT BEEN FOUND AND THE MILITARY CONTINUOUSLY WORKS TO DISCOVER THE REMAINS OF THE UNFOUND SOLDIERS.

ON THE MORNING OF MEMORIAL DAY, CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HANG THE KOREAN FLAG OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOUSES AND PRAY FOR THE SOLDIERS IN SILENCE FOR ONE MINUTE AS SIRENS ARE PLAYED ON THE STREET. MANY PEOPLE ALSO WATCH THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES WHERE THE PRESIDENT GOES TO THE GRAVES OF THE DECEASED SOLDIERS AND GIVES A SPEECH.

ANYONE CAN FEEL PAIN AND FEAR. THIS IS NO EXCEPTION FOR SOLDIERS. HOWEVER, SOLDIERS HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO COMMIT TO THESE NATURAL FEELINGS AND MUST ENDURE THE FEAR OF DYING ANYTIME. IN ADDITION, SOLDIERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ESSENTIAL TO A COUNTRY'S WELL-BEING AND THEIR BRAVERY IN SACRIFICING FOR ALL THE OTHERS IS WHAT PROTECTS A FLOURISHING COUNTRY. THEREFORE, IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE REMEMBER THEM AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE REVERED FOREVER.



A photograph of a blue shark mascot hugging two students in front of a brick building. The mascot is wearing a blue and white jersey. The students are wearing blue and white athletic gear. The background is a brick building with many windows. The text "Have a Great Summer, BFS!" is overlaid in large, red, stylized letters with a yellow outline.

Have a
Great
Summer,
BFS!

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