Dear Three Points Parents,

Yesterday in chapel I asked our students why there was a school holiday this Monday – it seemed like everyone shouted out, "Martin Luther King." Then I asked, "Do you know one of his famous lines or speeches?" I was impressed that close to a hundred students responded, "I have a dream." (He had many other famous speeches too!) We talked about how Dr. King demonstrated courage, non-violence, and love when confronting racism and injustice in our country. I shared about my own family's visit to Dr. King's birthplace, home church, and final resting place in Atlanta last summer. And his message of standing up for what is right is just as important to our country's future leaders (that's our students) in 2016 as 50 years ago.

Thanks and Abundant Blessings,

Steve Kennedy
Principal

Heelys

This type of shoe with skates used to be popular over 10 years ago. Lately, it's been experiencing a comeback. We have had several students start wearing them at school, and I appreciate how some have been careful in the way they used them. However, many have been skating in the breezeway, in class, or at recess – even after being warned multiple times. Unfortunately, these are no longer a safe option. Recent research shows that schools nationally have reported an increase of student injuries while using Heelys. Due to the numerous reports from our staff about unsafe use of Heelys, they will not be allowed at school. For more information about this, please click here.
Chapel
Our student worship band just keeps getting bigger and better each month, thanks to Mr. Cox’s able direction! This week, BCS alum/parent (and Northwest University Professor) Jeremy Delamarter shared a marvelous story about a Seahawk “friend” of his, and how he was helped in a surprising way by someone he least expected. In retelling the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jeremy pointed out how “Samaritan = Different.” He challenged each of us to do what Jesus said – go love the person you fear, dislike, or bothers you most.

Special PTF Meeting
Thanks to BCS Secondary Principal Blake DeYoung, JH Assistant Principal Mike Olson, Athletic Director Mark DeJonge, and Viking Parent Group Coordinator Sharon Heinemann for coming to Three Points today! They did an awesome job explaining the transition to Junior High at our Clyde Hill campus, and highlighting the amazing opportunities there. It was encouraging to see so many elementary parents there to participate.

Three Points Book Club
Please join us for the BCS Parent Book Club Monday, January 25th from 8:30am - 9:45am in the music room. We will watch Session #4 on DVD and discuss questions from the workbook "Ready to Launch" by J.D. and Veronica Greear. Please email Jessica Klauder at jessicaklauder@hotmail.com with questions.
Save your Seat!
Re-enrollment began January 11th. Look for an email you should of be sent from admissions about the re-enrollment process or go to the website to learn more. Several grades have or will likely reach capacity for the 2016-2017 school year. Re-enroll by January 31, 2016 to secure your child(ren)’s seat for next fall. Empty seats will be filled beginning February 1, 2016 when Open Admissions and Enrollment begins.

Priority Enrollment for Preschool began January 4, 2016
If you have a younger child, we would love to have you join one of our classes for the 2016-17 school year. Please contact Shannan Lindor, slindor@bellevuechristian.org or 425-485-1824 ext. 326.

Growing Up Godly
BCS seeks to partner with our parents to provide opportunities for our students to grow, physically, socially, and spiritually. One of the ways we do that is through “Growing Up Godly,” a sex education program based on biblical principles. There is both an evening event which all parents are invited to attend, as well as in-class instruction later in the week for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, separated by grade and gender. The evening event is Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00pm – 8:30 pm in the MPR. For those in Kindergarten to 3rd grade, this event is important, because educating children about sexual development is a process that should start earlier rather than later. For KG-3rd, this event is for parents only (no child care provided), and 4th to 6th grade includes both parents and students. We look forward to seeing you there!

Discover Kindergarten!
Come discover Kindergarten on Wednesday, February 10th at 9:00-10:30 am. Parents get a chance to observe the excitement of Kindergarten, hear from the Kindergarten teachers about the program, and see how their child could become a part of Bellevue Christian School. Children will experience a Kindergarten class in action as they sing songs, learn at centers, and work in small and large groups. Email BCS Admissions or call 425-454-4402 x215 to learn more!

Talent Show!
The Talent Show is on Thursday, February 4th at 6:30pm at the BCS Clyde Hill campus! Dress Rehearsal will be at the Clyde Hill Greene Commons on Wednesday, February 3 at 3:00-5:00pm. In addition to various student performances of singing, music, poetry, athletics, and other skills, students with creative gifts have the opportunity to submit one piece of artwork to teacher Mrs. Kelsey Colvin for possible presentation at
the show. Please click here for the art submission form. The deadline for artwork is no later than Thursday, January 28. You can find the submission form for the Talent Show by clicking here. Mark your calendars and be sure to sign up your student. If you have any further questions please send parent coordinator, Caryn Ruud an email at bcruud@msn.com.

Popcorn Fridays
Who doesn't love popcorn? Please consider volunteering to hand out popcorn on Fridays to the student. The calendar for 2016 is out, please click here to sign up to volunteer.

IF:SEATTLE
Why should you go to IF:Seattle? "Because God uses the IF: GATHERING to reach women where they are hurting, struggling, and in need of healing and loves them in truth and love so that they know they are beloved daughters and unleashes them in their local context." IF:SEATTLE is a live stream of speakers like Jennie Allen, Jen Hatmaker, Amena Brown, Kay Warren, Rebekah Lyons, Margaret Feinberg, Ann Voskamp, and more. Join the IF:SEATTLE Facebook group for more information or ask BCS Moms, Laura Tuson and Jessica Klauder at ltuson@mac.com or jessicaklauder@hotmail.com for more information. If you are planning on going to IF:Seattle, Feb 5-6 at Overlake Christian Church, PLEASE REGISTER by January 31.

EVENTS NEXT WEEK:
Jan 25  Three Points Book Club
Jan 28  3rd Grade Field Trip
Jan 29  NO SCHOOL-TEACHER WORK DAY

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Chapel is on each Thursday from 8:45-9:20am
Feb 1  Parents in Prayer
Feb 3  Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
Feb 4  Talent Show
Feb 8  PTF Meeting
Feb 9  Kindergarten Field Trip
Feb 9  Growing Up Godly
Feb 10 Discover Kindergarten
Feb 15 **NO SCHOOL-PRESIDENTS DAY**
Feb 16 **NO SCHOOL-PRESIDENTS DAY BREAK**