

November-December 2017

What's Happening with Belmont Fine Arts



BELMONT MUSIC DEPT.

The 2017/2018 school year in the Belmont Music Department has started off with a drum roll! Literally, actually, because our department continues to grow, with the addition of Jr. Drumline Concert Band 9 to our list of ensembles.

In September, as per tradition, we hosted the annual Meet the BMD gathering. Members from all grades and groups attended this event, where we played all sorts of games to get to know each other and learned a dance choreographed by a senior music/dance student, Leah Spiers. To end this amazing evening we organized a barbeque for all the musicians and their families.

October included Concert Band and Choir retreat days, where, in addition to fun and games, clinic and rehearsal time was spent with UVic students and Elementary and Middle School guests. Peggy Zhao, Yohanna Vangenne, and Alex Williams proudly represented Belmont Music in BC Honour Ensembles in the BCMEA Convention in Richmond.



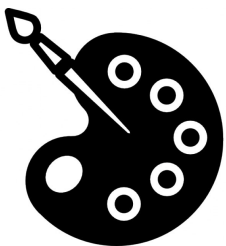
BELMONT MUSIC DEPT. CONT'D

November was a flurry of exciting activity, with the Evolution of Band Concert (special guests – UVic Don Wright Symphonic Winds & the Westshore Community Band) and the Comox Valley Music Festival overnight trip for our Senior Winds and Concert Choir. We look forward to staying at a hotel with our fellow district musicians from Royal Bay.



DANCE

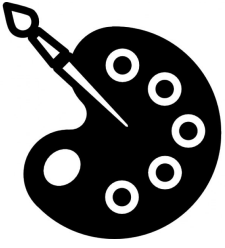
Advanced Dance has been busy working on preparing for our performance in the Santa's Lights Parade on November 25th downtown. They are ready to go and excited for the opportunity to show case our talent on television. Come on down to Government Street and cheer our dancers on.



VISUAL ARTS

Highlights from Ms. Guy's Art Room:

The start of the 2017/2018 Year in the Visual Art Department has flown by! Students in Ms. Guy's classes have been up to their elbows in paint and clay, and have been busy creating self-portraits, dabbling in surrealism and appropriation, and have now started printmaking. In ceramics and sculpture, students have started throwing on the wheel, making clay houses, and have recently begun a mobile project.



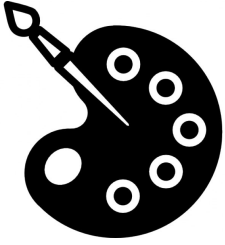
VISUAL ARTS CONT'D

This November, the “Art Hive” club will be in full force, for any interested students during Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at lunch. All students are welcome!

Highlight's from Ms. Pampin's Art Room:

One of the Art highlights this year includes Morgan Taylor’s amazing charcoal drawing of a lion. This was Morgan’s first experience both using charcoal and drawing a lion with anatomic considerations. The framed drawing now hangs in Mr. McHugh's office. Shortly after, Morgan was then commissioned to create a charcoal drawing of a wolf, which she diligently worked on with the same passion and dedication.

Other highlights include Liz Wignall’s portrait of Harry Potter, in which she replaced Harry’s hair with Dementors and a Patronus, his eyebrows with the wings of a Golden Snitch, his nose with the sorting hat, etc. Meanwhile, her friend Jordyn has been working on a self-directed project where he is creating a painting of a willow tree that leaves the canvas frame. He is using cardboard to create the frame and ceramic stucco to give the willow tree some three dimensionality outside the frame. Other students have been working on textured paintings with dry brushing techniques to create a misty effect. Students are mainly creating trees or landscapes out of these. While these are still progress, the results are already starting to look fabulous!



VISUAL ARTS CONT'D

Digital Art & Photography (DAPH)

Belmont's photographers, digital and graphic artists have been busy creating a diverse range of awesome work – some of which you have seen on the multiple multiple screens at Belmont. Keep an eye out for the work of DAPH's artists all around the school and on line.



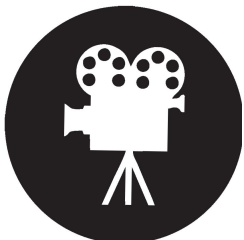
THEATRE

Theatre on the Edge (DP)

Belmont's cast and crew of *Theatre on the Edge* have been busy working on *A Charlie Brown Christmas!* The winter production will run in the Belmont Theatre from Dec 11th through December 17th. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Belmont front office and will also be available at the door. Ticket prices: \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Warm up a little with some unique and fun Christmas spirit and support Belmont's *Theatre on the Edge!*

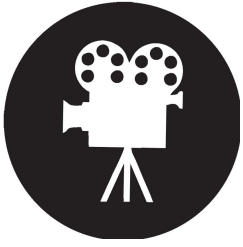
Stay tuned for audition dates and the announcement of *Theatre on the Edge's* Year End Production!

Belmont Improv will start after Christmas Break! Sign up and schedule will be announced in January.



FILM

Film on the Edge (DFT)



FILM CONT'D

Belmont's Film and Television Program have been working on a wide range of projects. DFT is fulfilling its role as a cultural hub of the school, engaged with a number of projects that reflect the vibrant and diverse interests, initiatives and energy of Belmont Secondary.

The Winter Film Festival, held in January, will feature some of our in-house productions. In January, *Film on the Edge* will also begin showing short and feature films in the Belmont Theatre during lunch and specific dates. Stay tuned for the *Film on the Edge Calendar*. Admission will raise funds for DFT.

