

State of the Arts

@BELMONT SECONDARY November 2018

What's happening in the Belmont Fine Arts Department this fall:

BELMONT MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Highlights from the BMD- September-November 2018:

Another amazing year of music is underway for the Belmont Music Department (BMD)! As always we are happy to be playing/singing together again and excited to welcome all new musicians that have come to the BMD this September. Even though it is only November we have already had a lot of fun!

Retreat Time! BMD students have already experienced three outstanding music retreats. Drumline students were treated to an expert from Boston for a full day of specialized instruction. retreat hosted at Belmont! Thanksgiving Weekend found musicians learning and laughing together during full days of choral and instrumental rehearsal. We are grateful to our local colleagues, musicians of the Victoria Symphony, and the Langford Legion for making these enrichment opportunities possible.



The entire BMD came together on the evening of October 5th for the fun & games portion of the weekend. There were team building exercises, a scavenger hunt, and Karaoke - and an amazing dinner prepared by Ms Gaetz & served by BMD alumni!

As we head into November, we've really hit our stride! We've welcomed our new student teacher Ms. Fortin and elected our student music executive.

Performance Time! Our choir will be singing for the student body during the Remembrance Day assemblies on November 8th. The second annual **Evolution of Band Concert** will be held at **1:00 pm** on **November 17th** in our Gymnasium. The concert will feature Belmont and Royal Bay Secondary School Bands, the Westshore Community Band, and the Greater Victoria Concert Band - Intermediate Band. We will also have a musical petting zoo hosted by Tapestry Music! Last but not least, don't miss the Winter Concert!

BMD Winter Concert!

Thursday, Dec. 6	Spotswood Gym
7:00 pm	Admission by Donation

On behalf of all BMD ensembles we are all very excited to share our music this year and we hope to see you at our upcoming events!

BELMONT ARTS DEPARTMENT

Digital Media: Term 1 has brought a lot of creativity and diversity in student projects in Digital Media! Artists have been working on Photo manipulation, editing skills and techniques as well as drawing in photoshop. Students have examined elements and principles of art, as well basic photography skills.



***Art work by: Erin Hoeger, Elena Galindo Escalante and Claire Martin**

Visual Arts: On Wednesday November 28th during Focus Block, a representative from Emily Carr University of Art and Design will be coming to talk to students. Topics will include the application process and scholarships, student experiences and programs, portfolios, and career options within the fields of Art and Design. Students can bring their portfolios to have them assessed. Open to all students interested in attending a post-secondary Art or Design program.

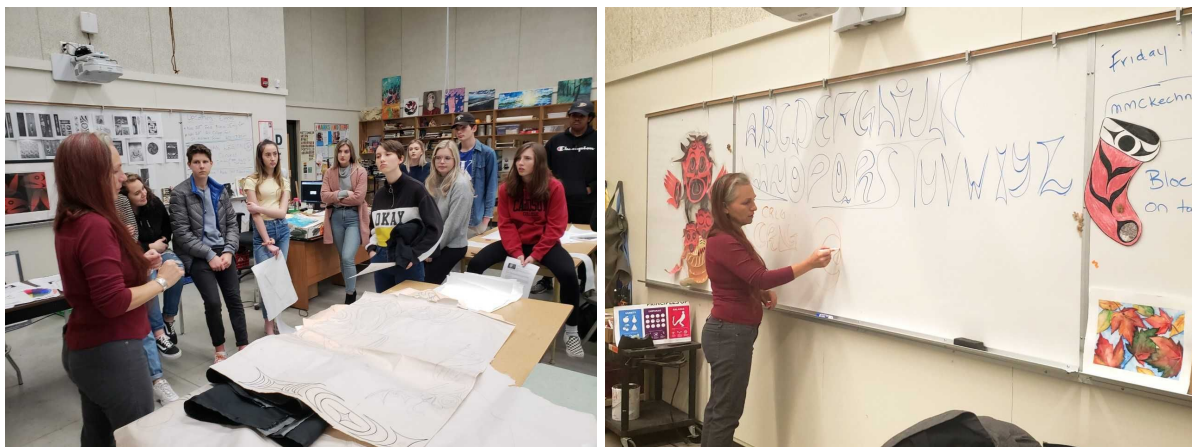
Ms. McKechnie's art students are busy working on an inquiry-based project exploring the 13 Coast Salish moon calendar. In this project students will gain an understanding and appreciation of this unique calendar and the cultural and symbolic teaching of each moon for the Coast Salish people.

The Art Foundations 11-12 classes are creating unique paintings based on their research that explore and express the teachings inherent within a moon of their choosing.

In Ceramics and Sculpture 9-12 students are creating cedar paddles which reflect the teachings of each of the 13 moons. Students are working in collaboration with Artist Charlene George to help transform their drawings and gain an understanding of Coast Salish Art and Design forms. This project will culminate in a large, permanent installation for the school.



Working alone or in pairs, students have created drawings based on preliminary research which reflect their assigned moon's teachings. Students are then transforming their drawings according to Coast Salish design forms and transferring the images onto cedar paddles which will then be painted. In addition to lessons on Coast Salish design forms provided by Charlene George, students have examined the work of Coast Salish artist Susan Point. Each student's design and composition is original and showcases their knowledge gained through this process. The final display of the paddles will highlight and further express the seasonal and cultural significance of each of the 13 moons to the Coast Salish People.

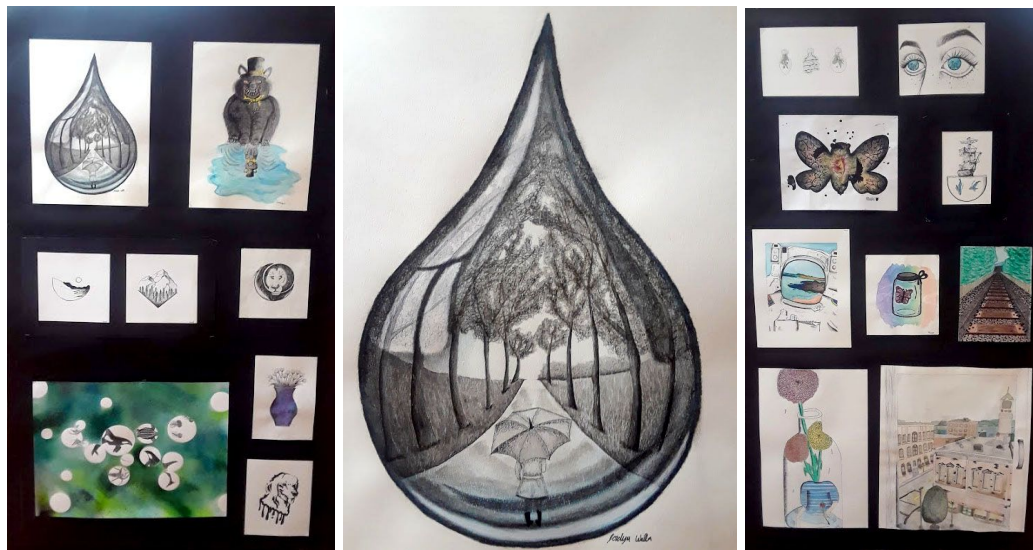


Many thanks to Charlene George for sharing her knowledge with us, as well as Natasha Burke for coordinating and providing additional resources, and to Burt Haupt for helping create four additional paddle forms. Many thanks to all who have helped make this project happen!

New Media Arts:

Belmont's new Media Arts class has been experimenting with all sorts of media, including ink drawing, watercolour, photography, Photoshop, and clay. The focus of this class is to combine digital technologies with traditional drawing and painting. These pictures showcase our first project, where students had to experiment with juxtaposition and essentially create an image in an image.

Raindrop, by Jordyn Waller, illustrates this concept beautifully. Stay tuned for more amazing student art in the next newsletter!



BELMONT DANCE DEPARTMENT

Dance Company will be performing in the Santa's Lights Parade downtown on November 24th. The parade starts at 5:00pm. They will also be performing in centennial square after the parade around 7:00pm. Come on out and support our dancers.

Upcoming events: January Dance Show January 25th and January 26th 7:30pm

BELMONT FILM & DRAMA

Winter Events:

24 Hour Winter Play Project and TOE Fundraiser: Friday December 14th-15th . We are still actively recruiting students from across the school who are interested in an exciting and fun whirlwind theatre experience. Positions include roles behind and in front of the curtain. The project will likely include up to 60- 70 people (at least 5-7 mini-productions). Sign-up for this fun school-wide production is at the front doors of the theatre. Please encourage students to sign-up for this event!



BELMONT'S THEATRE ON THE EDGE PRESENTS
THE 24 HOUR PLAY PROJECT
CHRISTMAS
IN 24 HOURS
A Merry Marathon December 14/15

CALL FOR:
DIRECTORS
WRITERS
ACTORS
WARDROBE
SET DESIGNERS

PLEASE SIGN UP
FOR THIS FUN FILLED
THEATRE EXTRAVAGANZA
AT THE FRONT DOORS OF THE THEATRE.

FIRST MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 3:30-4:30

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MR. COWIE
(YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND HIM)



BELMONT'S THEATRE ON THE EDGE PRESENTS

Amadeus
Spring 2019

AUDITIONS
November 16, 2:30 to 5:00
in the Theatre
A sign up list will be posted outside the doors
on the day of the audition - first come, first - served.

Spring/Year End Events:

Production auditions for AMADEUS: Friday, November 16th, 3:30 -5:30. This audition is open to all Belmont students. A sign up list will be supplied at the doors of the theatre; the order of the auditions will be based on a first come-first serve basis. Students will be supplied with show related materials to participate in the audition. Students will not be required to dance or sing at this audition. Thanks Belmont for supporting Theatre on the Edge