

## Spring dance ticket sales spike last minute

By Jackota Salmi

The BGHS Spring Dance happened on Saturday, March 14, from 8 to 10 p.m. in the school gym. The dance had a Wild West theme. All students could attend. Tickets cost \$10 with an ASB card and \$15 without. They were sold in the ASB office. The event was casual and gave students a chance to hang out and have fun. Sophia Dockter, sophomore class president, helped plan the Spring Dance. She said, "It took about two to two and a half months to plan the dance. Most of the planning was done very early. Decorations were put together closer to the date of the Spring Dance

event." At first ASB thought fewer students would attend the Spring Dance than previous events; however, many students decided to come at the last minute and bought tickets late. Due to this, ticket sales were extended to Friday rather than being cut off on Thursday. The announcements made before the Spring Dance also helped get more students to come. Dockter said, "ASB wants to make future events better by focusing on what students want at the Spring Dance

and other events." They intend to start paying closer attention to what students are interested in. This could help get more students to attend and



Chloe Waller and Mary Nolan

make events more enjoyable like the Spring Dance. Overall, the Spring Dance was a success, with many students attending and a fun atmosphere. ASB is currently focusing on planning upcoming events, including prom, and they want to make sure students have a great time.

# BGHS's got talent!

By Brianna Hoeflein

Wake up, Tiger Nation! Dawning is the rise of local talent, emerging from the dark in a burst of golden flames. On April 14-15, students will approach the stage at 6:30 p.m. to move audiences at Battle Ground's annual Spotlight Concert, displaying their voices from the all-welcoming depths of The Lair. In addition, BG's concert and chamber choirs will also be performing their festival pieces at the event. "There is no entrance fee, no tickets at the gate," wrote Choir teacher Mr. David Lindner. "But we do strongly encourage people to bring lots (and lots) of money to vote on their favorite act."

The Spotlight Concert gives BGHS choir students a chance to show off their

beautiful singing voices and provides the opportunity for a fundraiser. "The purpose of Spotlight is two fold. 1. It's to give students a chance to perform a solo on a song of their choice," he explained. "Most of our choir music is focused on ensembles with very minimal opportunities for soloists, so this gives everyone a shot to audition for a spot to sing a solo. 2. It's our only fundraiser throughout the course of the year, and the funds from this concert provide what we need for our festivals in the following year. Come support your friends and help them win the people's choice award!" he concluded.

Spotlight is a fun, family friendly concert that displays a variety of flavorful voices

that are sure to please the tastes of music lovers abroad. Moreover, in a brief interview with junior Caleena Coker, president of the Choir Leadership Committee, Coker stated, "We appreciate so much all the friends and family that come to support the choir during Spotlight. Not only does it help fund trips and opportunities, but [sic] helps support our passion for singing and the community we have!" Everyone is welcome, even encouraged to invite others. Grandparents, cousins, friends and nextdoor neighbors are all welcome. No one should be left uninformed. Come support and cheer on these talented young students!

## ACTS

Ellie G  
Caleena Coker  
Christina Hart  
Savannah Dashnaw  
Charlotte Grail  
Elley Pasco  
Suzanna Coker  
Josh Peralta  
Macey Bodily  
Asha Rafahi-Shirpak

Carson Coker  
Brianna Hoeflein  
Viola Zuko  
Suzanna & Caleena  
Kat Hageman  
Zander Crawford  
Makayla Dowdy  
Maeve Hard  
Anara Fowler  
Tobi Carlin

# Countries and culinaries

By Howard Finley

For those students who have never taken Mr. Fritz's Advanced Culinary class, there is a year-long project that requires students to identify a country that they have history with or would like to learn more about. Once they decide on a country, they must create a slideshow detailing the history of the food, the importance of it, how it relates to the country, and how to prepare a dish.

One part of the project is for students to demonstrate how to prepare and make the food. Senior Aiden Raider

did his project on Italy, and the food he presented was the traditional margarita pizza. He used home-made crust and dough, tomato sauce, house made mozzarella, and topped it with store bought basil to make the classic margarita pizza. He also baked it in a small pizza oven in the Foods room.

The presentation and cooking demonstration together serve to advance the presenter's culinary skills and knowledge. The project also helps other students in the class gain knowledge and further their education in the

field of culinary arts. This can translate to better career opportunities down the line, as the more knowledge that students get in high school, the easier it will be to follow the learning process of culinary school if they choose that life path. Even if they don't want to take the culinary life path, cooking is still an essential part of life and a necessary skill for self sufficiency and living in separate accommodations, be it by yourself or with roommates.

# Sweet spring break

By Nova Keeland

On April 5, BGHS will begin spring break and classes will resume on April 13. Spring break is quickly approaching, and many people are excited! It's a week of freedom for all students and teachers. According to a survey of students conducted by "The Tiger Times" students reported many different spring break destinations.

Many people will be going on vacation to different states and cities such as Alaska, Arizona, California, Denver, North Dakota, Florida, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Mexico, New York, Spokane, Sweden, Seattle, Tacoma, Texas, Virginia, and Hawaii.

Others will be spending time with their friends, family, girlfriend/boyfriend, doing work, relaxing, hiking,

fishing, celebrating their birthday, sleeping, and a few people are going on the same Western Caribbean cruise. Elixiea Hauzenberger has some fun plans for spring break. "Hanging out with friends and going on hikes," she said. 17% of people's favorite thing to do for spring break is go to a different country or state, 16% is visiting friends, another 16%

is visiting family, 11.3% is chilling in bed watching tv and the other 11.3% is going to the beach. 52.3% of people's favorite part about spring break is having no school, 16.8% is it being closer to summer, and the

10% is better weather. When spring break is over, students reported that they are going to feel sad, tired, happy, annoyed, rested, refreshed, and ready to finish the school year. Mr. Groat is among some of the people who will

feel amazing. "Reinvigorated!" he said. 47.3% of people's favorite breaks in a school year is winter break, and the other 15.5% is spring break.

## Grad Night celebration

By Riley Powers

With graduation coming up for seniors, it's time to start figuring out what happens after the big ceremony. Grad Night is a night-long party that takes place almost directly after graduation, starting at 8 p.m. on June 4 and ending at 6 a.m. June 5. The party really starts at 10 p.m. when students get to the super secret location. Ticket prices are currently \$100 until April 11. Then they will increase \$125 until June 4, when tickets will stop being sold. There was an "early bird" ticket sale that ended on February 13. Tickets will be limited to 140 to 145 people due to spacing. Over 90 Seniors have already

purchased tickets for grad night.

When students purchase a ticket, they will also get raffle tickets for prizes. The early bird ticket buyers obtained 10 raffle tickets, but now students will only get five raffle tickets with the purchase of a ticket. There are a lot of prizes this year including TVs, laptops, printers, Apple products, paddle board, tool box, speakers, gift cards, and a trip to Disney. Food will be provided as well; there will be many dinner options to choose from in The Lair before students are moved to the super secret location. There will also be snacks and

beverages at the location throughout the night.

Of course there will be activities too, but revealing them may ruin the secret of the location. Previous Grad Night parties, though, had many great activities. Ms. Tara Baines said, "I know they have gone to health clubs like the Firstenberg Center. Rented out the whole building, so seniors could swim, play games in the gym, blow up things like bounce houses etc. Lots and lots of food and drinks." Former senior classes have gone to Dave and Busters, Oaks Park, and other fun destinations. It's not too late for seniors to still get a ticket!

# Is Spanish music the cause for mass amusement?!

By Evan Ottman

Right now there is a Spanish music March Madness style bracket called the Locura De Marzo going on. Teachers are using it to help educate students by using the power of lyrics to help give them a better understanding of Spanish grammar and culture. For those who don't know, March Madness is a college basketball bracket where many teams enter, and the winner moves on to the next round to go against another winner. Locura De Marzo is the same thing but with spanish music, and it lets people from all around the

world vote for which songs they like the best.

This contest was originally started by the digital educator Senor Ashby, and it helps connect students and educators from all over the world. "Yeah, so the cool thing is that he offers this to other teachers for free, and we picked it up and sent it out to many teachers all over the world like I didn't see one continent that it didn't touch," Spanish teacher Ms. Woomer said.

The competition has picked up a lot of momentum in the past few years with the winning song from last year

receiving over 120,000 votes. This competition involves a lot more than just voting for a favorite Spanish song. In Ms. Woomer's class students create games based on the lyrics in the songs, which helps teach language skills in the context of music. Students who have participated claim that using the songs to learn Spanish can be a lot more fun than traditional assignments. In conclusion, Locura De Marzo is a fun way to connect educators and teach Spanish to their students at the same time.



## Battle Ground High School security team

By Avery Hill and Eli Hagelstein

Security officers are an essential part of running and maintaining the inner workings of a high school. From unlocking doors in the early hours of the

morning, to locking gates after the buses have left, the security officers are seemingly always here. Security officers often spend their days

interacting and working with students, and contrary to the perception of some students, they have a long list of duties and responsibilities.

Starting in the mornings, security officers open the surrounding gates, allowing all the drivers and buses to flow on and off of campus. They then begin monitoring the halls, patrolling during lunch, passing periods, during class hours, and during Tiger Time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. However, their work isn't simply limited to opening gates and monitoring halls; they value working with students and try to be an open ear. "We just listen when kids need to vent. We can be a confidant," Officer JJ said.

The security officers help mediate conflicts and fights that happen between students, helping them come to good resolutions to their issues. They aren't limited to just conflicts, and they help students with all kinds of problems. "Sometimes you get kids that will come to us and tell us they're hungry, you know, get them food. There's all kinds of little things we do in the background," Officer JJ said. Out of all of the tasks the security officers do

every day, they unanimously agree that their favorite part of the job is working with the students. "I enjoy being able to interact with you guys, staff, the faculty, parents, and volunteers. There are highs and lows, but the highs greatly outweigh the lows," Officer JJ said.

The security also deals with conflicts that lead into fights, and 9 times out of 10 will de-escalate the fight almost immediately once they arrive. "People don't enjoy fighting as much as they really do it. We just have to get there and be like stop and then people are like okay cool, my excuse to stop is here," Officer JJ said. One thing that the officers really want to discourage is students filming other students fighting. "What I will say, stop recording it, everybody. Don't record fights; it's not cool to solve your problems with violence," Officer JJ said. Compared to 20 years ago when many kids would help break up the fights, nowadays students just pull out their phones to record. "It's horrible. I

mean, why would you want to stand there and record somebody getting hurt instead of stopping it or helping them?" Officer JJ said.

The security officers work closely with other staff to help keep a good chain of command and to not limit their resources. One of their most important connections is with BGHS's resource officer, Officer Anderson. "He's an extremely valuable resource, both to us as staff and to you guys," Security officer Tracy said. Officer Anderson and the security team work closely together, handing off tasks depending on the situation and the legal standpoints of them. Unfortunately, due to the third levy failure, there is a possibility that BGHS loses Officer Anderson with the budget cuts. School resource officers, or SRO's, are typically let go when funding issues arise, as they aren't considered as high of a necessity. "I hope we don't lose Officer Anderson. It would make some things harder to deal with for sure," Officer JJ

said. Without Officer Anderson being on campus, the time to deal with issues that security officers can't handle will be much longer. "If there was something that was out of the scope of what

we could handle, we would just call 311, and they would send over an officer. But that would be a hassle, I mean it would be an absolute pain," Officer Tracy said. Currently, there is no information that

confirms whether security officers' jobs will be impacted due to the levy. These officers keep the school safe, and that is something to cheer for.

## Origins of St. Patrick's Day

By Owen Clark



Now that St. Patrick's Day has come and gone, many people are wondering how it all began. St. Patrick's Day is a very special holiday all around the word and especially in Ireland where the holiday originated. The color green and leprechauns are some symbols that make this holiday so well known and celebrated. This tradition all started in Ireland in the fifth century when a man named St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle, lived. St. Patrick was originally born in Roman Britain but was kidnapped at age 16 and brought to Ireland as a

slave. He eventually escaped enslavement but later returned to spread Christianity all around Ireland and its people.

In the many centuries that followed St. Patrick's death, the mythology around his life became very much ingrained into the minds of the Irish people. His most well known legend came from his explanation of the holy trinity, which is The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit. These have been used in the leaves of the native clover to Ireland, the Shamrock. There are many traditions and celebrations that have

evolved over the years. The tradition of a feast started in about the 10th century in Ireland, but in the Americas it started at about the 1600 and 1700's. People in Ireland have been observing a Roman Catholic feast day honoring St. Patrick on March 17. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in North America, not Ireland. It took place on March 17, 1601, in the Spanish colony of St. Augustine, Florida. St. Patrick's Day has evolved over the years to become the holiday it is today.

# SPORTS

## Swinging for the fences

By Brock Hieb

Hello Tigers, here is the baseball preview for this season and a recap of how they did last year. The Battle Ground Tigers varsity baseball season officially began on March 11, but the first game was canceled due to rainy weather. Because of that, the season officially started on March 14, against North Creek High School, and the Tigers won 6-5. The Tigers also played Union High School, at 5:00 p.m and won 5-3. The Issaquah Eagles and Newport High School games were also canceled due to weather. On

Monday, March 16, the Tigers won 15-0 against Heritage High School. The coach for the Tigers is Mr. Seth Johnson.

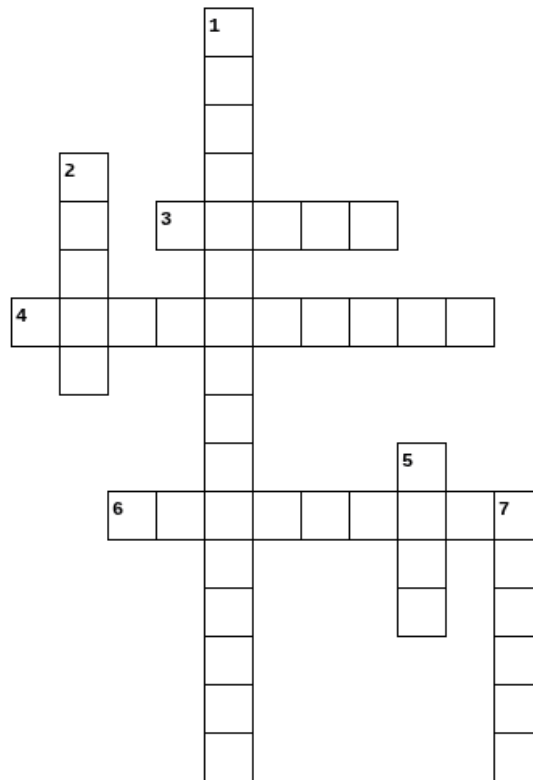
The Tigers had a 13-11 overall record last season, with a 5-4 league record, good enough to place second in the district. This included going 3-4 at home and 10-7 away. The Tigers went 1-1 in Districts and fell just short of advancing to the state tournament. Returning Senior James Gill was voted by league coaches as player of the year in the 4A Greater St. Helens League last season. James was the only Battle

Ground High School player who made it to the all region-team. Returning first team all league players from Battle Ground High School are James Gill, Collin McGowan, Cooper McGowan, and Ethan Adams, who was the starting quarterback for the Tigers football team and was the 2025 4A GSHL Offensive player of the year for football. With all of their returning talent, the Tigers are poised to make another run at the state playoffs this spring. Go Tigers!



# ENTERTAINMENT

By Chris Leu



### Across

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4. mascot of St. Patrick's day
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