



STUDENT COUNCIL MAKES SCHOOL BETTER

By Elli Murray, Erica Golden, and Lyla Daily

This school year, BMS's Student Council has been working hard behind the scenes to keep the environment here at our school a safe and welcoming place.

Recently, the student council put up post-it notes with kind messages on them all over the school. When we asked Mrs. Zeman, one of the Co-Leaders of Student Council about what the Post-It project meant to her, she said, "Our student members continue to have a high priority towards student wellness. "

Mrs. Zeman continued, "As a group, we collectively value the benefit that even small acts of encouragement, gratitude or kindness make on an individual's day or life. With the individual post-it notes of encouragement on each locker, we were looking for a way to start off the new calendar year that reminded every student that they are each a valued and important member of our BMS community. Mrs. Nakasako and I had lots of

post-it notes and markers to spare. We knew we also had an amazing group of student members who would jump at the chance to do this task," and also that, "The enthusiasm and positivity we received from the members of our student council when we presented this idea was amazing...as usual. No surprise there!"



The other leader of Student Council, Mrs. Nakasako, when asked why she wanted to run student council in the first place, said that, "I chose to help with student

council because I wanted to work with students who are interested in making the school a better place for everyone."

Mrs. Nakasako cannot contain her enthusiasm for student council, "I am so excited we have such a large group of active and committed students! I used to run a service club and then service activities during Flex, but it seemed to me that Student Council is where service activities belong, and that way they could be driven by students." What an

THE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

By Elli Murray, Payton Theile, and Ruth Gravelle

It's a new month, which means a new student of the month! Our previous articles we've had origamists, actors and actresses, dancers, mathematicians, but we haven't had a baker yet! This month we have the amazing Ellie Ramsey!



Ellie is an eighth grader at BMS and has been baking her whole life. Ellie said she baked first with her mother, then father, grandmother, and then by herself. Unlike other students of the month, Ellie found that COVID improved her skills. She said that, "COVID made my baking better. I had more time to bake and it was something that I could have control

of over the time of uncertainty."

Baking can be like art. People can craft whatever they want through mixing ingredients. Ellie said that she "doesn't exactly know what got her into the idea of cooking and baking, but she just does, with a love that is strong for something, it's hard to exactly remember why". Ellie loves to have fun and explore what she likes. Something that shows her creativity is making a shark shaped cake!

Not only does Ellie love to bake, but she is also a part of the staff for The Beacon. Ellie has an adorable dog named Luke and has an older brother that attends BHS. She hopes to pursue her love of writing and baking by becoming a baker and journalist when she is older. Ellie loves and excels at what she does!

If you want to read about other people like Ellie, stay tuned for next month! If you have someone in mind and would like to be the next student of the month, please email ...

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inspiring story Mrs. Nakasako! The Student Council has been doing so much behind the scenes, from anything to making cards or games for veterans and hospitals, to filming videos to welcome and help new students. Student Council is a great environment for students to help out the community and have fun, so please let Mrs. Zeman or Nakasako

know if you have any interest in joining!

We would love to welcome any new members who want to get involved. If you see and recognize a pupil member of student council, or one of the teacher leaders themselves, be sure to thank them for their hard work that they do here at school to help everyone be respectful, responsible, and safe.

FRIDAY IS ABOUT TO GET FREAKY!

By Zeke Moses

Get your tickets now because the middle school musical is right around the corner! This year, Bexley Middle School/Bexley Theater Arts is putting on a production of the musical Freaky Friday. Based on all the classic Disney movies, the off-Broadway musical, and the new

Disney channel movie, Freaky Friday the musical is fun and energetic and features songs that you can't help but dance along too. For the past couple of months, the cast and crew have been

working on the show for countless hours after school, making the show come to life. Ma'ayan Cohen, plays the leading role of Ellie, the daughter, who switches bodies with her mom. Working on the show has been a blast so far for her. When I asked Ma'ayan what her favorite part of putting on the show has been, she states, "Just building relationships with all the people in the cast- acting with people has really gotten us closer together and it makes the experience much more enjoyable." Ma'ayan says that audiences should be excited for "Everything! Everyone has worked really hard on the show, and the hard work has paid off!" She says, "You should come see the show- it won't disappoint!"

Since COVID cases numbers have been soaring (and in case of emergencies), Bexley decided it was best to give the two leads, Kathrine (Lucy Robinson) and Ellie (Ma'ayan Cohen) understudies. An understudy is an actor who is like a backup, who learns a part in case the actor who plays the part can't do the show.



Sixth grader Ashley Winer, plays the supporting role of Monica, one of Ellie's best friends. A couple weeks ago, Ashley was asked to be the understudy for the lead role, Ellie. She was thrilled and took the challenge. Ashley has said, "Being an understudy is really

stressful but it is fun to have the challenge to learn so many lines in a short amount of time. " Luckily, for Ashley, handling her part and being an understudy is a piece of cake. She said, " I memorized my character, Monica's, lines before I heard, and was the understudy and I'm very grateful for that because that way I never mix up the lines."

The Freaky Friday cast and crew are excited for the show. The performances are February 3 at 7:00 PM, February 4 at 7:30 PM, February 5 at 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM, all in the Schottenstein Theater.

For more information, go to <https://bexleytheatrearts.org/>. I can't wait to see you at the show!

STUDENTS CHOOSE HOLIDAY MOVIES

Holidays are very important times of the year, but what accurately represents them? Food, music and family all work, but movies take the festivity-themed cake. People watch all kinds of movies to celebrate their favorite holidays, so here are some:

By Jack Westergaard

Home Alone

I like Home Alone because it's an adventurous movie with lots of slapstick. I also love how much it makes me laugh ~Ashton



The Santa Clause

I like this movie because it reminds me of my family and watching it whenever my siblings start screaming for christmas. ~Oliver



8-Bit Christmas

I like it because it was set in the time period of my childhood and it reminded me of things that I grew up doing. And it was really funny. ~Mr Frank



National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

I really like this because its sick and he looks really cool in the movie ~Haiden



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A Christmas Story

I like A Christmas Story because it's an original. It's iconic. You can't go wrong with it. ~Ellie



The Nightmare Before Christmas

I really like it because I love stories that have a likable hero and a good soundtrack. It also doesn't hurt that the protagonist (Jack Skellington) has the same first name as me! :) ~Jack

