

BELLE MEADE



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College Night

Being a senior, the thing that is in the back of my mind is college. Although I already have a few ideas for colleges, it is always helpful to see all the options that are available to me. To help the seniors out with making a choice Belle Meade arraigned a visit to a College Fair. Over four hundred college representatives were being hosted by Hayfield Secondary school in Fairfax Virginia. I was grateful for the opportunity to see the options that are available to me, and I had a fun time doing it with my classmates!
Leif



Culinary

Apples, apples, apples.
I am sick of you.
Tired of the chopping, peeling and slicing,
But never tired of the food you make.
With cinnamon and brown sugar your strong scent tempts the nostrils
Your sweet taste and a hint of spice is nearly irresistible.
All of those are great and yet none compare to you in your highest form.
A food that transcends all a food made for gods.
Flaky buttery crust combined with sweet spiced apples, it's the best combination and the greatest couple.
Together apples and pie can rule the world known as human senses.
(Culinary also includes projects that are far less important like canning peppers and beans.)

Edward

Mock Trial

The high school humanities class will be presenting a mock trial Sunday Oct. 25. The class has been practicing a mock trial about the current situation in "Delmar" (fictional country) from the South Carolina Bar/School Partnership Program. The trial stars Tony Radcliffe a "Delmarian" boy who has come to the United States in order to receive a higher education. The trial focuses around Tony's desire for political asylum and his conflict with his father (Edward Radcliffe). The petitioner's side will be represented by Noah Waller and James Hensley. The respondent's side will be represented by Leif Kvarnes and Sara Garcia. Although the students have spent some time preparing for this mock trial, there has only been one brief "practice" session. Sunday's presentation will be an informal demonstration presented by the students for the Belle Meade community and visitors.
Noah

Masquerade Dance

The annual Belle Meade Masquerade is coming up on October 30, 2015. This year, it is a Halloween dance paired with live music and delicious refreshments. There will be food, song and dance, and a live performance by Belle Meade's band. The event cost is \$10 per person and starts at 7:00 pm and goes until 10:00 pm. Please invite family and friends to join us for this fun event! McKaylah



DC Trip

On October 15th, we left to go to Washington DC to explore certain museums and monuments. The middle schoolers went to the Natural History Museum while the high schoolers went to The Museum of American History. Personally, even though I've been there before, I loved it. We mostly focused on their new American Enterprise exhibit which held things such as interactive computers where you built your own company, gold bikes, and examples of products of life from different times. After the museums, we met back up with the other group and had lunch by our van. After lunch we headed over to the Botanical Gardens, where we independently explored the building. I've been there many times, but I enjoyed as much as ever. Then, after the Botanical Gardens, we visited the Washington monument, the World War II memorial, and the reflection pool. I really enjoyed this trip, and the weather was perfect.
Ava



Woodberry Forest

The high school class took a trip to Woodberry Forest school to gather information on what it is like to build and use a ropes course. There they had a high-ropes course, a low-ropes course, and a rock wall that we were able to explore. We tried out some of the low-ropes course obstacles that encouraged group work. Belle Meade students are working on designing a low-ropes course that is all about team work along with a small rock wall. We are planning on building a similar style course and hoping to eventually have it available for use. Sara



The Belle Meade equestrian team placed 3rd in the junior division on September 27, 2015 at the Bull Run Hunter Pace in Madison, VA. Congratulations to Alex, Ava, McKayla, Sofie as this event was their first. The results of our excellent equestrian program speak for themselves! Congratulations to you all! An enormous thank you to Alex and her mom, Rosie Campbell, for their time and effort to make this dream come true! Anna



Student Council

This year, we have created a Student Council. The elections were on August 30th, 2015. Two students representatives were elected from each high school group and one representative from middle school: Leif, McKayla, Ava, James, and Alyssa.

The student council's responsibilities are to

1. Design and plan events
2. Work with parents, students and teachers to solve issues
3. Help with school fundraising

James



Horses

Riding at Belle Meade from a horse's point of view: On Mondays the people at Belle Meade take us out to carry them around on their backs and sometimes we go for trail rides. In this case a friend of mine (who is this big white horse the beasts on two legs call Omni) always gets excited and wants to gallop as fast as he can go. I like to stay behind Kodiak or Dakota. Also if we don't go for a trail ride, we all get worked out in the ring on jumps. Wednesdays we have more riding and we get worked out again. Friday we usually go on a trail ride. I think all of us like it. Everyone kind of loves up on Cherokee because she is old, crabby and yet sweet in her own way. We all have assigned riders most of the time even though we switch sometimes in the ring. I think everyone enjoys it a lot. -Amethyst. Jharna



Strings

What are we doing in strings? We are having fun. We are learning some songs. Some of them are Day Tripper, Wonderwall, Riptide, And Rebels Of The Sacred Heart. We will play these and more at the Halloween party (Masquerade). We will also play all of them at the end-of-the-trimester dinner. Some new people in strings are McKalya, Elliott, and Jasper. McKalya plays the ukulele. Elliott plays the guitar and sings. Jasper sings. Thomas also joined a while ago. He plays the ukulele and drum. In a nutshell we are having an awesome time! Oliver



The Belle Meade Farm Tour

The Farm Tour is an annual Rappahannock event that allows people to be able to see farm life, and allows the local farms to present their goods and put on a bit of a show. This year we had a wide variety of fun events from a hayride, pony rides, a hay bale maze, a beekeeping demonstration, and a professional chef cook-off. We had a silent auction. In total we raised over \$2000. As with every year it was a lot of fun, and we're looking forward

to doing it next year.

Leif



Best read in a deep gruff voice

Things have changed... The Turkeys I have been seeking solace with are soon to be sent to the block. They told me just before I left this morning: "Go. You deserve life. Don't worry about us. We'll remember you till our last." Since then, I've hardly been able to get them out of my head. I just need to keep moving. But what's this? I don't remember any of these cows! These aren't the ones that were here a few days ago!... Wait a minute.... they must have rotated the cows! I need to keep persevering. I just needed to walk by them without them noticing me. I'm a complete stranger to these cows, where I had been good friends with the others... Fortunately, I found some firewood that had been recently collected for a fire. I grabbed a piece and kept going, hoping I might never need to use it. I found sanctuary in the greenhouse. But something was wrong. There were Green Beans on the plants, and this was the time of year that Belle Meade picked them. Someone was going to arrive, and soon. I fled the scene, looking for a more permanent place to be safe. I was able to sneak inside the house using some of the new chicken house covers, and crawl into the ducts. Since then, I've been scavenging every night from the freshly picked kale and lettuce, hiding in the rafters by day. What am I even hiding from? I don't know. But I must keep pushing forward!
Jasper

Hello, Hello, Hello! It might be a bit late to introduce myself now, seeing as I've been here for a few weeks, but I'm Julia! I'm sixteen years old and my birthday is on December twenty-eighth. I came from Hearstone school, and I'm in the eleventh grade. My favorite subjects are Art and Drama.



I love animals especially weird and cute birds like the Roseate Spoonbill or the Turkey Vulture. I don't have any pet birds myself, but I do have a short and nervous dog named Rupert. I love drawing, but I tend to get distracted and end up scribbling a lot of weird things. I usually draw on the computer because I find it easier to color with a trackpad than a pen. I also really like the Muppets and obscure but cute cartoons like Fantadroms.

I'm very excited to be at Belle Meade and hope that I can do my best to try and make some new friends. Ciao
Julia

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