

## **Match 8 BHS vs. MI on 3/31**

Bellevue played Mercer Island for their last match and celebrated Senior Night last night. There were gifts, candy leis, flowers, heartfelt speeches and some tears. Bellevue was allowed a sizable crowd of family, students and the drum-line. The ladies put on a spectacular show, winning in 3 sets, finishing their short but substantial season undefeated.

The match began with a serve from the Islanders that ended in their error. Sophomore Brooke Huard's ace was Bellevue's first point, and Senior Janelle Grant followed it with a powerful kill. There was some back and forth between teams, and Mercer Island got rowdy. Bellevue suddenly hit a big streak of aces by Sophomore Maile Lani Sugamura and Senior Mia Vong, a kill by Brooke Huard, and two blocks and a kill by Junior Kaitlyn Watson. Bellevue surged from 6-6 to 18-7. Janelle Grant and Maile Lani Sugamura made deep digs to Mia Vong who passed up to Junior Devon Condie and Janelle Grant for swift kills. Junior Izzy Koo aced her serve. Then Junior Jada Cho passed to Izzy Koo who set to Mia Vong who tipped the ball up and over the block for a kill. The last 2 points came from Islander errors, ending in the Wolverines' favor. Bellevue wins 25-17.

Set two started with an error by Mercer Island and a quick jump for an overpass made by Brooke Huard. Devon Condie had a dig and two kills and Kaitlyn Watson had a dig, a kill and a block. Mia Vong served an ace. Mercer Island called a Time Out when the score was 8-0. Bellevue's momentum slowed briefly, with the Islanders gaining points. The two teams had some amazing and hard fought volleys. Then Kaitlyn Watson served an ace, tipped for a kill and earned a dig. Maile Lani Sugamura had a great set with multiple digs and two aces. Jada Cho Sophomore hit a kill with help from Janelle Grant and Izzy Koo. Halle Adam had several digs. Izzy Koo and Mia Vong had successful sets to Janelle Grant for 5 kills. Sophomore Nyah Taylor had a kill, a block and hit the final kill of the set. Bellevue wins 25-13.

The final set was full of long, hard fought volleys, as both teams battled to finish well. The set began with a dig from Maile Lani Sugamura, a set from Mia Vong and a kill by Devon Condie. Janelle Grant got off a tip and a big swing for two kills. Brooke Huard served an ace. Halle Adam dropped for a dig to Izzy Koo who sent up the ball to Nyah Taylor for a fast kill. Janelle Grant passed the ball up to Izzy Koo who set to Brooke Huard for a kill. The score was close 10-8. Mercer Island took advantage of Bellevue's momentary errors and fatigue for 9 points in a row bringing it to 11-17. Then Mia Vong shut that down with a quick dunk, throwing the Islanders off their game. Bellevue was back. Assisted by Mia

Vong and Maile Lani Sugamura, Janelle Grant hit four unstoppable kills. Brooke Huard aced her last serve. The score was 18-21. Mercer Island got nervous and made three errors, 21-22. Janelle Grant was on a roll and served 2 aces. Mercer Island hit the ball out giving the final point to Bellevue. The Wolverines win 25-22!

Big cheers erupted in the gym. The Wolverine players had a group hug with the coaches in celebration, then waved to Mercer Island for the good game. The night ended in photos and celebrations!!