



relay for life

by Becca Surratt

Once again, *Relay for Life* is right around the corner. This year, it will be held April 28th and 29th. Relay for Life is a fundraiser devoted not only to helping cancer victims and survivors, but also to helping doctors find a cure for cancer.

In this event, people makes teams consisting of eight or more people with one team leader. Each team thinks of some way to make money to donate to the American Cancer Society. At Bolles, the teams set up around the track for an overnight stay at the San Jose campus and sell things while others walk a non-competitive "relay race" around the track. People sell food, water, other beverages, and even some jewelry. In the morning, stands sell breakfast items like omelets, pancakes, and waffles. One really creative idea was a team that set up DDR (Dance Dance revolution) and charged participants for each game. Another booth had an i-Pod raffle. No matter what the team does, the money all goes to a very good cause.

Like last year, Mrs. Durant is in charge of luminaries. After spring break the Bartram bookstore began setting up for students to come in and decorate paper bags. **(And, by the way, Mrs. Durant is still set up if you haven't stopped by to make a luminaria!)** These bags will line the track and spell out the words HOPE and CURE on the bleachers at nighttime during the relay for life. If the students choose, they can "pay" (donate money) to make the bags in honor/memory of a family member or a friend who is battling or who has battled cancer. All of the donations will go to the American Cancer Society.

This year is a very special one for the **Stopyra** family. Two years ago, **Rae Stopyra** started Relay for Life at the San Jose campus and Bolles' teams made the most contributions out of all the relays in the Southeast. Last year, Mrs. Stopyra was diagnosed with cancer, and in April, she lead the first walk around the track during last year's relay. Tragically, she died earlier this year.

This is truly a worthwhile cause, so even if you didn't put a team together, come to the relay, have some fun at the booths, take a lap or two, and, most importantly, come to honor those who have battled cancer and to make a contribution toward the search for a cure!

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BY LAINIE HYNMAN



Middle school students have complained about the Bolles' uniform for years, and it's time to say something about it.

Middle School uniforms at Bolles are too strict. Between the oxford shirts, plain pants, brown belts, ties, and uniform shoes, we have no say in what we can wear anymore. "I think we should at least be able to wear whatever sweatshirts we want, because with the strict Bolles' uniform, they are the only way to express our individuality," remarked a 7th grade student at the Bolles' middle school. I totally agree.

There are some things that the school has a right to restrict, such as risqué shirts, short skirts, and other clothing items that are not appropriate for school; but with things like shoes and sweatshirts, they could be a little more lenient. There are also other clothing options that we could wear instead of the Bolles' attire that would still be just as appropriate. For example, I think we should be able to wear polo shirts instead of oxford ones every day and tennis shoes instead of dress shoes.

Little changes like these would definitely alter some students' outlooks on uniforms and make Bolles a more fun school to attend.



Quiet Time The Rick Crowley Story Adriana Ray



Everett - Vocals and	Hunter - Bass and vocals	Jerry - Vocals and lead guitar	Rick - drums, vocals, 7 th grade history teacher, and yes, ladies and gentle- men, he does it all
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Mr. Crowley, 7th grade history teacher, is a drummer of a band known as "Quiet Time." He started playing the drums in the fifth grade.

"I've been in several other bands, most of which I've tried to forget," He says. His first band was called Honor Among Thieves in the eighth grade. They won the school Battle of the Bands but there were only two bands competing and the other was disqualified for playing no original songs. In high school, Mr. Crowley was the singer in a band called Gyromancy. He says that they were terrible.

Mr. Crowley's biggest onstage thrill was playing at The Landing last summer. "That was really neat." The next thing that should be exciting is playing at the Florida Theatre on June 9th.

"Our goals as a band are to have fun and write music that we are proud of," says Crowley. His personal goal is to keep young and enjoy his hobby. "My wife says I act like a twelve year old so I guess I'm successful at staying young."

Mr. Crowley says that he's become close friends with all of the guys in his band. "I really believe in them as people and band mates. They're great guys and even better song writers."

Check out Mr. Crowley's new CD coming out soon. Also, look at Mr. Crowley's Band Website: www.quiettimetheband.com