



## Students, Teachers Return During Pandemic, COVID-19

*State officials reopen schools, students return to class fully masked after more than year at home.*

By: Catherine Arceo, Zem Bashan & Marcella Komo

Online school hit students hard throughout the Coronavirus. The 2020-21 school year started during a pandemic and it left many students stranded at home. The majority of the school

year was done remotely as most students opted to stay home during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The burden of online school took a toll on everyone's mental health and most students struggled academically.

"The motivation to do my work was probably the hardest

"Being able to socialize with people — it definitely made a positive impact on my mental health," junior Zephen Peter said.

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This left Peter often feeling lonely and upset.

"Coming back to school made me feel so much better. Being able to socialize with people — it definite-

ly made a positive impact on my mental health," Peter said. Online school began in March 2020, which was unexpected. Teachers, along with students, had to learn how to adjust to a quarantine that became longer than two weeks. Teachers and students would communicate through email, and at times, a video call. After several Covid positive cases at the beginning of the current school year, Marshall took much

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Photo courtesy of Felita Kealing

*Touloumian enters as principal at Marshall after racking up awards at Eliot Arts Magnet and a brief stint at PHS.*

## New Principal Takes Charge

*Former Eliot Arts Magnet Academy principal and PUSD Principal of the Year, Touloumian ready for new challenges, opportunities*

By: Marcella Komo & Dylan Todd

During a time of historic challenges and events, Pasadena Unified School District introduced a new principal to Marshall Fundamental's family, Lori Touloumian. Touloumian recently worked at Eliot Arts Magnet as the principal for six years. Prior to that, she was the PUSD magnet coordinator for several years. She started her administrative career as the assistant principal at Pasadena High School.

She was awarded Principal of the Year in 2018 and has worked in Pasadena Unified since 1999. Her trademarks are enhancing performing and visual arts education, expanding science showcases to the entire district and celebrating women's history.

Marshall is the only secondary school in PUSD to have an all-female administration.

She got her bachelor's degree in English at Cal Poly Pomona and then moved on to Loyola

Marymount University for her Masters's degree. As a former English teacher, she has always pushed for literary success and she plans on using her passion for learning to help Marshall achieve its full potential.

During the summer of 2021, Touloumian was offered the position of principal at Marshall. "Marshall was an opportunity that presented itself in which I couldn't resist," Touloumian said.

Within the first couple months of her Marshall experience, Touloumian exclaimed how wonderful it has been and how she couldn't be happier. After working and getting to know the community, Marshall's students and staff impressed her.

"There is a family feel here that is super unique," she said.

Touloumian also mentioned how everyone has been so sweet, supportive, and even before she began her time at Marshall people were reaching out and wishing her luck on this new adventure.

She has already been given high praise by her staff and colleagues.

"Ms. Touloumian has a great energy,

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## Anderson Exits Marshall For Executive Role

*After 10 years as principal at Marshall, Anderson enters new phase of professional career*

By: Ava Burke & Katherine Ward

For ten years, Dr. Mark Anderson was the principal of Marshall Fundamental Secondary School. Throughout his time at Marshall he built up the theatre program, got to know every student by name, and worked hard to make sure that Marshall was known for its academic excellence.



Mark Anderson

However, Anderson said, "ten years is a long time." So, during the summer of 2021, he decided to accept a new job as the Executive Director of High Schools in the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District.

"The timing felt right, and the location was good," he said. Anderson attributes his departure partially to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"When I became a principal at Marshall, I really loved it. I had such a good time," he said. "So I always wanted to stay there for as long as possible because there was no ambition to move on to a different position."

During Covid-19, all of that changed. "The role of principal was different. There were no students, no teachers and no interactions. I would have walked outside during lunch and seen all of those kids and been like, 'Oh, I can't leave them,'" he added.

Without the relationships and interactions Anderson was used to having, moving on to a new position became a new possibility for him. It was not planned which made the decision more difficult.

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## Teachers Take Into Account Personal Matters In Standards Shift

*Given pandemic stressors, teachers at Marshall, across county, have adopted new grading measurements*

By: Hrant Aslanyan

The pandemic known as COVID-19 has gotten better in terms of less deaths and more vaccinations. Many things have changed from the restaurants, to the postal service, and especially to the educational systems in many schools around the U.S.

One of these schools is Marshall Fundamental. Many teachers have factored in personal situations and have given students more time to complete assignments or even tests.

According to an article by the LA Times called, "L.A. Unified will not give Fs this semester and instead give students a second chance to pass," it stated that, "Citing pandemic hardships, Los Angeles school officials on Monday deferred any failing grades from this semester until at least Jan. 29, giving students additional time to avoid receiving an F in their classes."

LAUSD students have taken extensive advantage of this by not doing the work at all to the point where they don't even attend the school.

Even for juniors and seniors at Marshall, the teachers have become gradually more lenient or at least more understanding towards the students under the current circumstances.

Many have suffered throughout the year-and-a-half pandemic and despite the fact that school has been open to in-person instruction since August, many people are still trying to cope.

"I feel like we are just, a bit more understanding and lenient when it comes to late work, when it comes to certain circumstances people are facing, and I think it's an overall good thing that teachers are kind of going that direction," Marshall science teacher Tyler Bills said.

Despite the presence of a global pandemic that is still affecting many, either physically or mentally, events are still being hosted at Marshall like pep rallies and even the hosting of current Halloween events. To add to the good news, teams and clubs are starting to get back up on their feet and some are even accepting more members.

In some cases, teachers have gained more of a perspective from the students and what they go through on a daily basis.

"I wouldn't say we're lenient. We're more patient. It made us examine some of the curriculum that we were giving, and giving more patience as to when assignments are due, so I think that we have changed in respect to that," graphic design teacher Devette Johnson said.

Teachers aren't the only ones who see these events and circumstances unfold in front of them, but so do other school officials.

School officials such as principals, custodians, security guards, and librarians all feel the weight of the global pandemic.

Librarians unironically see most of this chapter of the pandemic story unfolding.

"I would say that the environment in general is better than last year, and I think that being in classrooms with students just makes a huge difference," librarian Sara Scribner said.

"I might be crazy, but I think that students actually like it more when they are learning in person."

## 2021 ROSE COURT



## Briggs named Rose Court Princess

*Senior Jeannine Briggs receives royalty status as Rose Court Finalist after extensive process*

By Helen Hu & Jimena Zamrano

Not every high school student has to go through several rigorous etiquette classes, but then again not every student can call themselves a Royal Court member.

After competing with girls from 24 different schools, Jeannine Briggs, a current senior at Marshall Fundamental, was declared a member of the Royal Court on Oct. 4.

The first ever Rose Tournament started off in 1890 and ever since then there has been one every single year, other than last year as it had to be canceled due to the Covid Pandemic.

The first Rose Court Queen was declared in 1905. However, it wasn't until the 1930 court that there was a queen annually. Within the long history of the tournament, there have been only a handful of Marshall students who have had the honor to be a part of the court. This year Briggs gets to hold that honor.

She shared what was going through her head when her number was announced.

"When I heard Marshall I was like, 'Yay! Anita or Charlotte [two of the other candidates from Marshall] got it!' and then I heard my number and I gasped because I didn't think I was going to be chosen," Briggs said.

It comes as no surprise to know that Jeannine plays a big role in not only Marshall's community,

but also the community within Pasadena. She is currently the President of both the Broadcasting Club and Storytellers Club, the Vice President of Black Student Union, the Secretary for Mock Trial, BSU, and the Associated Student Body for the Class of 2022.

Outside of school she helped start an organization whose purpose was to help students connect with each other during the pandemic and assist in mental health.

There were four interview rounds, 30 seconds, 50 seconds, 90 seconds, and 4 minutes, that the candidates had to pass. The questions were asked on the spot and the girls had to tell them about themselves within a time limit.

During the first two rounds of the interview, she felt as if she wasn't able to properly showcase herself. However the last two, she got to redeem herself and express who she was. When she

first arrived to do her first interview, she didn't believe she had a chance of winning since there were many candidates to choose from.

"As soon as you get there, you think I don't have a chance. It could really be anyone there because all these girls are great in school and involved with the community. You just have to present yourself well and pretend that the other girls aren't doing the exact same thing you are doing and try not to be intimidated," she said.

As she was chosen as a Royal Court member, she had many responsibilities. She was a spokesperson for the Tournament of Roses. To get ready for this, she had to take etiquette classes, leadership, and media and speech training.



Photos courtesy of Felita Kealing

*With hundreds of students competing across dozens of high schools for the coveted spot in the Pasadena Rose Court, Briggs got selected on Oct. 4.*

"In etiquette class we learned which forks to use, what to do at a table, how to ask for things to be passed around, which way to pass it around. There's so many rules. We learned how to walk with heels on the grass, we learned how to hold our purse on the side, and how to wave," Briggs said.

She will also attend events. "Well, for one we're going to Disneyland and I'm really excited for that and we were going to be a part of the parade. Also, we're going to have tea in Beverly Hills. But everything is very cool, we're going to visit hospitals and we're going to visit schools and country clubs and business clubs," she said.



## Anderson

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"The actual acceptance of the job was not hard," he said, "because the actual hard part was deciding to apply for it. Once I made the decision I felt good about it."

Anderson interviewed in early June of this year. He found out he got the job shortly before July 1st. He let superintendent Bryan McDonald know of his departure right away so Marshall would not have to start the year off without a principal.

Applying to be Executive Director of High Schools in the Hacienda La Puente Unified School

District may not have been easy but, Anderson said he really liked the people he interviewed with.

"I love Pasadena and Marshall, but there are good people at other school districts, too," he said.

Anderson appreciates that the students and staff have expressed that they miss him, but he wants everyone to be reassured that he is still around.

"It's not like I'm dead," he said with a laugh.

Anderson is happy to talk with students and parents and he keeps in touch with the staff. They get together every now and then.

Overall, Anderson wants the student body and faculty to know that Marshall will always have a special place in his heart and he has not forgotten anyone.



# Students ‘In the Clouds’ after Homecoming

On Oct. 15, students celebrated the annual homecoming dance in a night to remember in front of the Marshall Sports Complex.

By: Mariella Farias & Elise Rojas

On Oct. 15, students at Marshall Fundamental found their heads in the clouds. The school held its annual homecoming dance in the sports complex with the theme “In The Clouds.”

The night was filled with music and fun along with a photo booth and fresh tacos served by the parent volunteers.

The homecoming court winners were announced that night on the dance floor and on the tennis courts. The tables were decorated with candles and fairy lights as well as the basketball courts outside, which had beautiful glowing clouds hanging from them. This huge event was

put together and planned by the entire Associated Student Body.

ASB advisor David Lee stated that the event took months to plan and was a huge success in his eyes. To all of the people putting the dance together, not only was it a success but it was also extremely stressful to try and figure out a way for this event to be fun and safe for everyone given the COVID-19 regulations.

Marshall Senior Haydee Angeles had declared “I had low expectations for this dance, but everything turned out to be great. I love the decorations and I’m having a really good time,” senior Haydee Angeles said at the dance.

For the people working it, the night was stressful and overwhelming.

“The turnout was huge and I definitely expected fewer people,” Lee said.

“At the same time, I didn’t know what to expect because of COVID and if people were willing to come out.”



Photos by: Mariella Farias

Top: David Resendiz, Ben Baecker, Abraham Moreno, Carlos Hernandez

Bottom: Juniors Journey Blueford, Daijah Leggins, Jaylin Morgan, Lauren Sandoval



Top: Fernanda Morales and Ryley Aquino, Eliana Porter-Self and Rosaleena Gullotto, Logan Davis and Jazmin Garcia, Annais Scott and Kevin Kilar, Kayla Estrada and Eric Cabrales, Sergio Melikyan and Nicole Saldana



## Drama Spooks Patrons

Halloween Haunt recreates the apocalypse outdoors.

By: Casey Fuhr & Alex Neuenburg

Every year, the drama program at Marshall puts together a haunted house event known as “The Haunt.”

In the past, the Haunt has taken place in the auditorium, with decorations hung everywhere, flashing lights, and special effects to create the atmosphere. To adjust to COVID protocols, The Haunt was forced outside this year.

However, this did not stop the determination of the actors to perform to their fullest. So they hid in places not visible to the eye and would jump out, scaring whoever was brave enough to go through.

Actor and senior Maci

Kostonyan, who has been with the drama program since middle school, described the audition process.

“They came in the room in groups of five and would act out crazy scenarios we threw at them. It was all improv and felt more like a class rather than an audition,” she said.

In previous years, the theme was a haunted school or hospital.

According to senior Annais Scott, this year’s theme was the apocalypse.

“We only had four days to build the set and on the day of, we had about two hours to get everything ready and secure before people started lining up,” Scott said. “But, we got everything finished.”



Photos by: Casey Fuhr

Top: Freshmen William Peddie and Ellie Felsmann  
Bottom: Senior Ocean Todd and junior Savannah Trepp  
Right: Sophomore Worthy Teems and junior Skye Slattery



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needed precautions. It began to take temperature checks once students entered, and the staff would pump hand sanitizer on people’s hands.

In the summer of 2021, athletes of Marshall were still practicing. During the summer the COVID vaccine had been released to the teen demographic but many of the athletes refused to get it as it was still too soon to understand the side effects.

The school board had then made it a requirement to get vaccinated in order to be a part of a school sport. This change prevented many athletes from participating. As the school year started, many fall sports began to require COVID testing in addition to being fully vaccinated.

Due to the uncertainty of the situation among student athletes, the City of Los Angeles decided to set a COVID vaccine mandate, requiring all students and faculty attending school to either be vaccinated or get tested weekly in order to stay in school.

“It’s a beneficial thing since it lowers the chance of people getting sick,” sophomore Ethan Hatum said of the mandate.

Principal Lori Touloumian reiterated the sentiment.

“We’re doing anything and everything we need to do to keep the school open and keep our students safe,” Touloumian said.



## School Holds First Cultural Fair of '21

*On Dec. 3, Asian Club hosted its annual fair, resembling Asia's night market tradition*

By: Jennifer Alarcon  
& Nataly Chacon

On Dec. 3, The Asian Club hosted their annual assembly at the Quad during 2nd Period. Middle schoolers and high schoolers got to see and interact with many Asian cultural games and snacks.

"We're recreating a replica of an open market where we'll have stalls representing different countries in Asia," senior Asian Club president Bao-Hoa Gauvreaux said.

"Each stall will have information about different countries."

When visiting the Cambodia stall, they had a whole table dedicated to the information on the country.

Other countries included Japan, South Korea, China, Taiwan, Vietnam, and others.

The fair was also full of people exploring and playing these games and having fun. It was full of laughter, screams, joy, and pure memories.

This fair was planned and created by a group of students who are dedicated to showing and allowing other people to enjoy and learn about Asian culture.

Senior Evan Eslava is Filipino and a proud member of the Asian Club.

"One thing I'll take from Asian Club is the community of support through Asian culture and how much people are open to learn about our culture," he said.

the Asian Club is a supportive community that allows people to show their true colors.



Photo by: Jimena Zamorano

*On Friday, Dec. 3, the Asian Club held its annual fair with booths that celebrated Asian countries and their cultures.*

## Winter Concert On Wednesday Highlights Orchestra & Band

*After two-year hiatus, Orchestra & Band hosted an in-person concert on Dec. 8*

By: Diego Hernandez & Donovan Umaguig

With the semester coming to a close, the Winter Concert was a blast! The band and orchestra performed on Dec. 8 at 5 pm.

The Chamber Orchestra and Advanced Band were the highlights of the concert.

The theme for this concert was, "Together Again." The last time Marshall had an in-person winter concert was two years ago, but now, it's done!

There were definitely some

hurdles to get through.

One of the challenges for the band, as band teacher Jacob Melgoza said was "getting people back to playing their instruments."

Due to the pandemic, a lot of people did not have an opportunity to play their instruments.

Orchestra teacher Heather King, who teaches four different orchestra classes, said that "It's really fun to see the growth at every single grade level."

King conducted her students through several holiday music classics. The songs were Christmas and Hanukkah-themed. There were also non-religious tunes.

The evening was capped off by the advanced jazz band. After two years away from live performances, students were finally able to dust off their instruments and jam.



Photo by Donovan Umaguig

*Middle and high school students rehearse for the Winter Concert produced by Orchestra and Band. String and wind instrumentalists prepare for the show.*

## Touloumian

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which is needed at our school because we have a lot of kids. So, she has the capacity to do an excellent job and meet the needs of all the students. She also has a history with the district, so she is very aware of contracts, grants and working with the union. She has strengths in those areas in terms of getting the resources that we need to help our school run more successfully," assistant principal Lanisha Kelly said.

Faculty member Brent English has also been impressed.

"Ms. Touloumian has been amazing, absolutely. Great principal, great addition to the school, she really has the teachers' backs and I could not be happier," he said.

Touloumian is not only a part of the Marshall family, she also has her own family, whom she adores spending time with. Touloumian is a devoted, loving mother and she enjoys attending her son Andres' water polo games.

However, starting a new job under COVID-19 was quite the transition.

"It was difficult to adhere to all the COVID protocols. Thankfully, the staff has been extremely welcoming and open-hearted," Touloumian said.

As local and state officials continue discussions on a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for children, Touloumian has done as much as she is capable of given the circumstances.

"I want to do whatever is necessary to make sure everyone is here to be in person. If that means getting every student tested weekly, we will proceed to follow through to maintain the health of our community," she said.

Touloumian listed "equity and access" as her prospective goals that she would like to achieve during her time here at Marshall.



Photos by Hannah Sakai

*With hundreds of students competing across dozens of high schools for the coveted spot in the Pasadena Rose Court, Briggs gets selected on Oct. 4. The year-long nomination includes multiple charitable events*



## Dance Performs 'Under the Stars' on Dec. 4

*Middle and high school dancers showcased their choreographed moves in outdoor performance in the Marshall quad.*

By: Jennifer Alarcon  
& Nataly Chacon

On Dec. 4, the Dance classes produced a performance called "Under the Stars."

The show showcased middle school dancers showing off their rehearsed dances to the audience. As the crowd watched the amazing performance, the audience was very lively and supportive.

The high school dancers also did an amazing job showing off their hard work that night.

"I'm getting excited to perform

just in general," junior Kaleb Del Villar said before the performance.

Del Villar shows the love and passion these dancers have to these types of performances.

"I'm so so excited, especially for just performing in front of an audience again after a year and a half of being in quarantine and everything," junior Ida Hartel said.

These dancers have been waiting and dreaming of doing what they love since the pandemic. The dedication and hard work they put up to make the audience enjoy the show was inspiring.



Top: Sophomore  
Sam Redfearn

Far right: Freshman  
Tova Rosenbaum,  
junior Kylie Way,  
and junior Kaleb Del  
Villar

Below: Sophomore  
Alique Tufenkjian



## Visual & Performing Arts Presents Fall Festival

*Explosion of artistry after more than a year of quarantine*

By: Caydon Liu & Hannah Sakai  
Staff Reporters

On Friday, Oct. 8, Marshall presented the Fall Festival. It was the first performance since 2019, reviving its visual and performing arts program.

In attendance were parents and siblings of performers, as well as Marshall students and teachers who wanted to show their support.

Teachers and students alike understood the magnitude of the Fall Festival being the first live performance since the pandemic.

"It's been over a year since we've had anything in person. It's nice to see students dress up and be out of the classroom, and to just see what they thrive at. All in all, great event," math teacher Jia Wu said.

With the complications of the pandemic throughout the 2020-21 school year, students involved in the arts missed out on live performances.

"It was nice to be performing again and to hear everyone else performing again. It was a nice way to welcome back Marshall performing arts, going back to live audiences and such," senior, Sawyer Trepp, in Jazz Band and Marching Band, said.

The event began with showcases from Dance Production and the Dance Team. Two pieces were performed by Dance Production, including a hip-hop dance to the song "Still Chose You" by The Kid LAROI and a contemporary piece to "Whoa" by Snoh Aalegra.

These sets were followed by performances from Jazz Band and Marching Band. Jazz Band performed multiple composi-

tions, such as "Mack the Knife," "Crunchy Frog," and "Tater Hill Shuffle." Marching Band performed its award-winning "Postcards from Spain."

After a brief intermission, the concert continued with performances from Choir and Orchestra, who both performed songs from popular movies.

Chamber choir sang "Pure Imagination" from the film, *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, and Chamber Orchestra played music from the animated Pixar movie, *The Incredibles*. There were also performances from the Drama Department, in which individual monologues were presented.

"This event tonight is one of my favorite events that Marshall hosts. With all the arts that go on in this place, this is a great showcase and it's just fun to be back after 18-20 months where we all haven't been here," said Tom Frederick, father of sophomore Zoe Frederick in Chamber Orchestra.



Top right: Camiah  
Arkliss-Adolphus, right  
Tatum Robinson



Left: Kylie Way

Below: Members of  
Advanced Jazz perform  
in the quad.





# HOMECON Powderp

Photos by: Angie Aguayo, Zem Bas

Article by: Angie A



On Oct. 14, Marshall Fundamental held its annual homecoming game, which was both excited and anxious about the upcoming game. The school gathered outside on the field due to COVID-19 restrictions. The spirit! The junior and senior boys showed a little preview of what was to come that night to really bring out the energy in everyone. The game ended in flag football.

Students eagerly filled the stands with blue and red. The game night started at 7 o'clock with Trinity de la Cruz singing the national anthem. Both teams were anticipating a competitive game with different strategies. The first touchdown of the night made by Brianna Marquez, star player. The scoreboard remained the same, 6-0, until the second half.

During halftime the cheer, dance, band and homecoming court were well as pizza and boba being sold in the parking lot. The band introduced the 2021 homecoming court. After the game, the homecoming court performed their own dance team. Afterwards, cheer performed and that was the last time ended with the last dance of the night performed by the homecoming court and brought energy back into the stands for the final half. The second half started with a touchdown from Junior to the homecoming court that didn't last long when two other valuable players on the homecoming court, scored the final two touchdowns of the night. The final score of 24-6. The seniors continue their streak of dominance.





# WINTER 2021

## Puff Game

Man, Mariella Farias & Elise Rojas  
Aguayo & Elise Rojas

PowderPuff game at PHS. Juniors and Seniors were  
game. Earlier that day, a pep rally took place at Marshall  
D restrictions, but the air was still filled with school  
w of their dance and what was going to happen later  
e main event was the game, senior girls vs junior girls

ed colors to show support between the two classes. The  
g the national anthem beautifully. Seniors and juniors  
t outcomes. The seniors took the lead with the first  
player of Marshall Fundamental's varsity soccer team.  
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was followed up by the junior boys cheer dance. Half-  
y the senior cheer boys. Both dances were outstanding  
lf of the game.

ennis player Jamie Diaz, tying up the score. However,  
the Senior team, Cadence Fisher and Manon Labar-  
the Seniors had won the 2021 Powderpuff Game by the  
inance in the annual rivalry game.





# Dhar Mann Youtube Star, Devon Weetly

*On social media and Youtube, Weetly has attracted many fans and followers, he is also a typical senior at Marshall Fundamental.*

By: Simon Ho

When thinking of actors, we would usually be thinking of our favorite movies and their casts. But, most people don't know that here at Marshall Fundamental is a famous actor by the name of Devon Weetly.

Weetly has always had a knack for entertaining others on his Youtube channel and over the years has slowly started to integrate over to the acting industry. He hadn't always thought about being an actor.

"It came more organically. I think I kind of was subconsciously an entertainer in some aspect, but over the years I made the transition naturally and nothing was forced on me. I even did Youtube for a while, so there is a part of me that wanted to entertain."

Later, he would go on and slowly transfer over to acting. He first started when he joined Marshall's drama class for some experience in his early acting career. As he gained more experience, he began taking part in small roles or background characters and slowly climbed his way up the ladder to build up his resume to acting companies.

Weetly didn't wait for one big gig to come up but rather made his name after seeking out directors to work for.

Currently, Weetly has been a professional actor for around two years, working with famous American entrepreneur Dhar Mann and has been acting in several scenes within his many short films and videos. Not only does he gets an acting spot in several of Dhar Mann's videos, but he also worked with a few brands like Aeropostle and Ghost Longboard where he promoted several of their products.

Although he has battled through many hurdles in his young career, he has thoroughly enjoyed his choice of becoming an actor. "Acting is a hard career. The basketball hoop in the Footlocker commercial was a nightmare," he lamented.

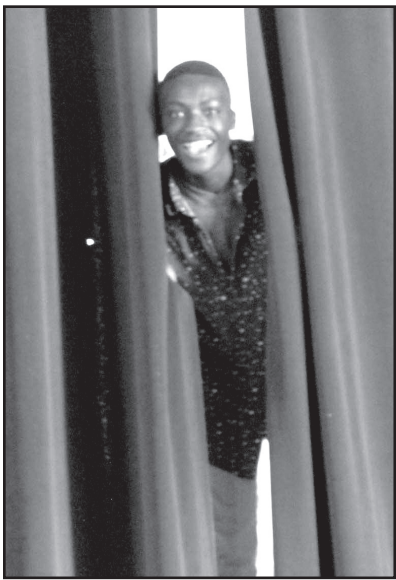
Recently, Weetly had to do a stunt where a fork was going through his tongue as he pretended to be a prankster in a Halloween episode of Dhar Mann.

He has dealt with night shoots with a call time at 7 to 8 p.m. where it would take overnight shoots and tricky hours to complete.

Currently, Weetly is applying to colleges and pursuing a double major in film and business. He hopes to one day direct his own films.

"If you have a dream, start young and plan. Don't wait," he said.

He hopes to follow his own advice.



*Marshall senior Devon Weetly spends his off hours on set for the popular Youtube show, Dhar Mann.*



Rosie Agdaian, Karmen Kajakafayan, Sabrina Segura - 12th Grade

Pajama Day



Sandro Di Claudio & James Shopbell - 9th grade

Twin Day



Manon Labarsouque, Suzel Favela, Cadence Fisher - 12th Grade

Class Color Day



Giselle Carlos & Elle Delgado 11th Grade

Y2K Day



Mary Kilardjian & Ani Hekimian - 11th grade

Eagle Spirt Day

# Fall Spirit Week



## Y2K, Second-hand Thrift Shops & Flea Markets Reflect Marshall's Youth Fashion

*These Socially-conscious seniors wear clothes that promote individualism and effortless cool*

By: Mariella Farias

Early 2000's fashion is making a comeback with this generation, where Y2k, Indie, and alternatives step back into the picture.

People are adding their own little details and getting creative to make it better than ever. All different types of styles are coming back to trend, and people are getting more and more imaginative. Each style has its unique different aspects.

Marshall senior Natalie Rowady gets fashion inspiration from LA, specifically Echo Park.

"I mostly get my fashion inspiration from a lot of my friends and the local community," Rowady said.

More specifically she acquires it from friends that attend art schools, which feature more innovative ideas that she gains inspiration from.

Senior Antonia Dauria attended a private school during middle school with a uniform dress code, so she didn't take an interest in fashion until she got to Marshall. Dauria wanted to showcase for her first day.

"Oh, I need to find something

to wear that I feel good in," Dauria said.

Expressing yourself is the main key to becoming fashionable, "It's taken a while to get to where I am today," she said. As of right now, she is unsure if she wants to pursue a fashion career, but she does want to attend a school that has a design program in sewing or creating new clothing as she enjoys sewing as a hobby.

Eliana Porter-Self, a senior at Marshall, started taking interest in second-hand clothing stores like Goodwill, Savers and Salvation Army during middle school. She also enjoys flea markets like the Rose Bowl one that occurs on the second Sunday of every month. The pandemic changed her view of fashion and to not care about others opinions.

"I think that during the pandemic because I wasn't really seeing people, my confidence grew. I personally don't care what other people think as long as I like the way that I dress," Porter-Self said.

Marshall's fashionistas don't purchase fast fashion as they are anti-consumerists who buy second-hand clothing from thrift stores and other online thrifts like Poshmark, Depop, and ThredUp.

They believe it's better to support your local small businesses and shop at a thrift.



Photo by: Frida Powles

Eliana Porter-Self, Antonia Dauria and Natalie Rowady support local thrifts.

## Mario Bros. World Record Holder



Photo by: Casey Fuhr

Senior Ben Karish broke the world record in speedrunning on New Super Mario Bros.

*Next-level gamer and Marshall senior obtains global distinction for speedrunning Wii game.*

By: Casey Fuhr & Alex Neuenburg

While many students were sitting at home, having to find new ways to entertain themselves during quarantine, senior Ben Karish decided to take up a hobby that



Ben Karish

always piqued his interest, speedrunning. Speedrunning is a form of play style where the player plays through a video game as fast as they can. Ben decided to speedrun one of his favorite childhood games, New Super Mario Bros. Wii.

On May 28, Karish broke the Nintendo world record of completing the game via speedrunning. "I knew that the record was

possible early on in my speedrunning attempts. I just had to get everything right for me to actually achieve it," Karish said.

Days before breaking the record, Karish mentioned how he had a run that was on world record pace, but made fatal errors on the final level, causing him to restart.

"This really gave me the confidence and motivation that I can actually do this thing," he added.

"It took me several months to break the world record. This was my 59th run to the final stage of the game where the hardest trick is located. I was happy to finally break through and claim the record by a second."

When he is not speedrunning New Super Mario Bros, he is speedrunning Super Mario Odyssey.

Karish started speedrunning in August of 2020 and within ten months, was able to obtain the world record.

Sadly, because of the extreme competitiveness of the game, former world record holder, Pidgey, was able to retake the record.

However, Karish says that this has given him increased motivation and to this day, he is trying to get the record back.

## Brooks Founds New Geography Club

*Junior Niko Brooks has seen growth in the student club he has founded that focuses on learning about new countries and cultures.*

By: Michael Morris & Dylan Todd

The Geography Club is a brand new student club created and run by junior Niko Brooks.

Niko himself is a dedicated, hard working, boy scout who has high hopes for his future. He decided to start the Geography Club because of his love for geography and the world. He wanted to share his passion with fellow Marshall students.

"My parents have al-

ways loved maps and geography and politics, so I'd say it's mostly my parents' influence on my life. I've always had a big map of Africa in my room," Brooks said.

"I wanted to start (a) geography club to change the narrative that Americans don't know anything about geography, and also to start a fun club that people can go to and is not arduous, something students actually enjoy going to," Brooks said.

So far the Club has been a success, with members learning about a new country or state every Thursday in room M272.

"We talk about the country and its political geography, actual geography, and it's economy.

We will also go over the cultural aspects which are really fun.



Niko Brooks



Photo by: Dylan Todd

Top: Brooks presents Slides on the state of Texas during a meeting of the Geography Club.

A music video from the country discussed is normally shown," he said.

Brooks wants members of the club to participate and learn basic things about other coun-

tries.

"I just want (members) to learn basic things about different countries. I feel like an education about other places can serve everybody very well. With an ed-

ucation about other places, it can make others better world citizens and travellers," Brooks said.

Countries discussed thus far include India, South Africa, Israel and Mexico.



## Distance Learning

By: Casey Fuhr

**A**s the cross country season has now come to an end, athletes can proudly acknowledge that they have raised the standard for Marshall Fundamental Cross Country.

The second Mission Valley League competition of the season would show phenomenal races from multiple people.

The Eagles placed second out of the seven schools in the league. Adrian Villaneda placed first among the boys varsity team at Marshall Fundamental and sixth place overall running a 17:40, and Alex Neuenburg came in behind him running an 18:20.

Other racers who also ran incredible races are Ben Karish, Evan Eslava and Ethan Sparks, all achieving their new distance personal record for this course. The Mission Valley League meet would be the breakthrough race for several Eagles, which propelled the team to the CIF Southern Section Prelims.

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*Top: Senior Alex Neuenburg broke personal records during the Mission Valley League finals.*

## Golf Goes Undefeated As Program Grows

*Coach Brent English expanded the golf team to include JV as the future of the program looks bright*

By: Alex Neuenburg

During this fall sports season, the Marshall girls golf team had their best season in school history. The team had their first ever undefeated season by going 6-0 versus their tough competition.

Part of this newfound success was due to the expansion of their team. Marshall had so many new members that they could finally have varsity and junior varsity teams.

After the season ended, some individual standouts were chosen to receive awards by coach Brent English.

Notable contributors were sophomore Alique Tufenkjian, senior Andrea Gonzalez and junior Hannah Sakai. Gonzalez was a founding member of the team and has been on varsity for three years.

"Overall, I had a really great experience this season. I think we all made massive improvements compared to years prior, which resulted in us being much more successful this year," Sakai said.

An interesting obstacle that the girls golf team had to overcome this year was the location of practice. The team would have to drive to the Eaton Canyon Golf Course. On the days where they couldn't get out to the course, they would practice form and short "chip" shots on the softball field.

While Marshall will be losing one of their best golfers with Gonzalez planning to graduate this year, the young team will surely grow with the presence of a junior varsity team and hopefully maintain their dominance going into the next season.

## Nationally Recognized Diver Fassi Makes Waves

*Rose Bowl Aquatics Diving Sensation, junior Luca Fassi has verbally committed to the application process at Princeton University*

By: Rory Lorenz & Hannah Sakai

Diving sometimes seems like a sport only watched or talked about when the summer Olympics come around. However, at Marshall Fundamental, there is a national diver in the 11th grade. His name is Luca Fassi.

Fassi started his diving career at the young age of nine. Since then, he has participated in countless competitions all over the world, in places such as Chile, Montreal, and Germany.

Luca dives for the Rose Bowl Aquatics Diving Club Team and participates in the USA Diving Competitions and the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). He initially began his journey by being a part of the Rose Bowl swim team.

However, he had found swimming to be boring and the divers practicing nearby had caught his eye instead.

"I don't have a specific inspiration like an older athlete or an olympian, but a lot of my peers that I dive with -- they inspire me, like some of the divers on my team or some of my friends from other teams in other states," Fassi said, explaining that he looks up to his fellow divers rather than a professional athlete.

His team has won multiple national championships within the past decade. The scoring is based on the team's overall points. Fassi's personal best award was his second-place medal, which was won at Nationals in 2019.

For standard diving competitions, the board heights include the one-meter and five-meter springboards, as well as the five, seven-and-a-half, and the ten meter platforms. Diving practices are year-round with a one-month break after summer break where there are no competitions.

Fassi's diving regimen is intense. He personally practices six days a week, for three hours, every week.

"Hopefully! I hope so!" was Fassi's cheerful response to the question if he wishes to participate in the Olympics.

In the future, the diver wishes to continue his journey at Princeton University in New Jersey.

Fassi has verbally committed to the application process at Princeton University. This means that the Princeton diving coach has already met with Fassi and placed him on the team.

Given that Ivy League schools do not award athletic scholarships, Fassi's academic record is nearly as stellar as his athletic ability. His excellence on the diving board and in classrooms has caught the eye of one of the nation's elite diving programs and academic institutions.

When interviewed about continuing in diving as a profession, he replied that he will probably discontinue diving at some point as it is a difficult job to make money with. However, don't be surprised if he one day represents the Stars and Strips in an Olympic games.

"I've known Luca since kindergarten, and he's had a love for diving for as long as I can remember. You can tell how passionate he is about his diving just by watching him; you can see his potential in every dive he makes," Marshall Fundamental junior and close friend of Fassi, Amina Malone, said.



*Junior Eagle Luca Fassi has dived both internationally and nationally for Rose Bowl Aquatics*





# Queen of the Court



Junior Jamie Diaz finds a new home at Marshall Fundamental after transferring last year

By: Alex Neuenburg  
Sports Editor

It was another exciting year for the Marshall girls tennis team. When competing against fellow league rivals, the girls were able to come out with the third position in the Mission Valley League.

A new addition to the team this year is a transfer student from Eagle Rock High School, Jamie Diaz. She is currently Marshall’s top singles player.

Two years ago, as a freshman, Diaz was in her first round CIF game when suddenly, she felt a sharp pain in her back. She was able to power through and win to make it through to the second round, but was unable to continue through in the tournament due to her injury.



Photo by: Marcello Komo

After transferring from Eagle Rock High School her sophomore year, Diaz has quickly become a sensation for the Lady Eagles tennis team.

During the pandemic, she was not aware of how to participate in the tennis season, so she was not able to compete in the fall 2020 season at Marshall.

“I wasn’t aware that there was a season going on, and I didn’t have any relationship with the coach so I kind of skipped a year.”

This season, as a junior, Diaz went the entire season while only losing to one other player. By accomplishing this, she qualified to move into the postseason CIF playoffs.

Her season ended in the second round of CIF as she was

eliminated from the competition.

Diaz has been playing tennis since she was seven and has been competing ever since 5th grade. Throughout her journey, her dad has been her personal tennis coach. They practice every day for three hours.

Diaz spends her weekends traveling to tournaments as she is a ranked amateur by the US Tennis Association.

She will be back for one more shot at CIF next year.

# Volleyball Discovers Young Talent During Season

Despite tough year, volleyball finds future leaders, will return all starters for next year’s squad

By: Nashay Taylor

Girls volleyball finished the season by discovering promising young players and learning a lot about themselves along the way.

The Lady Eagles finished with a 3-16 overall record, 1-9 in the Mission Valley League.

The team played its best volleyball at the end of the season.

Their last game was Sep. 13. This game was played against Mountain View and they lost in a

five-set thriller. “It was bittersweet. We played well. This is the last game our seniors are going to play this season,” coach Jeffrey Thai said. The season never really got going as COVID-19 indoor restrictions never allowed the girls to fully engage in offseason practices. However, by the end of the year the team had found several young players who are ready to take it to the next level next year. Sophomore Evelyn Mkhitarian and juniors Journey Blueford and Lauren Sandoval will all be returning next season. “This year our team is really young. Next year my starting six are still going to be my starting six,” Thai said.

Consistency is a key word in the sport of volleyball where team chemistry matters a lot more than individual talent.

However, there are standouts who will shine.

“Laurn Sandoval is strong enough that we found that she was able to run the offense on her own,” Thai said.

“Overall, the team is still very young in terms of experience, but knowing that they still worked really hard we see great things for



Photo by: Angie Aguayo

Top: Marshall attacked relentlessly against visiting Gabrielino but fell short of a victory.

this team next season. Being on varsity puts in a lot more dedication, a lot more time and discipline than they probably anticipated.”

Possibly the hardest hitter on the team was middle blocker Journey Blueford. She admits there’s more that can be done.

“I feel like we did okay, but maybe we should have focused on our technique and working as a team more.” Blueford said.

I really enjoyed coaching this team because of their youth. They really want to prove that they belong on varsity,” Thai said.

# Fall Sports Awards

Girls Volleyball:	Girls Tennis:
MVP - Lauren Sandoval	MVP - Jamie Diaz
Most Improved - Desiree Lopez	Boys Cross Country:
Coach’s Award - Rory Lorenz	Coaches’ Award - Alex Neuenburg
Girls Cross Country:	New Runner - Brandon Yan
Coaches’ Award - Samantha Reynoso	Foundation - Ben Karish
New Runner - Ani Sarkisyan	Runner of the Year - Adrian Villaneda
Runner of the Year - Maude Windsor	Most Improved - Adison Blaha
Most Improved - Annika Heinsen	XC Determination - Adam Avazian

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Adrian Villaneda and Alex Neuenburg both ran exceptional races, with 17:12 and 17:55 times respectively.

“I tend to try to load up on carbs and sleep well the night before, as well as always hydrating as much as I can,” Neuenburg said of his preparations for a race.

“I basically follow the same procedure as Alex, except I have a major focus on making sure I am as hydrated as possible. Before going into a big race, personally, I struggle with the mental side of races. For some reason I get in my own head, and that limits how fast I can actually run,” Villaneda said.

“Each race I am usually thinking about something different. For [invitationals], I tend to just feel out the race and try to push right from the start of the race. But for a league meet, where my position in the race matters, instead of pushing as hard as I can right from the start, I am picking targets in other schools to either run with or pass throughout the race.”

Regardless of the strategy, Villaneda revealed the key to his succes.

“I just try to perform to the best of my ability,” he said.



Op-ed: K-Pop Is More Than Just Catchy Songs, It's About 'Konnection'



**Madeline Garcia** In the late 80s, the K-Pop was born but, it wasn't until the mid-2010s that it began to gain popularity. It's a part of the Hallyu Wave, which includes different forms of Korean media. K-Pop is just pop in Korean, so what makes it different?

When most people see a performance by a K-Pop group, they understandably feel overwhelmed.

The clothing, the choreography, the set, what should I be watching? These performances are meticulously planned months in advance. The fans enjoy it while others admire the choreography and the clothing.

When people first begin their search into K-Pop, they learn about the years of training and the hardships for those in the group to be where they are today. It's admirable and frightening. People often become fans after learning about their journey and wish to support them until their career ends.

Their story is discoverable through content produced by their company. Pop artists tend to be more private about their personal life while K-Pop artists live their life broadcast to the world. Understandably this isn't always a positive thing. But this content keeps the fans and intrigues others. It helps people feel connected with the artists, a friendship.

The fan culture is widespread through all social media platforms and often affects the real world. What's often heard about K-Pop fans isn't positive, but it's interesting. The infamous "Stan Twitter" is the first thing that comes to mind. From the surface, it looks like petty catfights over insignificant things but, there's a better side to it.

Events, fundraisers, and fan-made content allow you to have positive interactions with other fans. The relationship between the fans sets K-Pop apart from Pop.

Although K-Pop hasn't been popular for long, these differences will allow for its longevity and allow for an enjoyable experience.

Late School Dismissal Has Failed

W e here at the Marshall Eagle Eye have come together in solidarity and we unanimously agree that the school hours should be changed.

Different students from different backgrounds are affected negatively by the change in the bell schedule.

For one, student athletes are missing so much class time as a result of the move from three to three forty, making it harder for athletes to do well in school. One student even said that lunch is so late on Mondays that when he runs cross-country he throws up during practice. The school can't move back to the start time of seven-fifty because all high schools are mandated by law to start after eight-thirty.

One potential solution would be to move the end of the day from three forty back to three. Another option would be to do a block

or a rolling schedule because both make it so student-athletes aren't missing the same classes repeatedly. With the block schedule, students would only go to three classes a day.

This allows students to obtain more information by not having to absorb six different subjects. The rolling schedule is when classes rotate, allowing for students to learn subjects at different times of the day. A benefit of this schedule is that it allows students to have each class at the height of their productivity.

Student-athletes aren't the only ones positively affected by this. Students who have work after school like getting out at three because it gives the student better work hours and allows them to earn more money. It allows for more time to commute to work as well. For all of these reasons mentioned, there should be a change to the current schedule. The idea was well intentioned, but the reality reveals issues.

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