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Cases Drop, Mask Mandate Lifted, Students Proceed with Caution

After turbulent start of spring semester, students and staff both welcome and fear the removal of masks

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Starting school in January, the Omicron variant was visibly shown at Marshall Fundamental, as many students and staff started the year at home. By this week, however, the mask mandate was lifted, and many students resumed class without facial coverings.

When students came back from winter break, some had to stay home or experienced an empty classroom, which began to feel like the beginning of the lockdown in March 2020. Omicron began to show its effect at Marshall. During the month of January, there were 1,581 student cases and 68 school site staff cases in PUSD. A factor in this could have been the new Omicron variant that spreads more easily and for younger age groups.

Barry Olafson, a scientist from Caltech, explained the difference between the Omicron variant and other variants.

"In Omicron there are 15 mutations from the original variant of COVID. Alpha only had 2 mutations, Delta only had 3. All the antibodies that worked against all the other variants did not work against Omicron due to mutations," Olafson said.

As Omicron was a new mutation, continuing school in-person was a huge concern for students and staff.

With a surprising number of students and staff who stayed home for a week or more, there were many effects that came along with it. Teachers saw how their students were greatly affected.

"The largest difficulties for me were the massive number of absences that we had at the beginning of the semester. It was very difficult for students who missed class because being in class has been, as we all learned last year, much better than learning remotely," AP World History teacher Joshua Tornek said.

Along with students being gone there was a staffing shortage.

"We had major staffing issues back in January due to it being so widespread, that even vaccinated staff were affected and so it was dif-

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Top: Sophomore Maia Rosenbaum, sophomore Olivia Hargrove, senior Idalina Bonham, senior Kaitlyn Marlor, senior Julian de la Torre, and senior Jose Huerta
Right: Jeannine Briggs
Bottom: Felita Kealing

Roses Are Marshall Red

Members of Eagles marching band join PUSD All-Stars, Jeannine Briggs, Felita Kealing in 133rd Rose Parade

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Women's History Event to Feature Clinton

Principal brings women's celebration event to Marshall, Hillary Clinton to present keynote presentation

By: Ava Burke, Marcella Komo & Katherine Ward

In honor of Women's History Month, Marshall Fundamental is proudly hosting a 5th annual celebration assembly, which features many strong female leaders and role models in the community.

The main focus of this assembly is to recognize the Women's Movement, specifically suffrage and liberation, and inspire young women to keep fighting for their rights. The assembly will be held on Wed., March 23, from 6-8 p.m. at Marshall

Fundamental.

The keynote speaker will be former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is sharing a personal-

ized message, via pre recorded video, to the young women of the Pasadena Unified School District. Some other speakers who will be presenting are PUSD Superintendent Dr. Brian McDonald, Congress-

member Judy Chu, Pasadena City Councilmember Felicia Williams,

Altadena Town Councilmember Dr. Sandra E. Thomas and the PUSD Chief Academic Officer Dr. Elizabeth Blanco.

Along with all of these speakers, there will also be an essay reading and art exhibit, showcasing the specially recognized talent among the middle and high school students of the Pasadena Unified School District.

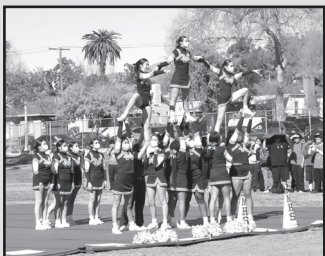
When Principal Lori Touloumian started this initiative, she never thought it would become such a huge success. She now has hopes that through continuing this project, bigger changes will arrive to the district, one of which would be changing the core curriculum in middle and high schools to involve

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Lori Touloumian

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Winter Formal & Prom Will Be Indoors

After two long years, the traditional high school dances return with COVID restrictions lifted and cases decreasing

By: Angie Aguayo
& Elise Rojas

After several delays due to the circumstances surrounding the COVID pandemic, Marshall has announced the dates of its annual Winter Formal and Prom dances. Both will be held indoors.

The Winter Formal will be held at a gorgeous venue that is the Brandview Ballroom in Glendale on Mar.31, with ASB \$50, without \$60.

This Winter Formal's theme is "Iced out," which was put together by Marshall's Associated Student Body.

Originally this dance was supposed to take place on Feb. 10th. Unfortunately, that didn't happen as the date was pushed back a month and a half due to COVID restrictions.

According to ASB advisor David Lee, the spike in COVID cases to begin the year

was the cause for the delay of the Winter Formal.

Originally, the dance followed safety regulations such as requiring students to prove that they had received a booster shot, but since cases have dropped, this is no longer the case.

Prom 2022 also has a specific event date. It is being held on May 27 at the Castaway in Burbank.

The prom committee took a vote and were thinking of making the theme "Crystal Cave," but sources say they are still deciding the final theme.

Not only are seniors attending, but juniors can attend if they are someone's date. ASB is also going to be there to capture the moments. President Pearl Brandow and the Prom advisor, English teacher Marti Macinnes, are the ones in charge and are making sure this year's prom is outstanding since last year, seniors did not have a prom.



BSU Outdoor Assembly Unites Students

On Feb. 25, Black Student Union hosted an outdoor cultural assembly

By: Nashay Taylor

Students and staff at Marshall celebrated Black history in February with an outdoor assembly filled with activities and events.

Starting off this beautiful event was a guest singer named Genesis Woods who sang "Glory" by John Legend. The song details the Black struggle and audience members felt goosebumps with her words.

There were also paintings, pictures and games from many of the booths that celebrated Black history.

Some students even had on traditional African tops and modern street wear. Some of these models were Journey Blueford, Jaylin Morgan, Jeannine Briggs, and Haile Ball.

One of the booth tables had pictures of different African-American hairstyles. The booth provided information to students about various hairstyles within the culture.

Perhaps the most entertaining part of the assembly were the dances performed by students. The audience danced along with the performers creating a performance that connected both the dancers and their fans.

"We kind of wanted to do a different



Photos by: Itzel Osorio Silva & Nashay Taylor

*Top: BSU students perform a cultural dance
Right: Guest singer Genesis Woods sings "Glory"*

take on it because in previous BSUs they talked about 'history this and history that, Martin Luther King this and Martin Luther King that. These were people we already knew. We wanted to have people that we didn't know before and look at different aspects of our culture, from hair, to the style, to the food — just the culture, just get a better scope on BSU," junior Jayline Morgan said.

"I feel as though we could have made this event even better if we just had more time, but you know there's always next year to make those changes," she said.

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more of women's history.

"The ultimate goal is to have women's history be a part of your curriculum at a much broader scale," Touloumian told the staff.

Although a monumental amount of progress has been made for women, Touloumian is still a strong believer that the fight is not yet over.

"We still, unfortunately, have to fight so hard for our voices to be heard, whether it's leadership or any other roles. You know, it shouldn't be something we have to fight for. I mean, we are in 2022."

PUSD secondary students will also be featured in the event as a contest has been formed to showcase essays and artwork that advocate an advancement of women's rights.



Photos by: Mariella Farias & Steven Delgado

*Top: Marshall cheer performs at CIF Southern Section Championships
Right: (from left to right) Junior Valeria Hernandez, senior Ruby Hernandez, sophomore Isabella Cordova, junior Savana Rachal at Nationals*



Marshall Cheer Back on Mat After Two Year Quarantine

Eagles Cheer grows as school competes at both CIF and Nationals

By: Frida Powles
& Rory Lorenz

After hurdling the struggles of the pandemic, the Marshall cheerleaders jumped back into competition — first loading in with the USA Regionals, going full-out in the CIF Southern Section, and ending their season with the USA Spirit Nationals competition.

On Jan. 18, 2020, Marshall Cheer began their competition journey with the USA Regionals at Agoura Hills High School and qualified for the 2020 USA Spirit Nationals at the Anaheim Convention Center by scoring a performance score more than 80% of the total point value.

Two years later, on Jan. 15, 2022, the cheerleading team once again competed at the USA Regionals, placing fourth in their division, and once again qualifying for the USA Spirit Nationals that was held on Feb. 25.

For the first time, Marshall cheer competed in the CIF Southern Section competition along with nine other teams. This was also the first time the city of Pasadena was represented at a CIF cheerleading competition.

After a great effort, the cheer team placed in the top five.

To prepare, the cheerleaders practiced four times a day, usually for three hours during the competition season.

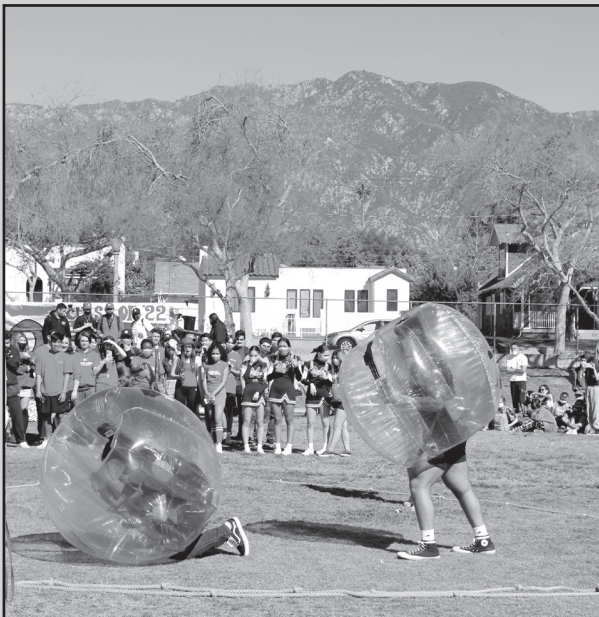
"Every competition comes with variables that are both expected and unexpected," Cheer head coach Michelle Frencher said.

"Competing teaches valuable lessons both individually and collectively."

To take a closer look at what cheer is all about, it is much more than a smile and some yelling. There is a wide range of different stunts to perform, including extensions, liberties, twist ups, straight rides, basket tosses, and cupies. According to the cheer team athletes, the easiest is a thigh stand and the most difficult would be the one-legged pyramid.

Frencher was excited about being an instrumental person in each of her athlete's lives, either personally or professionally.

"The biggest trophy as a coach was watching how each person slowly flourishes their strength in cheer, in jumps, choreography, enthusiasm, and overcoming difficult situations that arose during the season," she said.



Winter Pep Rally

Photos by: Elise Rojas



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ficult, but we all worked together,” assistant principal Lanisha Kelly said.

Eventually, in three weeks classes began to fill in with students and staff that came back. It went back to how it was. COVID cases began to go down. As of the month of February, PUSD reported that there were 252 student cases and 52 school site staff cases.

It seemed like the COVID

situation was getting better with a new mask mandate.

On Mar. 12, PUSD lifted the mask mandate, which was decided based on a low risk of COVID-19 in Pasadena and Los Angeles county. The lifted mandate applies to schools. This has sparked different opinions from students.

Some people have waited for this moment for two years, but some are still concerned

Junior Kai Howard was relieved.

“You can barely breathe, so the mask is not good. A mask doesn’t help anyways because you get cases even with a mask,” he

said.

Other students, however, are still concerned.

“I think it’s a little risky right now. I think we should wait until COVID is no longer a pandemic, just for safety reasons,” junior Mahesh Anissah said. “If we start taking [the masks] off again, then it’s just going to happen like last time. It’s going to be a massive mess, so let’s just wait it out.”

From a scientific view, Olafson discussed how COVID is a virus that keeps surprising scientists. Scientists have to be vigilant about COVID as it is unstable.

His opinion on the lifted

mask mandate was that for kids it is safe, but people can’t be relaxed because people who have contracted COVID can have long-term effects of tiredness and brain fog, which damages the heart and attacks the respiratory system.

Pasadena Now also wrote how low-income families, unvaccinated, and immunocompromised people can be affected once the mask mandate is lifted.

This week marked the first time during this school year that it was an individual choice for students and staff to wear a mask indoors on campus.

How do you feel about the mask mandate being removed?



“Safety vs. smiles, we shall see. We don’t know much at the moment.”

-Teacher Luis Rendon



“I think it’s a little risky and we should wait it out until COVID is no longer a pandemic. It’s not that hard to put a piece of paper over your mouth.

- Junior Mahesh Anissah



I’m really excited to be able to not have to worry about bringing my mask to school everyday and wearing it everywhere I go. It’s a good step in the right direction for the future of the pandemic, so I’m really excited.”

- Senior McCarley Root

Given Challenges Stemming From COVID, Mental Health Club Provides Relief

Student club gives students resources to cope with pandemic struggles

By: Donovan Umaguing

Due to the recent events happening in the world, mental health has been at an all-time low. School has always been a prevalent source of stress. Combined, it’s just the perfect storm that causes the mental health of students to be egregious, especially with the lack of resources for young people. It hasn’t been easy.

One can argue that there isn’t any help with mental health at schools. Luckily, the Mental Health club at Marshall has been here to help students with their mental balance.

The Mental Health Club is a club advised by history teacher Andrea Flores and led by 11th grader Stephanie Barcenas.

Barcenas is also in the Student Think Tank here at Marshall. The Student Think Tank evaluates the climate

of mental health on campus/community and conducts research to present a means for resources and plans to support the community.

With the Mental Health Club, not only does it help students with their mental health, but they also collaborate with nonprofit associations like Drawing Together to give students tools to help them. Drawing Together is a nonprofit organization that provides art classes and helps children improve their creativity, imagination, and confidence.

Additionally, the club discusses how school affects students’ mental health, for example, AP classes, which are known to be more difficult courses. This is a major proponent in students’ stress levels.

The mental health club would help students manage their stress stemming from such classes, and help students find methods to cope with their stress.

The Mental Health Club is a step towards recognizing students’ difficulties and understanding them to better deal with the challenges of school.

Marshall Educators Win Rotary Awards

Community humanitarian organization provides grants to several Marshall faculty members to further educational opportunities

By: Simon Ho

The Rotary Club is a non-profit community that was founded around the 1800s to counteract the capitalist ideas at the time.

At the time, tenements and fighting with diseases were common amongst the poor. Alcohol was cheap and the areas were very much dangerous.

The Rotary Club is one of the first non-profits to act as a humanitarian organization to improve conditions and humans.

The Rotary Club strongly supports Marshall and having to fund for the school's grounds and the education of the

students. The Rotary Club is very helpful in supplying teachers and the school financially.

The Rotary awards were awarded for two different kinds of grants: the first being anything the teachers wanted for the students, the second being to improve the spaces for education.

Daniel Jarashow, being one of these winners of the grants, hopes that the money he had won goes particularly to fund for a Marshall rugby team, believing that rugby is best fitted for Marshall.

He would like to start funding for a better football field for Marshall's players and marching band.

Dr. Mary Stevens also won a Rotary award for writing a grant for Americanism and on the Armenian Genocide. Stevens is very much grateful for the Rotary Club, wanting to forward

the money to go towards not only the school's education but also to expand the civic engagement outside of school.

Zara Agvastian is another winner of the Rotary awards. She won two grants for applying the Pythagorean theorem to real-life situations/problem-solving and for the Pasadena Education Foundation.

"Altadena Rotary awards are doing great, supporting teachers and enhancing student learning by providing resources and support," Agvastian said.

She plans on forwarding this money to buy a colored printer to further improve upon her class' education.

Other winners include Daarina Abdus Samad, middle school art, Sara Dickerson, 6th Grade and 6th Grade Art, and Gretchen Mosher, 9th and 10th Grade English.

ASB Traveled to Pali for Retreat

Despite COVID delay, ASB eventually completes bi-annual trip for closer connections

By: Zem Bashan

On Dec.10-12, 2021, Marshall's Associated Student Body set out for their bi-annual ASB Retreat.

All 31 of our school's ASB members: president, senators, and various other officials drove off to Pali, just east of Lake Arrowhead, where they would live together for the next three days.

"The main reason for the trip was to get stu-

dents settled into the positions," ASB advisor David Lee said.

While ASB normally embarked on this trip over summer, due to COVID complications, they had to reschedule to this winter.

"It was like a refresher, being around snow and all," Lee said. "Some of the kids on the trip had never even seen snow before,"

The trip was a great success for the Marshall ASB. It let kids bond and gave the teachers and advisors a better understanding of these kids. They saw them in a light not previously available to teachers.

The Marshall ASB came back feeling refreshed and better connected, "It's like a team bonding exercise," Lee said.



Photo by: Helen Hu

MUSE/IQUE's Artistic Advisor Jamey Tate presents to ACI students.

ACI Day Connects Students with Pros

Students learned from industry professionals during Marshall's ACI Day

By: Helen Hu

It is not everyday where multiple guest speakers would come to school to talk about their careers.

But on Mar. 1, Students became informed about the creative industries as they started to prepare for college and/or career.

ACI students were assigned to a course such as dance, drama, graphic design, visual arts, orchestra and band, and completed a workshop. Guest speakers came to the classroom and talked about their careers/organizations.

The Academy for Creative Industries is a program at Marshall that focuses on the performing arts such as drama, music, dance, and visual/graphic design. Students get to go on field trips to visit professionals and their job sites.

For Orchestra/Band, the

guest speakers were Jamey Tate, MUSE/IQUE's Artistic Advisor and Heather Lipson Bell, MUSE/IQUE's Director of Education, Community Engagement, and Digital Media.

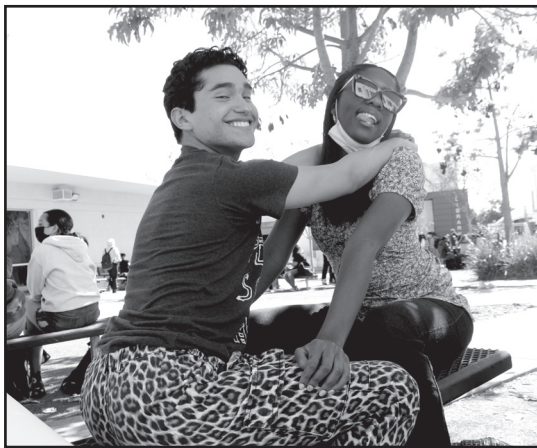
They talked about how MUSE holds events featuring an eclectic mix of artists and artistic disciplines in spaces where art typically does not take place. They gave some pointers on how it's great to be versatile in different instruments in a professional career.

"There is not a school on the planet that has a music department that is worthless. There are teachers in every single school that if you get what you need out of it, it doesn't matter what school it is. It's all about what you put into it," guest speaker Jamey Tate said.

This helped students acquire more information about a career that they might think about.

"The MUSE speakers were nice. I've learned some new things that I might not have known. However, it could be very important for the younger students to learn, too," senior Daniel Shintaku said.

Winter Spirit Week



Daniel Zapata, Journey Blueford - 11th grade

Pajama Day



Eric Cabrales - 11th grade

Anything But a Backpack Day



Ryan Martinez, Devan Kelly, Daniel Shintaku - 12th grade

Generational Day



Mary Kilardjian, Lauren Sandoval, Journey Blueford, Kaleb Del Villar, Arleth Angeles - 11th grade

Class Colors Day

Program Connects Students With Professionals

ACE program offers Marshall students opportunities in architecture, construction and engineering

By: Marcella Komo

ACE is an acronym for Architectural Construction and Engineering. It is a program run by volunteer professionals in those fields open to all PUSD students.

This program gives students a chance to have hands-on experience and work with these professionals to understand the aspects of what it takes to be an engineer.

Before the pandemic, every two weeks, students had the opportunity to visit construction sites, architectural firms, and engineering offices.

Art teacher Luis Rendon contributes and advises for this program at Marshall Fundamental. He believes the real-world connections made through ACE can be a powerful tool for students to generate interest in these professional fields.

"A couple of years ago, we went to the SoFi stadium when it was under construction," he said.

ACE has two parts and in the second semester, you get to work with your team to create both physical and 3D model floor plans.

Students involved in this program learn about these careers that they are interested in, yet don't know much about, and what education is necessary to achieve these titles.

"If you participate in 80% of the meetings you are eligible for a scholarship," Rendon added.

COVID-19 has changed how ACE interacts with students since it has been virtual the last two years, but over the last couple of months, the Pasadena team has been meeting at John Muir High School.

Students, Staff Partake in Rose Parade

Marshall Marching Band students, staff member, and student Rose Princess all march during parade

By: Zem Bashan, Helen Hu & Jimena Zamorano

The Rose Parade is held every year on Jan.1 and has a storied tradition that has spanned over a century. The parade itself is known worldwide and this year it marked the 133rd parade since its inception.

It is a very common occurrence that families and children all gather around to watch as a way to start the new year off. The Rose Parade is a very selective event in which highly respected people from all over Pasadena are a part of. People come to watch grand floats covered in flowers, spirited marching bands, and high-stepping equestrian units.

This year, Marshall Fundamental was highly involved as members of its marching band, public relations and marketing director, and Rose Princess all took part in the pageantry.

The marketing and public relations director for Marshall, Felita Kealing, was able to be a part of a carriage being guided throughout the Rose Parade. Whilst on the float, Kealing would wave to the viewers of the parade, giving everyone in the stands something to watch as the larger floats followed behind. This would amount to be the first Marshall Fundamental staff member to be present on the floats.

She was representing both Marshall and the Pasadena Educational Foundation as its Board of Directors President.

Kealing has been a volunteer, helping out with decorating the float since she was in high school. Ever since she was a young child, her family would watch the Rose Parade. She had many different experiences with the Rose Parade. However, this was the first time Kealing was ever able to be in one.

“I loved the Rose Parade. I go to the Rose Parade just about every year that I’ve been here, and I’ve been here for 58 years. But, I never thought I would be in the Rose Parade and this is my absolute first time in one. I had so much fun,” Kealing said.

She was selected to participate as part of the Pasadena Unified School District unit that was represented in the Rose Parade. She didn’t think that she would get selected as a Board President or a volunteer but rather the PEF Executive Director. The reason why she was selected over the other directors was because she was a PUSD alumna.

“I have an investment in this community. I went to PUSD schools. My sons went to PUSD schools. I volunteered when they had a Little League and was AYSO referee. I’ve done volunteer work with the Boys and Girls Club before I had children. I have a long term investment in this community with different types of organizations,” Kealing added.

Marshall was also represented in the Pasadena All-Star Band at the Rose Pa-

rade. Six Marshall students, Idalina Bonham, Maia Rosenbaum, Julian de la Torre, Olivia Hargrove, Jose Huerta and Kaitlyn Marlor all marched with the All-stars.

Practices for the students began in August, giving them only four months of preparation.

“It was four full months of practice, late nights at PHS practicing all day and after school,” De la Torre said.

Marlor added, “Oh gosh, Definitely over 100 hours of practice.”

In the week before the parade, the marching band had a “tech week” that went from 8 am to 5 pm every day.

“Ever since I was small, my family would watch it,” said De La Torre, referring to the Rose Parade.

“It’s something international. Being a part of it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

“How can I not participate? I’ve lived in Pasadena my whole life, and I’m in marching band,” Marlor said. “I remember turning the corner onto Colorado Blvd. and being absolutely thrilled.”

Nerves were tested as the students performed in front of a globally-televised audience.

“I was so nervous the day of the parade,” Hargrove said. “But I’m so glad I did it. It was one of the biggest accomplishments of my entire life.”

Last, but not least, senior Jeannine Briggs had the honor to represent her community as one of the members of the Royal Court.

As a member of the Royal Court, Briggs had to go through many rigorous hours of training in order to be prepared for the parade.

On the day of the parade, she had to wake up before the sun rose in order to be picked up and taken to the Tournament House. There, all the members of the court were given breakfast as a way to get them ready for the long day that awaited them.

After their breakfast, all the members had to start getting ready. While getting their hair and makeup done, Briggs mentioned that she had all of these different emotions going through her mind. But luckily, she had the other members who could relate to her and she remembered that though they were in such an important position, they didn’t let that stop them from having fun.

“I was really excited and I just remember dancing to music in the Queen and Court room,” Briggs said.

When it came time for her to get onto the float, Briggs mentioned that she was not very nervous.

“It didn’t feel nerve-racking or uncomfortable because I’m used to performing,” she said.

It also helped that the people watching her were her people in her own community. It didn’t dawn on her that there were millions of people watching her on TV.

She also mentioned that it’s not very known, but the audience is closer to the floats than they think. She remembers



Photos courtesy of respective participants

Top: PUSD All-Star Marching band
Left: Senior Jeannine Briggs on a float
Below: Members of the Rose Court, including Jeannine Briggs (far left)



being able to hear people’s conversations and seeing their excitement as the float passed by.

Seeing the parade as the audience is one thing, but when on the floats, there is so much that you can see.

Briggs recalled that while on the float, she was able to see many familiar faces. It made her happy to see so many people that were there to support her. Her friends even wore shirts with her face on it, which she said made her very happy and laugh.

At the end of the parade, while most were packing up to leave, Briggs and the other members of the court had the opportunity to go watch the football game that always takes place at the Rose Bowl after the parade. There, each member was

introduced and they were even given seats located near the 50-yard line.

Though the parade had ended and her duties as a Royal Court Member were no longer needed, Briggs said that it was an unforgettable moment. With that experience, she was able to create new friendships with her fellow court members whom she calls some of her “closest friends.”

“I think the public speaking skills I gained were really valuable and I like to be a community representative and advocate, so I hope to continue to use the platform that the Tournament gave me with government officials and other important people in Pasadena to bring attention to aspects of our community that I feel need to be addressed, like the public school system and race relations,” she said.



Members of the PUSD unit rode a 1924 Model TT (“Jitney Bus”) Ford Truck



The PUSD All-Star band rehearse for the Rose Parade as they practice songs and chants



MARSHALL FUNDAMENTAL GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

BY KAIYA JOTA

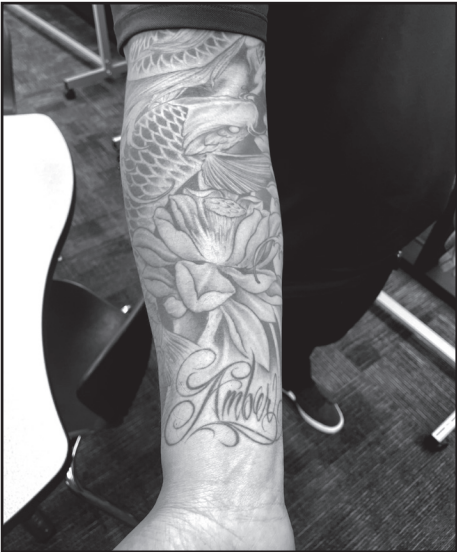
CITY ADVANTAGE DIVISION 5 CHAMPIONS





Photo by: Ashley Williams

Security guard Jason Tea (JT) exposes his tattooed arms that describe his experiences.



Campus Guard Reveals Skin Art

Despite social stigmas against tattoos, campus security guard Jason Tea has made a friendly reputation with students that is more than skin deep.

By: Ashley Williams

Many know him as a kind, supportive, loyal and funny person. Jason Tea (JT) is our school security guard. He has worked at Marshall Fundamental for three years, but before working at Marshall Fundamental he used to work at a juvenile holding facility as a security guard.

Many have seen his tattoos but never knew the meanings behind them. JT understands that there are social taboos against tattoos, especially at schools.

“A lot of people think they’re gang-affiliated,” Tea said. “I don’t think they’re a bad influence on kids, but a lot of the older generation doesn’t accept it. The younger generation does.”

Each of JT’s tattoos has a meaning, some more than others.

JT has a total of 10 tattoos. The first tattoo he got was of his wife’s name “Amber” to always remember her and show his loyalty to her.

His second tattoo is the term “carpe diem,” a Latin term meaning “seize the day.” He stated, “To me, seize the day is kind of like taking advantage of your day,” Tea said.

He related it to a student having an upcoming test and not worrying about it, but studying for it and just looking towards the future.

JT got that tattoo at eighteen, right after high school and he took the tattoo literally and got the tattoo on his forearm so everyone can see it. After he got the tattoo, a lot of his peers reminded him that it would be hard to get a job due to the skin art.

“As I get older, the code is still relevant to me,” he stated.

His third and fourth tattoos are of two koi fish swimming upward on his lateral antebrachial meaning determina-

tion and perseverance. Then they lead to a dragon on his axillary meaning achieved goals and success.

JT’s fifth and sixth tattoos are two lotus flowers next to the two koi fish. The meaning of them is growth because lotus flowers usually grow at the bottom of ponds in murky dirty water, but end up growing, floating and flourishing on top of the water.

“This symbolizes my life in a way,” Tea said of the flowers.

His seventh tattoo is of his son when he was three years old whilst on a vacation at Lego Land.

“Everything I do is for my son.”

JT’s eighth tattoo is his last name on his back. He said that he regrets getting it because he finds it to be quite meaningless.

The ninth tattoo JT has is “Lord forgive me for my sins” due to his religion. The last and most recent tattoo JT has is of his beautiful, lovely mom and dad.

Although JT can look very intimidating due to his large frame filled with body art, most who know him consider him to be a gentle giant. He protects students as the school’s security, but many consider him to also be a supportive mentor.

Although he has many tattoos, he encourages students to question whether or not they themselves should get them when they become adults.

“I don’t think they’re a bad influence, but I do think the placement is very important. If not placed right, it can make many people look very unprofessional,” he said.

JT has made his reputation based on more than just appearance as he has gained the trust of the students and staff. Hopefully, people can be judged on their character and actions more than their appearance and stylistic choices.

Travis Delgado Wins Posse

Scholar athlete Travis Delgado awarded prestigious Posse scholarship to University of Wisconsin

By: Caydon Liu

Getting to go to a four-year university for no charge seems like a far-fetched dream for many. However, for Travis Delgado, this is a dream that came true.

If one doesn’t know him already, Delgado is a senior at Marshall. He is greatly involved at the school, being a four-year varsity baseball player, being on the basketball team, participating in many clubs, and even being the ASB unifications commissioner.

One can typically spot him wearing a hoodie displaying a college somewhere in the nation, wearing shorts and sneakers. He’s been in the news lately for being awarded the Posse Scholarship.

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The Posse Scholarship is a scholarship awarded to students who are deemed exceptional by the Posse board.

As stated by the Posse Foundation themselves, “The Posse Foundation identifies, recruits and trains individuals with extraordinary leadership potential.”

“Some values instilled in me as a child are to be humble about your successes and to be kind to everyone you meet,” Delgado said.

“I feel this helped me with my Posse interviews because I was able to get along with the kids and mentors very well, which I credit to both my parents because they taught me everything by example. I was very determined to get good grades because I knew it would later pay off one way or another.”

For his future goals, Delgado plans on becoming an engineer, while playing at the University of Wisconsin’s club baseball team.

SENIOR LEVELS UP WITH SOCIAL MEDIA BUSINESS

Reseller senior Takeru Yoshida has been expanding his social media business since 2016

By: Casey Fuhr & Jimena Zamorano

A reselling business can be described as buying an item and selling, or reselling it for a higher price.

Goods that are typically sold in this business are expensive clothes, shoes, watches and many more. However, there are a multitude of risks that can correspond with this industry.

Inspired by his brother, Marshall senior Takeru Yoshida was able to take this business and transform it as a way of making money. Starting in 2016 when he was in sixth grade, Yoshida has been able to rise up in the ranks among other reselling counterparts.

The senior is very experienced at what he is doing. He has been doing this for many years, and each year he is able to generate more and more income for himself and his family.

Yoshida was able to provide insight on the reselling business that he runs.

“Before I began reselling shoes and clothing, I was just collecting shoes and not selling. I saw that my older brother was making a lot of money reselling and I thought it was a cool way of making money,” he said.



Photo by: Casey Fuhr

Top: Takeru Yoshida holds a pair of Jordan 4 Unions and Jordan 1 High Fragment X Travis Scott shoes, both shoes are estimated to be worth \$4,500 combined.

Yoshida had a knack for collecting vintage sneakers.

“The first thing I sold was a pair of Nike Kobe 9 Elite NOLA Gumbo League ‘Maestro’ for about \$200. I think it was in 2016,” he said.

As for why he continued doing this for as long as he has, Yoshida stated, “I resold items because it was the only source of income that I could get at a young age and it was pretty good money. I chose to sell shoes and clothing because I was already a collector of fashion items and it had high demand in the market.”

Yoshida sells primarily shoes and clothing that is hot in the market at the moment.

“I’ve sold clothing, shoes, accessories, and basically anything a sought after brand has put their logo on,” he said.

This type of business comes with its share of risks, both for the consumer and the reseller.

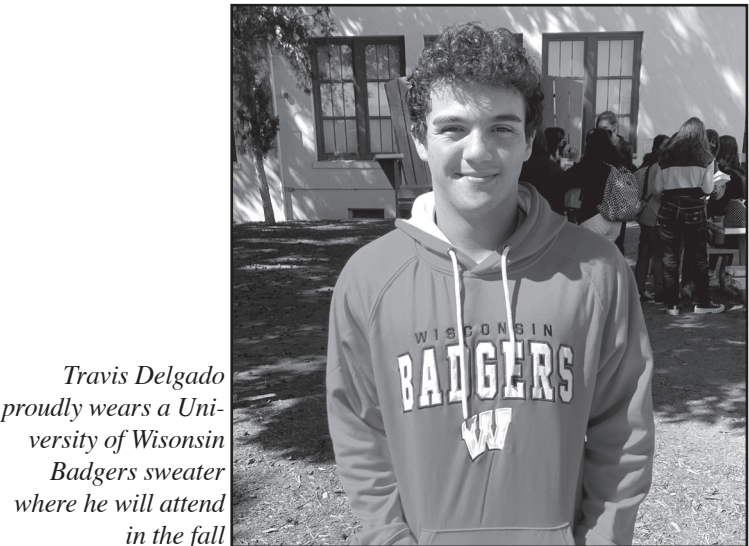
“In this business, I’ve had to deal with many scammers and thieves. Scammers are a very

common occurrence. They usually try to sell you replica versions of sought after shoes and play it off as real,” he said.

“The replicas in today’s market are almost identical, so it is a challenge checking them if they are legit. Thieves were another issue because my home has been robbed a few times losing thousands of dollars in merchandise. I’ve installed cameras in front of my house so my home is safe. But, resellers tend to get robbed in the street, too,” Yoshida said.

Yoshida doesn’t plan to be a reseller forever. He’s got bigger plans.

“As of right now, I just want to finish high school and have enough money to begin investing. I’m not too sure what exactly I want to do in the future, but I definitely want to join the watch industry and stock market. I want to become big in the business world by investing and creating many different businesses,” he said.



Travis Delgado proudly wears a University of Wisconsin Badgers sweater where he will attend in the fall

Photo courtesy of Maci Kostanyan

Lady Eagles Bring Home CIF Title

Girls Soccer team wins only second CIF Championship in school history, also win league

By: Michael Morris

For only the second time in school history, the Marshall girls soccer team brought home a CIF championship this year.

The winning goal, scored in overtime via golden goal, earned the Eagles a 4-3 win over the Hemet Bulldogs at Pasadena City College on Feb 26.

The Eagles were able to secure the CIF Southern Section Division 5 Championship after defeating Windward, Covina, Palm Springs, Viewpoint, and Hemet in the playoff run.

Up until the championship game the Eagles hadn't let an opponent score a single goal in postseason play.

Marshall has been a powerhouse in soccer over the past decade, winning a CIF Championship in Girls Soccer in 2013 and a Boys Soccer CIF Championship in 2019. The girls team was especially dominant this season. They outscored opponents 153 goals to 17. Overall, the team went 26-3 in their fantastic season. The team went undefeated in Mission Valley League play, going 13-0 as they won the league championship.

Both Junior Delilah Vazquez and senior Suzel Favela agreed that their team chemistry was very important to their team's success.

"The bond we formed as a team, I believe, was what allowed us to be so successful. Our bond was something you don't see very often in both club and high school teams, so being able to bond with one another the way we did was an important factor to our success," Vazquez said.

Favela has been on varsity for all four years and was instrumental in this year's run.

"I think it was our team chemistry. Honestly, that is all you need to be a good team, because of the four years we have become so strong," Favela said.

The team suffered two early season losses to non-league opponents Flintridge Prep and Mayfield. It helped the team to elevate their play for more challenging opponents.

"I believe that our two regular-season losses helped us realize that not every team was going to be easy, and that if we wanted to win CIF, we needed to get closer as a team and work twice as hard than our opponents," Vazquez said.

"I was convinced from the start, when I learned who was going to be on the team, that this would be the year we won the CIF championship after six years of losing in the quarterfinals and semifinals."

Favela shared the same sentiment.

"Honestly, I feel like all the years kind of helped us win this year. So, this year was our year," she said.

Soaring to New Heights

By: Mariella Farias

Photos courtesy of Devette Johnson & Katherine Jennings

Cadence Fisher, a senior at Marshall Fundamental, started her soccer career when she was only five years old.

Her dad played soccer throughout college until he injured his knee which caused him to stop playing completely. His passion was to play professionally, so Fisher felt like she needed to take over the sport for him, and ever since then she immediately fell in love with it.

She does want to also continue playing collegiately after high school. She has been playing for LASC (Los Angeles Soccer Club) since she was eleven years old and playing for Marshall Fundamental on the varsity team since she was a freshman.

She also played for AYSO when she was younger and a total of five club teams throughout her career.

The girls' varsity soccer team recently won the CIF Championship for only the second time in school history.

"Going through four years of soccer with different coaches and teammates coming in, it's very satisfying to finally win CIF with my favorite group of people," Fisher said.

"Right now I am in the process of figuring out which school I want to go to and seeing which offers come to me."

She has gotten a few out-of-state offers so far. Fisher says that she thinks it's funny imagining herself attending a school in a whole different state.

She enjoys the position of midfielder because it's fun

for her and also allows her to be the most creative in the game. As a midfielder, she can push up whenever to help out the forwards when necessary, though most of the season, she did have to step in and play defense since there weren't many players who were willing to play defender.

"I don't like defense much, but it is helpful to be a versatile player."

Fisher played every game of CIF last year with a sprained ankle because of a club tournament injury. A defender slide-tackled her and injured her ankle. She then sprained it again this year, which caused her to have to continue playing throughout CIF and State despite her injury.

She is determined to push through and get through any obstacles that will come her way, and she will never give up.

Fisher said it was hard watching the team lose the game against Hemet High School during State since it was going to be her last game at Marshall.

"It's bittersweet because we knew we could beat that team since we had already beaten them before, but overall I'm proud of how we did throughout the season and how far we came."

The Marshall girls varsity soccer team was definitely a success this year. The chemistry they all have on the field is what allowed them to keep pushing through every game in CIF. Without Fisher's consistent play and development, her toughness to battle through injury, and her ability to play everywhere on the field, Marshall girls soccer would not be where it is today.



Photo by: Nashay Taylor

Senior Vaizon Boone stares down an opposing guard during a CIF playoff game.

Basketball Out In 2nd Round

Boys Basketball loses a heartbreaking as buzzer-beater closes the season in the CIF second round

By: Nashay Taylor

The Marshall boys basketball team had their season end on a last-second, buzzer beater as they lost in the second round of the CIF playoffs to Bosco Tech, 60-59.

Armen Darakchyan and Alonzo Acosta combined for 35 points.

The Eagles had an overall record of 16-10 and 8-4 in Mission Valley League, pulling in 2nd in the league.

Marshall senior captain Vaizon Boone was a consistent leader as the team's point guard.

"There were a whole lot of bad decisions by a whole lot of

teammates, including myself. Just about three or four of them culminated into us losing," Boone said.

Coach Jovan Jester was proud of his team's development.

"I was a bit shocked after the Bosco Tech tech game, but I was very pleased with how the team performed under pressure," he said.

"We lost but sometimes when you lose, you win, and it was a good lesson for the program moving forward. Team goals for each season are simple: work hard, get better in the classroom and at home. On the court, it's to win 20 games, win league and make a deep run in the playoffs and get a banner in the gym," Jester added.

Junior Armen Darakchyan will be able to focus on these goals for next season.

"I'll remember this season as a lesson. Just try harder, keep pushing forward, and never give up," he said.

The Golden Girl

By: Jazlyn Hernandez

For senior Brianna Marquez, soccer runs in the blood.

At only 4 years old, Marquez began her journey to become a successful soccer player. She says that one of her main reasons for starting soccer was her family.

Her mother’s two brothers had played soccer and played professionally. Her family decided that Marquez could excel at soccer just like them.

“They started training me, and I started Villa [recreation league] and club at 5 years old.”

Since then she has been playing club and high school soccer. When she came to Marshall, she joined the middle school soccer team, and when freshman year rolled around she tried out for the team and was immediately a starter.

“I felt like I could change something, my goal had been to win CIF, and we finally did,” she said.

Marquez led the team in goals as a midfielder and helped the team win only the second CIF title in school history, a 4-3 victory over Hemet High.

“It was a once-in-a-

lifetime opportunity that could happen to anyone, and for me to experience it, it was amazing. It felt beautiful,” she said.

Leading up to the final, Marquez scored the winning goal against Palm Springs High, a 40-yard direct kick blast that took the girls into the finals.

It was a scrappy match with both teams not getting a single shot on target for much of the match.

“Making everyone happy around me, made me feel good,” she said.

Marquez wasn’t always the goalscorer of her respective squads.

“I started off as goal keeper, but my mom took me out of that position, and told my coaches to try something new, like forward,” she said.

When she joined her club team, SOCAL Academy, her coach had moved her to midfield until he started switching her back and forth between forward and midfield.

Her coach told her that she could see the game really well, that she could pass through balls, assist goals, and help the team make plays.

Being able to see the entire field has helped Marquez score goals, but what makes the Marshall team different this year is the level of trust the girls have in one another.

“Having chemistry with the girls is important, because if you don’t, you won’t know how to communicate, help, or play with them.”

As Marquez will graduate this year, she will be breaking the bonds she has formed with her teammates since she was 14.

Marquez has received multiple athletic scholarship offers from colleges, but she has yet to make a commitment.

Her biggest fear is leaving the comforts of home, but she is willing to put herself in the best position to succeed.

“I’m nervous. I’m a mommy’s girl, and I don’t want to leave home, but it has to happen at some point,” she said.

Marquez and her mom, Yesenia Marquez, have a special bond. After her goal in Palm Springs, the first person she ran to was her mother.

“We’re like best friends. I tell her everything. She’s always there for me. It’s fun scoring because then I can say, ‘I did that for you, Mom!’” Marquez said.

Marquez plans on one day playing in a professional women’s league and sees college as a means to her goals.

Her next step will be selecting where to play in 2023. Hopefully, it will be somewhere close enough for her mom to watch the games.



Photos courtesy of Devette Johnson



Finding a Home in the Eagles’ Nest

Senior wrestling MVP Warren Koslow took the long-distance route to Marshall

By: Ana Mendoza

Marshall Fundamental’s Warren Koslow did not take a conventional path to joining the wrestling team this season.

Born and raised in Tokyo, Koslow transferred to Marshall and moved to America for his senior year of high school.

He began wrestling in Japan in the 6th grade, following in his brother’s footsteps and has been wrestling ever since.

“It was hard to find people who wanted to wrestle because it’s such a hard sport,” Koslow said.

He transferred to Marshall since it was the only school in the district that offered a wrestling

program.

Coach Daniel Jarashow felt fortunate to have Koslow mentor his athletes.

“He’s incredibly talented, incredibly driven. He has a wealth of experience and he’s been lucky to have some really, really effective teachers that have helped him understand both international frameworks of wrestling and to inspire him. I think more than anything, he’s passionate about wrestling,” Jarashow said.

“He was quick to learn and excited to develop. I think he helped a lot of people in the team by role modeling, which is one way to teach but also by explaining and kind of pushing the boundaries of possibilities. It was like having a second coach there who had competed at a high level,”

Jarashow added.

During season, Koslow practiced about three and a half hours a day. During CIF Individual competitions, he practiced with wrestlers from La Canada High School. This dedication took away from the social aspect of high school in America.

“For me, it was worth it, for others it may not be. I really love the sport, so that’s why I think it was worth it,” Koslow said.

“Being able to have people that support you like a good coach, like the coach that we have, Coach Jarashow and just having people around you being supportive and doing things the right way instead of the wrong way, I think that’s really the most important part of actually being physically and mentally healthy,” Koslow said.

Koslow finished his season at the CIF Masters Meet, qualifying as the first Marshall wrestler ever to get to that level of competition.

He finished with a winning record at the CIF Individuals Meet, which allowed him to reach that tournament.

“I think the main motivator for me is getting my hand raised. It really feels incredible, especially in an individual sport where you’re getting your hand raised. You know you’re the one who did all the hard work,” Koslow said.

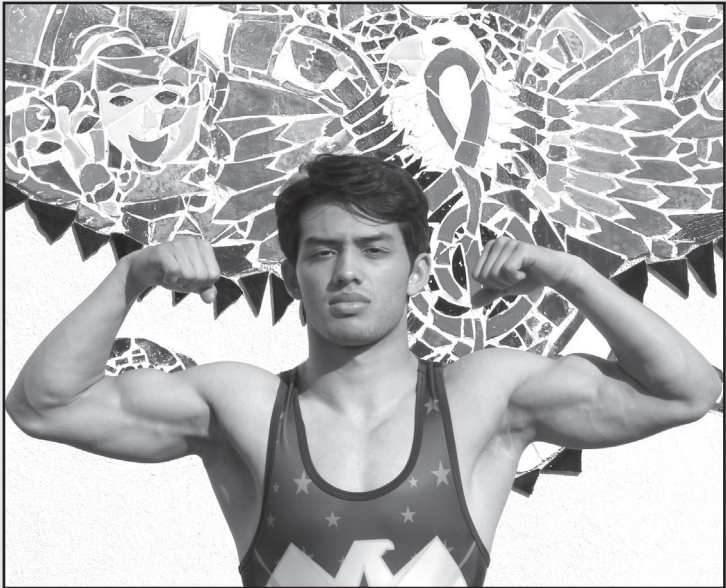


Photo by: Elise Rojas

Koslow starred on the wrestling squad reaching the Masters Meet.

Breakthrough Year for Eagle Wrestling

Eagle wrestlers finish with 15-2 overall record, 5-1 in league, and qualify 14 for CIF

By: Jennifer Alarcon, Zem Bashan & Nataly Chacon

In only the third year of existence, the Marshall Fundamental wrestling team finished with an overall record of 15-2 and qualified 14 wrestlers for the CIF Individual Meet this season.

Coach Daniel Jarashow, who also teaches psychology at Marshall, founded the program that has flourished ever since.

This year provided all the challenges that come along with COVID.

“With COVID-19 looming, it was a challenge to recruit kids,” Jarashow said.

Despite those difficulties, the squad added 17 new players that have shown absolute growth, thanks in large part to older and more experienced players.

Many of the Eagle

wrestlers have been a part of the program for multiple years. They include Marvin Cano, Miguel Urrutia, Abe Moreno, Kenneth Torres, Oscar Duenas, Nareg Kabaian, Nairi Khacheryan and McCarley Root.

The team would not have been as successful without these individuals and their hard work.

Halfway through the season, senior Warren Koslow started practicing with the team. He transferred from Pasadena High and hasn’t looked back since.

Strides were also made for the girls wrestling unit.

For the first time ever, the team was able to field three female wrestlers.

“The team was supportive and a challenge” said sophomore Marcela Komo, the only female Eagle wrestler to qualify for the CIF Individual Meet.

Komo is also the first girl to ever win a match at Marshall.

This year’s wrestling team has had a lot of accomplishments, having gone 5-1 in the Mission Valley League, which put them second in league.

The team bought new mats to replace the aging mats, they had their first outdoors match, and they acquired a new coach.



Photo by: Zem Bashan

Junior Kenneth Torres grapples a wrestler from Franklin High

More Than Just a Game

Photo courtesy of Devette Johnson, Graphics by David Olvera

By: Juan Villegas

Soccer, for most people, is just a game. For senior soccer sensation Eduardo Reyes, it's an opportunity for a better life. Reyes was born on July 22, 2004, in Glendale, California, to Jose and Sandy Reyes. Growing up, he endured financial hardships, as both his parents were not born here in the United States.

His parents both came to the U.S. at a young age, in hopes for a better life. With both his parents being immigrants, they have always wanted him and his two brothers, Jose and Amedee, to have the life they never had, pushing him to do well in school and excel in soccer.

"Seeing everything my parents have done for me, it makes me want to wake up every morning and do better," he said.

For Reyes, a diligent student and sincere student-athlete, soccer can likely be the way to achieve the American dream.

Reyes first started playing the sport at the age of three years old and played for his first organized soccer team shortly after.

His first team was the Falcons, which was coached by his father at Villa (a recreational youth soccer league in Pasadena).

Reyes grew up with two older brothers, whom he looks up to and is always looking to for advice when it comes to soccer, or just life in general.

As he got older, he started playing for F.C. Golden State, and has played on that team ever since, leading them to many championships and titles.

Playing on that team gave him the great opportunity to play in the ECNL National Selection game, and play with some of the best

players in the country. "I always look forward to playing the best of the best because it makes me so much better," he said. Reyes has had a remarkable high school soccer career, having won CIF in 2019, and having gone to CIF every year. He started on varsity as a freshman. "Throwing on my Marshall jersey and representing the school has meant a lot to me these past four years," Reyes said. Reyes was the Eagles' sole attacker having scored most, if not all, of the team's goals. He was voted the MVP of the Mission Valley League.

"The crazy part is that here at Marshall, I play a completely different role than on club. I don't consider myself a goal scorer at the club, but here at Marshall I am one of the leading scorers, scoring a whole bunch," Reyes said.

His senior year alone, Reyes had an astonishing 30+ goals, carrying the Eagles offense, was featured on the 210 Prep Sports page as an athlete of the week, and had several stories written on him. He averages more than one goal scored per game played.

Reyes has tried his very best to be the best leader he could be, knowing people looked up to him.

"People in my club and high school look up to me, so I do my best to be a leader," he said.

Currently Reyes is weighing his options for college as he has been in contact with multiple college coaches. He plans to continue playing at the next level, but he has not decided where he will end up.

Wherever he ends up, he is sure to carry his family name and make his parents proud.



Photo courtesy of Devette Johnson

Top: Sophomore Jolynn Abilar puts up a three-point shot

COVID-19 Hurts Eagles

Girls basketball players get COVID, team loses two weeks

By: Nashay Taylor

COVID-19 absolutely devastated the girls basketball team this season. All but one varsity player contracted COVID at some point this season. They had to find a way to fight through this and come out on top. The Lady Eagles forfeited their first four league games, literally eliminating themselves from playoff contention before they stepped foot on the court. "It totally ruined our season. We got COVID right before league started, so we ended up forfeiting our first two weeks," Coach Stan Makiyama said.

The Eagles' overall record was 7-15 and 3-9 in the Mission Valley League. Even with COVID-19 ravaging this team, they still came back and played hard. "It definitely put us down a few notches making it really hard to come back and win any games, but it did make a few of our players better. It gave them the time they needed and a break," Madelyn DeGooyer said. Returning next year are freshman Kaitlan Sakuma, sophomores Joylenn Alibar, Destiny Ihiaso, Samantha Plasencia and Junior Jaylin Morgan. "We need a lot of practice, but we're going to get better. We're going to get a lot better. That's my goal," Makiyama said.

Boys Soccer Tie For First In League

Eagles Soccer finishes with impressive 16-3-2 record, fall short in CIF Second Round

By: Alex Neuenburg

It was another successful year for Marshall's boys soccer team. They powered through the Mission Valley League with a record of 10-1-1 and finished tied for first place. Marshall (16-3-2) qualified for CIF once again by defeating Ontario Christian 1-0 and Elsinore 3-1. Unfortunately, they were unable to make it to the quarterfinals after putting up a tough fight to Palmdale Aerospace Academy and losing 3-2. However, that should not take away from the great season that the team put together this

year. Last season, Mountain View simply embarrassed Marshall by defeating them twice by 3-0 and 7-1. This time the team was led by seniors, Eduardo Reyes and Iori Santiago, both scoring two goals. They were able to get a little revenge on one of their league rivals. In fact, Marshall was able to outplay Mountain View twice this season by defeating them 5-2 and 3-2. A very important key to the team's success this year was their experience. Marshall had over 10 seniors competing on their roster. "Thank you for all

of the great accomplishments that we've had," Coach Erick Rodriguez said. During this crop of seniors' freshmen year, they were able to win CIF and make it to the finals of State. "We as coaches provide the framework, but the players have to put in the work," Rodriguez said. Looking forward into the program's future, there is a lot to be excited about. Marshall's JV team finished 2nd in the league. "It looks strong and I'm hoping that it will translate to the elite playing of a varsity team, but growth is necessary," Rodriguez said.

Winter Sports Awards

Boys Basketball:
MVP -
Vaizon Boone
Sharp Shooter -
Bagdo Yetenekyan
Academic Athlete Award -
Jackson Stadnicki

Girls Basketball:
MVP -
Kaitlan Sakuma
Captains -
Araxy Chivchyan
Ashley Siebels
Most Improved Player-
Samantha Plasencia

Boys Soccer:
MVP -
Eduardo Reyes
Offensive Player of the Year -
Iori Santiago
Defensive Player of the Year -
Victor Camacho
Best Team Player -
Brandon Baires

Girls Soccer:
TBD

Cheerleading:
Senior Captains -
Mia Munoz & Ruby Hernandez

Wrestling Boys:
MVP-
Warren Koslow
Miguel Urrutia
Most Dedicated:
Kenneth Torres
Most Improved:
Oscar Duenas
Wrestling Girls:
MVP-
Marcella Komo
Most Improved-
Kenia Alzaga-Vegas

Junior Captain -
Quetzali Ruvalcaba-Marin
Scholar -
Alexis Delgado

Op-ed: Dress Code Teaches Girls To Be Ashamed of Themselves

**This story was originally written in October. Since this story has been written, the school’s administration has provided an updated response. It is shown on the right.*



Mariella Farias

The dress code is a big problem at Marshall. All over the social media platform TikTok, students around the U.S are demanding a change in the dress code.

Students are getting their education interrupted for not “obeying” the pointless, so-called dress code and for their “shoulders being a distraction,” which is not a distraction whatsoever.

Why do students get reprimanded for dress code violations? Why do we allow other people to decide whether if what we wear is okay or not?

We need to stop focusing on children’s bodies and what they come to school in as long as they’re comfortable in it.

The Marshall dress code mentions that “Clothes must be in good condition, free of excessive holes/tears.”

What if one is not able to afford proper clothing without holes or tears? Students come to school to learn not to be judged by how they choose to dress, which means the school is not obligated or shouldn’t have opinions on anything else other than education-related things.

I don’t understand why instead of teaching men boundaries and being respectful, women are the ones to blame. Putting women on the spot for expressing themselves is unacceptable.

Jolynn Abilar, a tenth grader at Marshall Fundamental, got a dress code for her dress being “too short”. She passed so many other staff that could’ve dress-coded her, but that one staff member seemed to be the only one who cared to dress-code her.

It’s our body and we wear what we want and whatever we’re comfortable in. If it was a thinner girl, the school administration would just ignore her and she did because Abilar claimed, “Other girls walked by and she didn’t mention anything about their short shorts.” The district should concentrate more on our studies than our wardrobe.

Dress code teaches everyone to blame girls and show they are a distraction to students’ education when clearly the students getting so-called distracted, are the problem. The dress code teaches us, girls, at a young age that our bodies are to be hidden, and that we’re objects because if we don’t correctly or entirely cover up some parts of our body that show too much “inappropriate skin” we should be ashamed and called out.

Getting dress code restrictions as young students brings down our self-esteem. It says that we’re not good enough and that we have to have approval and validation from others on what we can or cannot wear. As women, it is hard to dress in something we feel good about without the dress code restrictions getting in the way. It’s normalized to be sexualized by the school or students for wearing a skirt or any clothing that is considered girly or feminine.

If I decide that sometimes I want to dress a little differently for school, in more feminine clothing, either for a special occasion or just because I feel like it, I will. The dress code prevents us from expressing our true selves. We are girls, not objects nor distractions and we express ourselves using clothing. No, I will not stand by being blamed for being a “distraction” or an “object” because I feel good in what I’m wearing.

How About a New Track & Field?

We, here at the Marshall Eagle Eye News, have come together in solidarity and unanimously agree that improvements to Marshall’s track and field need to be made.

The track and field are in need of serious renovation. It’s baffling that every other high school in the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) has an all-weather running track and better fields. Yet, Marshall has the largest student population in the PUSD.

Marshall having an all-weather track would make a lot of sense considering that both athletes and students who take physical education classes benefit from having an upgraded track.

Stan Makiyama, a co-athletic director and physical education teacher at Marshall, agrees.

“I think it’s outdated. Not too many schools have dirt tracks anymore. We definitely need a new track and a new field at Marshall,” he said.

Although Marshall is not the only school that has a dirt track, the consensus of our staff and athletes is that it contains an abnormally high amount of rocks and imperfections which can be a safety hazard for students if stepped on.

“Our track has many pockets, dips, and crevices in it. We have had students injure themselves. One year when we ran track meets here, we had a student break her left finger going over a hurdle due to our horrible track and its condition,” Assistant Principal and former track coach Audrey Green said.

To go along with the bad condition of the track, our own track team can’t host meets at Marshall. Senior Ben Karish, a member of the track team, expressed his enthusiasm for a new track.

“It would let us practice so much more efficiently if we had an actual track instead of having to go somewhere else to have a real track,” he said.

Along with the track, the field also has to be improved. Senior Brianna Marquez was the leading goal-scorer for our CIF Championship girls soccer team.

“The field is pretty disgusting, I’m going to be honest with you. It’s hard to play on it because every time the ball comes to our feet, the ball gets redirected. It bumps up in the air between our legs and it’s unexpected. If we had a turf field or flat grass, we would play much better,” Marquez said.

The state of our soccer field has gotten so bad to the point where we can’t even host home playoff games at Marshall. Our girls soccer team was the only team out of the four public high schools in Pasadena to make it to the playoffs. This is why PUSD should give Marshall a new artificial turf field.

At the end of the day, the issue here is equity. All the other high schools have received new tracks and Marshall hasn’t. Marshall doesn’t have an artificial turf field to boast either. These problems become increasingly glaring when Marshall excels in sports that use both the track or field. This is why the district needs to install a new track and field at Marshall.

California Drops Mask Mandate, But Should It?

With our lives still being dominated by COVID, it has shown us that life makes anything but sense, and the directive to effectively end the mask mandate similarly makes no sense.

After living nearly three years with COVID being an issue, I think it is abundantly clear that COVID was, and still is, a dangerous disease.

The end to mandatory masking makes no sense. While many at school and elsewhere will keep their masks up (including me), we are about to see a lot more faces that we might not want to see.

While the whole COVID-19 situation is improving — cases are going down, hospitalizations due to COVID are down, emergency rooms are less saturated with COVID patients — that doesn’t mean the situation is under control and that it’s time to lift masks.

I think it means quite the opposite. The improvement of all those above-mentioned factors is due to our effective measures — more vaccines, more masks, less COVID. That’s why we must keep it up.



Zem Bashan

The effectiveness of masking is evidence, so it’s only logical to continue it. An easing of the COVID protocol will only result in more COVID.

We are not at a point in combating this disease where we can say, “We won and deserve to take our masks off.”

But, that is very much what we are doing. We are stopping the hoses to put out a fire, and saying that the fire is out. We are making a mistake.

I think that we must continue to be smart and reasonable by masking indoors and when required.

We need to put this fire out. We need to keep the hoses on at full blast. In order to actually rid our lives of COVID, we must continue. We must keep it up and watch COVID cases sink even lower. But, that is not what our state thinks.

Please continue to wear masks. Please continue to distance. Please continue to do what we have been doing. We’ve been winning the “battle” with COVID and must continue on our path to eradicating this disease that has claimed the lives of so many.

Administration’s Response to Dress Code Op-ed

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The beginning of each school year is a time when administration holds meetings and assemblies with staff and students to communicate school-wide rules, expectations, and protocols. Prior to holding these meetings, I wanted to hear about processes and procedures that were already in place at Marshall — what was working, and what could change to positively impact the school climate, especially considering the difficulty of coming back to school in person, full time.

I learned that there were issues of equity, and dress code was one of the concerns that students wanted to address. This immediately got my attention. Soon after, I was approached by a group of students who wanted to schedule a meeting with me to discuss the dress code policy.

They took the time to meet with Mr. Castro in the main office, scheduled a lunch meeting, and met with me to voice their concerns. I was so impressed by how well they articulated their concerns that I was open to reconsidering our school-wide dress code policy.

We came to a consensus that the main focus would be student safety and that we ultimately needed to uphold policies that were CA Ed Code, such as not wearing slides/flip flops to school and not wearing clothes that promote drugs, alcohol, contraband, or offensive language/symbols.

Since then, there has not been an issue. I want to encourage student voice and choice on campus and am glad our students felt heard regarding the dress code policy.

- Principal Lori Touloumian

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