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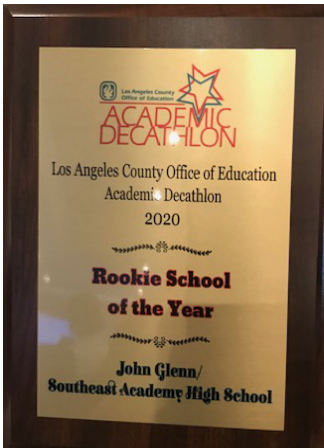
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SEA Takes Home Academic Decathlon Honors

By The Editors



Please join us in honoring and congratulating the outstanding performance of our first-ever 2019-20 Academic Decathlon team. Bravo, cadets! Not only did our team bring home 15 medals in combined academic competitions on Thursday, February 6, but they were also recognized as being the Rookie School of the Year. What an honor! Thank you AcaDeca Coaches Maria John-



- Christianelle Lapid** (9th grade) earned Silver in Interview, and Bronze in Music
- Caleb Lee** (9th grade) earned Silver in Math
- Marlyne Rosa Ventura** (10th grade) earned Bronze in Interview
- Erick Estrada** (9th grade) earned Bronze in Interview
- James Gray** (10th grade) earned Silver in Interview
- Jose Penaloza** (10th grade) earned Silver in Interview



son and Steve Allard for the time and hard work you put into making this a great experience for our kids.

Be sure to congratulate the following SEA cadets on their history-making achievement:

- Maryann Park-Cuniberti** (9th grade) earned Top Overall Decathlete Medal, Silver in Language Literature, Bronze in Math, Silver in Social Science, and Bronze in Speech
- Amya Felix** (9th grade) earned Bronze in Speech, Bronze in Economics, and Silver in Interview



In other news, SEA Sergeant **Abraham Cervantes (pictured at right)** won the district's Lion Speaker

contest on Wednesday, February 5. He will move on to level 2, scheduled for Saturday, March 14 at 2pm. There are 6 levels. The winner can earn a scholarship up to \$21,000 !

Also competing and representing SEA were **Matthew Garcia** and **James Gray**. Also, we want to mention a big thank you to Mr. Flynn and Mr. Gillett for being a part of the coaching.

Playoffs!

Boys Soccer Reaches CIF

By Juan Galvan



The John Glenn High School boys soccer team made the CIF playoffs for the first time since the 2011-2012 season, ending the 2019-20 season in second place in the 605 League with a record of 6-2-1 (9-7-3 overall).

Our Eagles soccer squad not only finished in second place, they won the Division 6 wildcard game over Lennox Academy by a score of 4-0 on Monday, February 10. All four goals were scored in the second half. It was a standout performance by **Edgar Ramirez**. *(continued on Sports, page 8)*

Lowe's Donates Batting Cage Lights

By The Editors

The John Glenn High School baseball and softball programs would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Lowe's in Norwalk for donating all the material we need to put lights in the baseball and softball cages.

Last week, baseball coach Adam Kock-McNeil approached Mr. Jesse Potter at our local Lowe's because our batting cages have no lights, making it hard to practice in the evening. Coach Adam sent a list of materials we need to light all four batting cages, which was taken to the store's General Manager.

Within just a few hours, Mr. Potter wrote back and said the list was approved. Sometime this week, the materials will be delivered, and the batting cages will be well-lit.

Eagles Baseball **(team pictured at right)** begins their new season on February 20. Come out and support the team.

Be sure to visit Lowe's for all your home improvement and hardware needs, located at 14873 Carmenita Rd. in Norwalk.



Powder Puff Coming Soon!

By Andrea Sereno

Do not miss out on our yearly Powder Puff Game vs the Norwalk Lady Lancers on Friday March 20, 2020 at 6:30pm, and at our brand new John Glenn High School Stadium for the first time.

This year we received an overwhelming amount of players, including our partnership with Southeast Academy. Unfortunately, there was a lack of school spirit from the boys this year, even though switching roles is what shows off our amazing school spirit. It's not too late, boys, to come on out and be a cheerleader. It's so much fun, and we need you!

Tryouts were not necessary, and all the girls were welcomed with the training of the high ranked football players. We are working hard and hoping we win the trophy.

You will be missing out on your senior year if you do not join us at Powder Puff. We look forward to a big crowd!

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WASC Visit Preparations Underway

By Daniel Gonzalez

On March 22-24 we will be visited by members of WASC. WASC, which stands for Western Association of Schools and Colleges, will be checking up on the progress we have made in the past two years. The whole process will take up to three days and we expect to receive the final results about four to six weeks after the visit, some time in late April or early May.

The last time we were visited by WASC--in February of 2018--we were told that we really needed to make some improvements, and they gave us two years to make those improvements. The main purpose of WASC is to make sure JGHS and SEA are keeping students safe and prepared for the future. So what should we expect? We will be expecting two visiting committee members, who will conduct interviews, make classroom visits, and look to validate the probationary progress report that has been submitted. First, they will visit all the classrooms to see that all students are engaged in learning and to see that there is evidence of high-level teaching, learning, and thinking.

After classroom visits, they will call in different groups of stakeholders who will be interviewed about the school. These groups will consist of students, teachers, parents, and other staff members. At these meetings, the WASC committee just wants students to be honest about

our school--the changes we've seen, and anything else that needs improvement in the future. They are also interested in hearing possible solutions to the problems, so don't be afraid to speak up about your school. Along with the visit and interviews, we will be turning in a report on our progress and improvements.

We are confident that all will go well, as we have already made many positive changes to our school. Both test scores and graduation rates have gone up, JGHS has a better working relationship with our colleagues at SEA, and suspension rates are going down.

So, what can we do as students to prepare? Firstly, WASC wants to see students engaged in learning and being academically challenged. So what we as students can do is pay more attention and try our best to not distract ourselves. We need to be talking, collaborating, and solving problems together, not just sitting there passively listening. It's not just about "being on our best behavior," it's about showing who we are as a school and a community.

One thing we already do well is that we are proud Eagles, and we have worked hard to improve the school and the culture. Let's continue to build on our positive culture, and show WASC what John Glenn and SEA are all about.

STUDENT LIFE

Coach Lob Resigns from Football

By Tyrese Watson

All my life I've been surrounded by, watching, and playing the game of football. I've also had so many coaches that have come and gone out of my life while playing the game of football. Some made an impact in my life and others didn't. But there is one coach that had a large impact on my life. His name is Vince Lobendahn, and he was the best and greatest coach I've had in my life.

It hurts to see him resign as head coach of JGHS Football and leave the game behind, but I've always heard that the game doesn't have longevity for anybody, even for the coaches.

Even though he is resigning as a football coach, it doesn't mean that he's resigning as a teacher. Mr. Lobendahn will continue teaching because he loves all the kids at Glenn. He plans on retiring as a teacher in about nine years.

I want to tell you all some of Mr. Lobendahn's background as a football coach. He started coaching at BYU with college football coaching legend Norm Chow. He eventually decided to coach at John Glenn, because his children had graduated as Eagles, and he wanted to support the community. Over the last six years, being the head coach, he has seen the football program grow from a last place team into league champions.

There were so many proud moments that Mr. Lobendahn has had coaching at Glenn and I'm going to share those with you. His proudest moment coaching at John Glenn was probably the big win against Pioneer last year that sent the Eagles to the playoffs. Another proud moment he experienced was when the Eagles beat Cerritos this year to become the 605 League Champions. Until last year, that hadn't been accomplished in 30 years. In addition, the Eagles also brought the Mayor's Cup to JGHS under Coach Lob. Finally, another proud moment came recently when he coached three All-CIF players, which were Davione Keith, Edwin Udengwu, and Eduardo Borjas.

Mr. Lobendahn wishes the football program more success and growth in the future.

Senior Message: An Editorial About Graduating With Honors

By Bry Lowe

Most seniors would like to be part of honors when they graduate, but sometimes their first semester grades aren't the best. Some seniors even looked forward to turning everything around by trying to make honors with their second semester grades, but most didn't know that second semester does not count towards honors. A majority of the seniors were devastated.

One senior stated, "I only needed two more points on my GPA and I could've made honors." Now, no matter how well the student does in the second semester, it will be too late to be awarded with honors awards and plaques. I believe that this is unfair. To me, it's almost like telling us our second semester doesn't matter, even though it obviously does count towards A-G and other graduation

requirements. It's still a big loss for some of us seniors who looked forward to this.

The administration's reasoning behind this is that the first semester is the cut-off for determining honor status for graduation because there isn't enough time to order the awards. They have to order the plaques, certificates, and cords from a company in advance for graduation so that they get here on time. Between the time that the second semester grades are in and graduation, there is not enough time.

I still think the administration should consider counting our second semester too, and I think that one solution may be that they can order a fair amount of award supplies, just in case. If they do have extras left over, they can save them for next year's seniors.

Just Us Opens Tonight!

By Mariela Medel



The Drama Club's new production, *Just Us*, directed by Mr. Jonathan Mesisca will be happening tonight on this Valentine's Day. This will take place in the MPR at 7:00 pm, and tickets cost just five dollars.

The show is a collection of original artwork, dances, poetry, music, and more, all based on students' personal stories, focused on life, love, and loss. The cast of 19 students includes Joey Louis Abugotal, Brooke Emmallah, Gaby Estrada, Adrien

Nunez, Ubaldo Ortiz, Ahlexiah Bentley, and Joseph Nunez, with special guests Aremy Avalos, Abigail Cabrera, and Janine Flores. Assistant Director is Mia Delgadillo.

It's the perfect Valentine's Day date, so come and support drama freaks!

Eagle Profile: Meet the New Security Assistant

By Davion Roachford

The new John Glenn High School security assistant, Louie Esparza, was introduced to this school in January. He has had his guard card for 35 years, and has been a private security guard for 25 years. He worked at LMHS for 10 years, and just got to this campus this semester.

Louie is a verified private investigator and has a permit to carry a firearm or concealed firearm when working as a private security guard. He has a certificate of completion at the Rio Hondo Police Academy. Louie says he, "Loves private security for travel and meeting different people."

Louie he has done red carpet premieres and was "fortunate enough to work in the Oscars when Kobe won it [in 2018 for *Dear Basketball*]." When it's in town, Louie works for the UFC in order to meet Jon Jones, but he also works security when Comic-Con or a Coachella stagecoach position opens up whenever it's near. While normally working as a private security



Louie (left) with actor Michael B. Jordan (right) at a private event last summer.

guard in the summer, he had the honor to meet actor Michael B. Jordan.

Louie got to work in schools as a security guard, because he, "Loves working at school for the students and staff. Their safety comes first." His heart is with the kids. Since coming to John Glenn, he stated, "Everyone has been very welcoming."

Besides his work, family is very important to Louie. He felt like he "hit the lotto" when he married his wife of 19 years. He also has two daughters--ages 14 and 16--which he says helps him relate to high school students here at Glenn.

For Kobe and Gigi Bryant. With All Our Hearts

•Kobe was more than a basketball player. He was a symbol--a symbol of hard work and determination, an inspirer and motivator to push yourself past your limits in everything you might do. With his passing, hopefully the Mamba mentality still lives.
--Hector Herrera (10th grade)

•Kobe has always been more than a basketball player to me. He was my inspiration and was the reason I play basketball. I remember watching him and always trying his moves. Even through this hard time, I hope we can all continue Mamba mentality and all Kobe stood for.
--Kayla Cornell (11th grade)

•Mamba mentality: That is how Kobe influenced me and many other fanatics to never quit and to push harder in whatever goal you have. Forever in our hearts--Kobe and the ones lost that day.
--Chris Saucedo (12th grade)

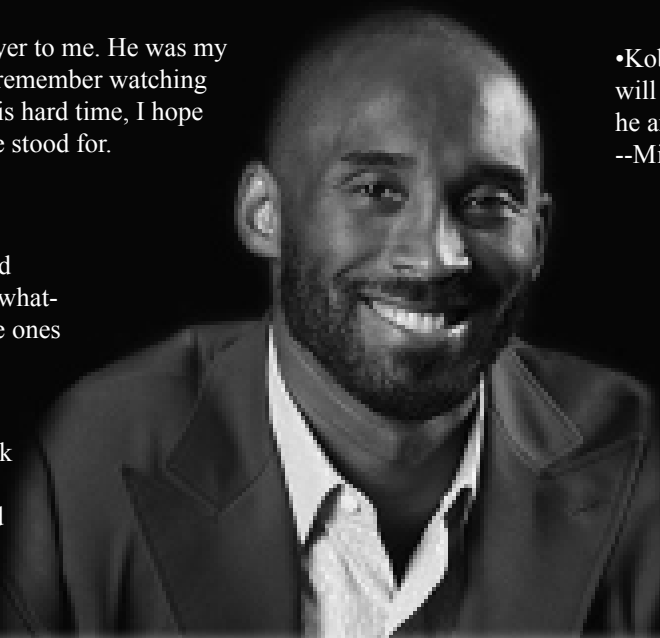
•Thanks for inspiring others around the world. Thank you for showing us anything is possible. Thank you for showing us you played through your injuries and your wild free throws.
--Gilbert Barraza (11th grade)

•Kobe inspired people to be great and motivated them to continue to do what they love. May he and Gigi R.I.P.
--Anonymous

•Kobe Bryant was a basketball legend. I looked up to him as a kid and I got into basketball because of him. I will never forget all the amazing moments when I watched him play on TV. May he, his daughter, and the other 7 people from the accident rest in peace.
--Brayan Gonzalez (10th grade)

•Kobe Bryant was a hero to many through his life and will continue to inspire many now that he is gone. May he and his daughter rest in peace.
--Mia Delgadillo (11th grade)

•Kobe was an icon and a legend. Even with his passing, he will always have a spot in many people's hearts. Rest in peace, K and G.
--Anonymous



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STUDENT LIFE

Lunar New Year Celebrated

By Aryle Carranza, Daisy Peñaloza, Eliza Rodriguez

The Lunar New Year is an Asian holiday mainly celebrated by the Chinese. This year, the holiday is celebrated from January 25 to February 8. During the time of this numerous-day celebration, there are many parties, gatherings, and big reunions with the whole family for the New Year. There are many traditions people do during these days: some may include giving out red envelopes, Chinese dice gambling, food, prayer, and burning objects in a metal pit to send the objects to those who have passed away.

Cadet second class **Eliza Rodriguez** explains, “Lunar New Year is separated into 5 days, and each day can be celebrated depending on what the family chooses to do. Most of the time, my family would each bring a different kind of food that they all enjoy. My family would not be able to eat for 3-4 hours. Once that time has gone by, each member of my family would take a single incense stick and go on their knees to pray. After praying, they would each have an ash cup, filled from the years before, and place the new incense stick inside, allowing it to stand and burn. After that, we would all be able to eat the food that had been placed on the table. This is what I do with my family on Lunar New Year, but each family is different.”



Lunar New Year food altar (above)

The Lunar New Year traditional clothing is kimonos and colorful clothes made of silk. During the celebration, the women and children would mostly wear the silk kimonos and dresses. The men don’t always wear silk clothes, they mostly wear regular kimonos, but it’s up to them what they choose to wear. On Lunar New Year, all the clothing worn is mostly red. They wear the color red as a sign of good luck and to get rid of bad spirits when the celebration is going on during the week. The clothes can also come in different colors, but the most common colors to wear are red and gold, black and red, or red and silver. The younger kids, like babies and toddlers, don’t need to wear red but will usually wear brighter colors.

Mrs. Rodriguez, the mother of two cadets here at Southeast Academy, Eric and Eliza Rodriguez, states, “During the week of the Lunar New Year, celebrating another year also means giving small gifts, such as money. Mostly in Chinese tradition and in other Asian traditions we give red envelopes with money in them. We put the money in the red envelopes because the bills aren’t really that big and fits perfectly in the red envelope. The envelopes have gold imprinting on them that represent the new year. Most of the time, the imprinting shows the animal of the year in Chinese on the front. Red envelopes could also be used in birthdays or other holidays, not only on Lunar New Year. They are called ‘red envelopes’ because the color symbolizes good luck.”

The Lunar New Year is a holiday in which you celebrate your household and many of your ancestors. During this time, families are brought together to feast and enjoy the day with one another. Many different families of different cultures can celebrate this holiday, and every family celebrates in different ways. Lunar New Year and its traditions highlight the important things in life, like being with your family. This holiday is mainly a chance to start the new year off right, with those you love.



The Rodriguez family in traditional silk clothing (above)

SEA Winter Promotions

By Hector Rubi, Manuel Perez, and Joel Lozano

Winter promotions included promoting Leadership that worked hard for the entire first semester to get promoted to a higher rank. Their incredible engagement to the school has pushed other cadets to improve themselves.

Guides all the way to the Class Commander got promoted to one higher rank, on Friday January 17, 2020. This promotion was not only interesting but also rewarding to see your friends get promoted and become more responsible. It shows how much they worked and put their dedication into this.

Some of the junior cadets never give up and keep pushing forward no matter what the obstacles are. Corporal **Angelica Nieto** stated that, “Honestly, I believe that it was extremely challenging earning the Cpl. rank because not only do you have to be a squared-away body but you also have to set the example for others to emulate. You have to ensure that you are pursuing everything you do to the best of your ability, because when those Cpl. ranks are put on your collar you become an NCO of cadets, and you are now considered a leader. When you are going up for Cpl., you have to keep all these things in mind in order to *earn* that rank.”



Major Velasco (above)

She has some good details on how to set your mindset to become and earn an NCO rank on your collar. She also has worked very hard to earn her Cpl. rank and will get a higher rank if she continues with her mindset and role model skills, as she said.

Also Sophomore new bodies have very skillful mindsets by earning Cadet First Class by their first year at SEA. CFC **Dymond Larkin** stated “Hopefully, I would like to be in a leadership position by senior year. I think I could be because I have goals and I am determined to meet them.” She is willing to strive and put in hard work to earn leadership and to prove anything is possible as a new body to SEA.



Jonathan Cuba (above)

Winter Sports Pep Rally

By Bry Lowe

On January 17, the Eagles held our Winter Pep Rally in the gym, which honored winter sports: girls and boys basketball (**below, far right**), girls and boys soccer, and girls and boys wrestling.

There was also a special farewell speech by Coach Lobendahn (**right**), who is no longer coaching football (*see story on page 2*). During the rally, ASB played games like tik tok, and more.



Sadie Hawkins Dance Next Friday!

By Yesenia Ramirez

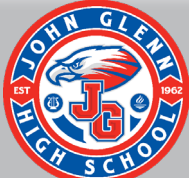
Come and join us next Friday, February 21 at our Funky Social Sadie’s Dinner and Dance in the gym from 7pm-11pm. The price is only \$15.00, or \$13.00 with an ASB card. Bring a friend or a special date.

The theme of the dance is famous couples. Dinner will be served, and is included with your ticket: birria, rice, macaroni salad, and tortillas. Special musical guests include Grupo Nueva Misión and I Take Quan.



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VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day Word Search!

Valentine's Day

Word search grid with words: CUPID, ROSES, SWEETHEARTS, GIRLFRIEND, KISS, AFFECTION, DEAREST, BOUQUET, LOVE, VALENTINE, FRIENDSHIP, BOYFRIEND, ROMANCE, ADORE, AMOR, SECRETADMIRER, CHOICE, BEMINE, DATENIGHT, HEART, GIFTS, BELOVED, LOVEBIRDS, BOWANDARROW.

Advice for Singles

By Hermaione Sanchez

- Valentine's Day is a day full of love, gifts, dates, hugs, and kisses. But what do you do when your significant other is nonexistent? Here's a list full of advice for all us single people.
- 1. Do some self care.** If you don't have anyone to give all your love and affection to, give it to yourself. Do your skin care routine, take a relaxing bath, paint your nails or fix them up. Give yourself the attention you need!
 - 2. Dine out.** It may sound unhealthy, but once a year can't be bad, right? Post-mates your favorite food, and have yourself a delightful dinner with Netflix.
 - 3. Do not watch romantic movies!** Especially if you're a sensitive person. It will lead you to wonder why you don't have that, or you'll just feel really bad about yourself. Watch a comedy instead.
 - 4. If your friends are also free, plan something with them.** A bowling night, a movie night, dinner, the mall, Golf 'n Stuff, the list goes on and on. If your excuse is that you don't have money, then just invite them over and have an at-home movie night! Remember, Valentine's Day isn't only about a significant other, it's also about friendship.
 - 5. Don't distance yourself from family and friends, give them all your love.** Feel the love back and remember you have your whole life ahead of you, don't ever think you will be "forever lonely." You are loved and you are enough.

Top Ten Romantic Movies of All Time

By Angelica Moreno

Top 10 Romantic Movies of All Time:

1. Call Me By Your Name
2. Casablanca
3. La La Land
4. One Day
5. Her
6. Flipped
7. The Notebook
8. Silver Linings Playbook
9. The Great Gatsby
10. Edward Scissorhands

Images: Edward Scissorhands, Casablanca, Call Me By Your Name

Valentine's Gifts and Dates

By Bry Lowe

Top 5 Gift Ideas for Valentine's Day:

- 1) Promise Ring
- 2) Flowers with Money
- 3) Big Teddy Bear
- 4) Clothes / Shoes
- 5) Food

Top 5 Date Ideas for Valentine's Day:

- 1) Sweethearts Night at Disneyland
- 2) An Order-in Date
- 3) Dinner Date
- 4) Movies
- 5) Nothing at All

Images: Promise Ring, Teddy Bear, Valentine's Day background

Happy Valentine's Day! Special Shoutouts of Love & Friendship

•Happy Valentine's Day to all my students in Room 1105. Thank you for always brightening up my day. I am blessed to have wonderful students like you. --Ms. Parra

•Daniel, you make me the happiest girl alive, you silly manchild.

•Nyala, thank you for listening to me and being my shoulder to cry on.

•Emmett, thank you for being a good friend.

•Happy Valentine's Day to Samsparazz & Lisset Gonzalezz. Love you guys! And to K.M, J.A, S.B, & R.R. --La Reina

•I love you guys, so stop playing, Destiny and Alyssa. --Herbert Diaz

•Shoutout to the single, broken-hearted people out there. I feel you. But, uhh... hit me up, I'm single. :p @babbymssse

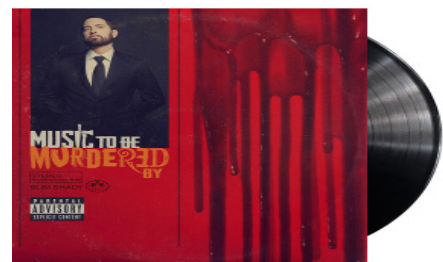
•Shoutout to babygirl Angelica Moreno. XOXO --Your secret admirer

•To one of my closest friends, Hector. You are the best! I love you. Thank you for everything! --Samantha

•Shoutout to the beautiful Samantha Lopez! Smart, funny, unique in the best ways, and absolutely deserves the world. Happy V-Day! --Hector H.

Music Review: Eminem--*Music to Be Murdered By*

By Freddy Sotelo



Eminem’s new album, *Music to Be Murdered By*, was released without any warnings on the 17th of January on all music streaming platforms. It contains a lengthy soundtrack, consisting of 20 songs with a runtime of an hour and four minutes.

What makes the album stand out are the features that include the late JuiceWRLD, Young M.A., Ed Sheeran, frequent collaborator Royce Da 5’9”, and other guests as well. The feature that surprised me was JuiceWRLD, because I wasn’t expecting them to collaborate on a track.

The opening track, “Premonition,” features Eminem talking about

his critics, proving that he still has that, “I don’t care about anyone else” type of mindset, which made his lyrics attack even more. He talks about how his 2017 album *Revival* had flopped, but was still able to sell, so he disses the critics that talked bad about his music.

Another track that stuck out to me was the one entitled “Darkness.” He speaks from the perspective of a serial killer on it to give the listener the experience of what it’s like to get murdered, which fits the purpose corresponding to the title of the album. The corresponding video, featuring a dramatization of the Las Vegas shooting, is chilling and intense.

Overall, this album was stronger than *Revival*, as I see myself coming back to experience these tracks. I rate it a 7/10, because his lyrics and production were good, but I felt that both the run-time of one hour and the lengthy tracklist were too long for my personal liking.

The Knock Down!

By Joel Lozano, Manuel Perez, Hector Rubi

Everyone is still talking about the fight between two popular YouTubers!

KSI (aka Olajide “JJ” Olatunji) and Logan Paul are not YouTube friends. Ever since their first boxing match on August 25, 2018, they’ve been wanting a rematch. Mostly, Logan Paul wanted to prove that he deserved to win the first fight, which ended up being called a draw. Things didn’t end up the way he intended. They then got the boxing rematch setup through DAZN, in which they both paid \$900,000 and profited \$11 million.

The rematch was on November 9, 2019, inside Staples Center in Los Angeles. There were 6 three-minute rounds in the cruiserweight division. The fight led to a split decision victory for KSI. In round 4, it was the biggest outcome of the fight because that’s when Logan Paul knocked down KSI. Due to the fact that Logan Paul got too much into his feelings, he

ended up tapping the back of KSI’s head while he was knocked down. That led to the referee’s decision of taking two points off for that round.

Despite the fact that two out of three judges picked KSI, Logan Paul should have won the fight because he had more accurate hits. Meanwhile, KSI had sloppy form and jabs. Logan overall was the alpha of the fight and he also knocked KSI down in the fourth round. All in all, the fight was good on Paul’s end except the fact he didn’t win. Make sure to look out for their rematch coming soon!



Film Review: *Queen & Slim*

By Roberto Garcia & Mike Salas

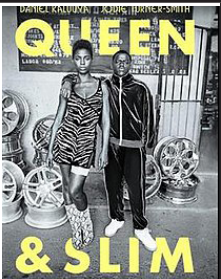
Have you ever been in love with someone, to the point where you would die for them and risk your life in order to survive against the police? In the Universal Pictures movie, *Queen & Slim*, it shows what a true ride-or-die couple is really about, and how no matter what the situation is, they always stick together until the end.

A couple--Queen & Slim--is on a date. On their way back home they are stopped by a police officer. It’s a very cold night, and the couple wants to continue their journey. But when Slim (Daniel Kaluuya) asked the police officer if they could leave because it was so cold, the officer denied the request. During the discussion, the police officer shot Queen (Jodie Turner-Smith) in the leg because she was searching for her wallet, which automatically caused a big altercation be-

tween them. Slim then accidentally shoots the officer and takes off, with Queen & Slim believing they were innocent, and not killers.

Queen and Slim then run away from the cops for 6 days, being recognized everywhere they go, until the stunning conclusion.

We recommended this highly-rated movie. It’s also a really good example for couples--even though there’s hard times you should always stick together, no matter what the obstacle is. Another reason we recommend it is the fact that these types of incidents are happening a lot more these days and future generations are going to suffer for it--hopefully not raising more hate towards police and society.



Music Review: Mac Miller--*Circles*

By Breanna Sanchez

Released on January 17, 2020, Mac Miller’s posthumous album *Circles* ties the knot ending his sensational career following his tragic death in 2018. Classified as Hip-Hop/Rap, the project is overall 12 tracks, with no features. Miller opens the album with the title track called “Circles,” in which he touches on the helplessness and loss of direction he feels within his mind over a thick base line with soft guitar and noticeable symphonies.

The track titled “Complicated” fea-



tures Miller singing about the battle with his personal struggles and a very upbeat instrumental.

My personal favorite from the album was the 11th track, entitled “Surf,” where Miller talks about a girl he is fascinated with over a soft guitar riff and loud symphonies towards the end. On this song, Miller expresses his feeling about his loneliness that doesn’t even come from being alone, which I’m sure many can relate to. I feel this album was very profound lyrically, and very appealing to the ears, making it easy to listen to. I give this album a solid 9/10 rating.

Awards Shows Recap: Grammys Entertain; Oscars Makes History

By Angelica Moreno

On Sunday, January 26, 2020, the 62nd Grammy Awards were devoured by an 18-year-old: Billie Eilish. She dominated all the important categories and won Record of The Year, Song of The Year, Best New Artist, Best Pop Vocal Album, and Album of the Year. New artists like her, Lizzo, and Lil Naz X finally got into the limelight this past year and got recognized for their talents.

Even though we’re all sick of “Old Town Road,” we got a new take on the song that we didn’t need: a Billy Ray, BTS, and Mason Ramsey mix. I hope that song disappears. To make up for that, we had a few good performances. Ariana Grande’s mash up of her recent hits was excellent. She has such a beautiful voice that it gave me goosebumps.

This year’s Best Rap Album went to the one and only Tyler the Creator. He had the night’s best on-stage performance. The Tyler the Creator and Boyz II Men mashup of “Igor” was a delightful scene of hell on earth. With fire spitting from corners, Tyler copycats going ludicrous, and over the top yelling into the mic, he won over a crowd of artists.

Two Sundays later, on February 9, 2020, movie history happened right before my eyes at the 92nd Academy Awards. An international, foreign-language film, *Parasite*, won best picture. The power that the South Korean film holds for winning International

Feature and Best Picture is revolutionary, as it had never been done before. Nobody can say honestly they saw these wins coming. This win hopefully will change the film industry forever. Along with Best Picture, *Parasite* also went on to win International Feature, Best Original Screenplay, and Best Director.

With *Joker*, *The Irishman*, *1917*, and *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* having ten or more nominations, who knew that still wouldn’t give them a better chance to win. Out of *Joker*’s 11 nominations, it only won for Best Original Score and Best Actor in a Leading Role (Joaquin Phoenix). It was well deserved for Joaquin. *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* took home Best Actor in a Supporting Role for Brad Pitt, and Production Design. *1917* received awards for Cinematography, Visual Effects, and Sound Editing.

With *Rocketman* and *Judy* being the two underrated biopics of the year, *Rocketman* won with Elton John’s original song, “I’m Gonna Love Me Again,” and *Judy* received Best Actress in Leading Role, performed by Reene Zellweger.

I’m glad this award show went as it did, although the excellent *The Lighthouse* had to be one of the worst snubs this year. Also, props go to Eminem for showing up 18 years late to perform “Lose Yourself.”

Film Review: *Birds of Prey*

By Aileya Vidana

Birds of Prey, which opened February 7, is a film based on the events following *Suicide Squad*. The main character of the movie, Harley Quinn, goes on her own journey after breaking up with her long time partner, The Joker.

The film has call backs to the trunk that is at the beginning of *Suicide Squad*, which also contains two previous outfits and various weapons used in the prior movie. Various flashbacks pertain to the relationships of the Joker and the infamous Harleen Quinzel.

In addition, throughout the film, Harley Quinn has flashbacks to many different times she has wronged an enemy, having the film focus heavily on her “redemption” from her past.

On top of that driving factor, the film consists of the modern feminine movement in its production, with female leads such as Margot Robbie, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Jurnee Smollett-Bell, and Rosie Perez.

One of the more subliminal factors the movie possessed was the “mother-daughter” relationship between Harley Quinn and Cassandra Cain. For those who don’t take the second look, people might assume that a psychopathic woman and a pickpocketing thief could never get along, but this movie turns that idea on its head. In this film, Harely developed a soft spot for the young child, practically taking her under her wing and teaching her how to be bad the right way.



Restaurant Review: BurgerIM

By Mariela Medel

A new burger place opened up early this year at the Norwalk Town Square called “BurgerIM.” I recently went down to the restaurant and tried their food for the first time.

When I first entered, the place felt a bit small, but they also provided tables and chairs outside the restaurant where you could hang out. I went ahead and looked at the menu, and I soon realized that they had a large variety of meat choices for the burger; besides different kinds of beef hamburgers, you can also choose from different chicken sandwiches, lamb, fish, turkey burgers, and there’s even a vegetarian falafel option. They also serve chicken wings and strips, and a variety of milk shakes.



I decided to get the Angus Beef Burger meal, and to my surprise, it was pretty good. However, the service wasn’t the best; it took them quite some time to have the meal prepared. The burger was pretty small for the price but it was great, along with some Cajun fries. The burger was about the size of a burger slider, which is small.

Still, in my opinion, I would rate BurgerIM as an 8 out of 10. BurgerIM is located at 14133 Pioneer Blvd. in the Norwalk Town Square, on the corner of Rosecrans and Pioneer.

The Hunt for the Golden Nugget

By Bryan Ramos and Andres Garia

There are many places to get chicken nuggets, but there are three popular places to get them: McDonald’s, Chick-fil-A, and Burger King. All the different chicken nuggets come in a different variety and different prices like the McDonald’s chicken nuggets comes in a 10 pc at a price of \$4.49, the Chick-fil-A 8 pc chicken nuggets come at \$4.45, and the Burger King 10 pc chicken nuggets come at a price of \$6.79.

So we asked, who has the best nuggets?

When we tasted the McDonald’s chicken nuggets, they had a nice crisp and nice texture. It tastes even better with buttermilk ranch, if you’re into condiments; if not it’s fine on its own. The McDonald’s chicken nuggets also contain 193 calories.

The Chick-fil-A chicken nuggets are pretty crispy, but they are pretty dry on the inside. They were not bad in taste but will not take over the McDonald’s nuggets. They have 250 calories. They are a little bit better in price at \$4.45; less than McDonald’s, but the Chick-fil-A chicken nuggets come with two fewer pieces.

The Burger King chicken nuggets are decently sized, bigger than the Chick-fil-A chicken nuggets, but they are too dry on the inside. The chicken nuggets have 170 calories and for the price that they cost, it’s not really worth it.

They all have different prices, but the price on the Burger King nuggets price really stands out with \$6.79 for the same amount of nuggets you get at McDonald’s. Chick-fil-A and McDonald’s come neck and neck, they are around the same price, but the Chick-fil-A nuggets have 2 less nuggets so it has that going for them. The taste and the crisp that the McDonald’s chicken nuggets have, really give you that boost that you need for the day. The McDonald’s chicken nuggets also take the win for their price.

So, we decided that if you’re ever in the mood for chicken nuggets, McDonald’s chicken nuggets are the way to go.



JGHS First Semester Review

By Erika Hernandez

On August 15, 2019, a new school year began with new classes, teachers, and classmates. At first, everybody was excited to see their friends but already over school because we missed the summer break. I didn’t know what to expect from first semester because old senior friends had graduated, and it took some getting used to.

The first couple of weeks seemed to be going slowly, but once pep rallies, drama productions, sports, and weekend band events started, time started to fly.

September 27 was homecoming, but everybody was upset about it because it was in the school gym and it wasn’t a “formal” event. However, many people still ended up going and had a good time. Then on October 4, we had our annual rival football game, the Mayor’s Cup against Norwalk, which included the usual flour toss, streakers, and chanting. For the second year in row, Glenn won the Mayor’s Cup.

Halloween came along, but fewer

people dressed up. More than half the school probably still went trick-or-treating, though. After Halloween everybody was looking forward to Thanksgiving break because it meant a week off and being able to spend time with friends and family; but it also meant we were closer to the Christmas break. Although we were all excited, we were also terrified by the semester finals, everybody’s biggest nightmare. On December 13, there were four big events: Winter Concert, Holiday Bazaar, Suff-a-Bus, and final exams. The Winter Concert is done every year in the gym. The Marching Eagles played traditional Christmas music for the entire school. During Holiday Bazaar, all clubs gathered in the quad and sold food and drinks for fundraising, and Stuff-a-Bus helped donate toys for kids all around the world.

Everyone was ready for the break, as was I. Thankfully, I passed all my classes and went into the New Year happy and thankful for my grades, family, and loved ones. I hope your first semester went well, too.

Chicken Sandwiches: The Golden Grail

By Bryan Ramos and Andres Garcia

The McChicken is a really good chicken sandwich that you can purchase at McDonald’s for \$1.29. The McChicken has 357 calories, and has 35g of carbs. It includes mayonnaise, lettuce, and a juicy patty of chicken. It is probably the best chicken sandwich that you will ever have.

One thing that comes close to the McChicken is the Jack in the Box chicken sandwich, but even that won’t beat the McChicken. One thing we can say about the Jack’s chicken sandwich was that it was really salty.

As far as the price goes, the Jack’s chicken sandwich comes in a tie with the McChicken at a price of \$1.29, but the Popeye’s comes in at a whopping \$3.99.

The biggest downfall of the Popeye’s chicken sandwich is that on the outer layer it is crunchy, but under all that golden crisp is a more raw chicken texture. It really could not compare to the McChicken or any other chicken sandwich. Another reason why the Popeye’s chicken sandwich can’t compare to the McChicken is because it is really plain.

There’s just something about the McChicken that really makes it pop. It’s not too salty like the Jack’s chicken sandwich and not plain like the Popeye’s chicken sandwich. The McChicken is the right texture, the right taste, and the smell is like nothing you’ve ever smelled before.

The Popeye’s chicken sandwich includes very few ingredients: buns, pickles, and the chicken. It is really plain and not worth all the money. The Jack’s chicken sandwich includes mayonnaise, lettuce, white cheese, and a chicken patty.

All in all the chicken sandwich you should get if you’re ever in the mood for one is the McDonald’s McChicken. It is the Golden (Chicken) Grail. You will not regret it if you go in to take a bite with an open mind for greatness.



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Video Games: Influential Violence?

By Diego Avalos, Jonathan Garcia, and Ashton Quinones



Video games don’t make people violent.

There are many violent video games such as *Grand Theft Auto V*, the *Call of Duty* franchise, *Gears of War*, and *Destiny*. All of these games show some sort of gore or violent actions. Many people believe that playing these games can make an adult or adolescent violent or aggressive, but they are incorrect.

Video games don’t influence society to be violent or aggressive. Many people who play video games aren’t aggressive. The majority of the youth and population that play video games don’t cause mass shootings or violence. Also, most of the people that play violent video games are under the age of 18 and they don’t cause violence. This proves that video games aren’t a negative influence because the aggressive adult or person could have

stress due to their jobs and responsibilities. That is due to the development of their mind and their life status compared to children’s lives.

An actual cause of these violent mass shootings are the availability of firearms. Due to a lack of strict gun laws on the availability of firearms and age requirements, immature and mentally ill people have firearms. Then, due to personal issues and the person’s mental health, these mass shootings or violent actions occur.

So, video games aren’t the cause of aggressive actions and mass shootings. People’s life statuses and weak gun laws cause these types of aggressive actions.

People who play violent video games don’t become violent due to the video game; they can become violent due to their mental state. Also, people become violent because of weak gun laws.

Some suggestions for young adults or adults is to seek help if you having emotional problems or if you’re not mentally stable. For parents, it’s okay to let your children play violent video games if you feel they are ready. Violent video games don’t make a person violent or aggressive.

Trump Kills Iran’s Military General: Good Idea or Bad?

By Ashton Quinones, Diego Avalos, & Jonathan Garcia



President Trump recently ordered the assassination of Qasem Soleimani with an airstrike in Baghdad. This was a serious mistake because it created chaos and war. It was a bad decision on Trump’s part to kill Iran’s military general and to want to kill the next leader.

Due to Trump killing Qasem Soleimani, Trump declared war with Iran after they were upset. Since Iran’s leader died, it created havoc in their country which then provoked President Trump further. With this in mind, Trump practically declared war with Iran to settle their disagreements and to protect the United States. So now both countries are full of tension at this time.

Iran then launched 15 missiles at the United States base in Iraq on January 7, 2020, as confirmed by David S. Cloud in the *Los Angeles Times* when he wrote, “Iran launched 15 ballistic missiles at two military bases used by U.S forces in Iraq.” Iran was trying to retaliate towards Trump and the United States by launching missiles at the base to threaten and potentially kill United States Armed Forces. This is Iran’s way of intimidating and retaliating against the United States. This then made the

United States Armed Forces more vigilant and aware of potential attacks.

Although some people believe that Trump killing Iran’s general may have been a good idea, thinking that we are going to war to finally end terrorism throughout the world, they are wrong. Iran has carried out many terrorist acts and bombings throughout the world. If the United States defeats Iran, there will be fewer terrorists and no leader to lead their armed forces, but this is still a bad idea because it creates more problems.

Shooting missiles at the US bases, and purposely missing them, caused more problems with the United States. This made the U.S more aware and provoked to retaliate back.

“This is the inescapable result of president Donald Trump’s order to assassinate Gen. Qasem Soleimani, commander of Iran’s own force and arguably the most powerful military leader in the Middle East,” said Fred Kaplan from *Slated*. Maybe Trump could’ve taken a different approach to trying to end terrorism. By killing the Iranian military general, he infuriated many Iranian people. This will then lead to more problems and potentially more wars.

It was a bad decision for President Trump to kill Iran’s general and want to kill the next. Trump effectively declared war with Iran, but then due to that, Iran launched 15 ballistic missiles at the U.S bases in Iraq. This could lead to more problems with the two countries and cause chaos.

Australia Fires: Unleashed Beasts

Will the fires be stopped before a greater tragedy?

How much more can Australia withstand?

By Xavier Fleming and Joan Salgado

In late July 2019, Australia’s “fire season” started. The fires raged for months and months, into 2020. Now, according to Scott Neuman at NPR, currently about 26 people have died. In the state of New South Wales, nearly 3,000 homes have been burnt down or badly damaged. An estimated 18 million acres of land have been destroyed due to the fires. Even though there has been help from other countries and the state and federal authorities, they are struggling to contain the fire.

“Pressure will grow to do something. Estimates of the cost of damage from the fires have ranged from about \$3 billion, or \$3.5 billion Australian dollars, to \$4.4 billion. Mr. Richardson, of Deloitte, estimated that one in 10,000 homes in Australia had been damaged,” stated Jaime Tarabay *The New York Times*.

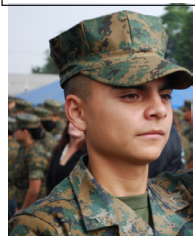
“Australia is being ravaged by the worst wildfires seen in decades, with large swaths of the country devastated since the fire season began in late July,” according to Jessie Yeung at *CNN*.

According to Sigal Samuel of *Vox Media*, around 1 billion animals have been killed due to the fires in Australia. Even scientists think that a large amount of the animals killed have still not yet been discovered. The animals that survived the fire are still at risk of dying from the lack of water and food. Luckily, helicopters are going over the burnt areas that the fire had destroyed and dropping vegetables to help feed the animals that survived the fire. They found thousands of koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, and birds lying dead on the floors of the destroyed habitats they once lived in.

Our SEA cadets weighed in on the news, too, many filled with sadness for the continent. “I felt sad and sympathetic for the people who had lost their homes and their family members,” said



CFC Sor & Cardenas (above); CSC Garcia (below)



Map of Australia (left), showing the overall devastation of the areas of Australia that were on fire (file photo).

Cadet Priscilla Cardenas.

“When I heard the news about the fires, I thought it was crazy. I didn’t even know that it was going on, to be honest,” said CFC Norah Sor.

CSC Wilmer Garcia stated, “Hearing about the animals made me feel so bad. That’s really crazy that something like that could happen and we are not able to stop it.”

“At least some of our firefighters were able to go and help out Australia with the fires,” stated CSC KeiAna Harrison-Hood.

According to *Earth & Space Science News*, due to the fire, ash, soot, and charred vegetation, it has caused clogged streams, dams, and beaches. This means that the water quality becomes harmful to drink, affecting humans and animals. That’s including the heavy rain that will come, carrying out the ash and dead branches to the rivers and lakes. The trees will also take years to grow back.

Australia is going through one of their hardest times yet, and it’s devastating to know that even though they have help coming from other countries they still have yet to put out the fires. It has been a long period of time and there is no solution to stop the fire. Hopefully, the time will come that these horrible fires will be put out.

Rest in peace to all the lives lost in the fires and our condolences go out to the families who have to start over.



This iconic photo of a kangaroo near a house on fire in New South Wales was taken by Matthew Abbott and published in the *New York Times*.

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Eagle Athlete of the Month: Leilany Mosqueda



By Jasmine Palacio

This month, we are nominating Lady Eagles basketball player **Leilany Mosqueda** as student athlete of the month, for being a motivated teammate as well as a great friend off the court.

Leilany is a 17-year-old senior who is from Guanajuato, Mexico who started playing basketball at the age of 15 during her sophomore year. Leilany's goal at JGHS is the mindset of having a fresh start. She is a transfer student from Norwalk High, who was in search of new teammates and opportunities.

Leilany plans to play basketball after high school at Santa Barbara City College. Leilany has learned throughout playing basketball that trusting your teammates and communicating, and not only having a bond on the court but off the court, is key. Leilany recommends playing a sport even with no experience, because the effort of trying and meeting new people will give you the opportunity to find a passion for something. She would like to thank her teammates Perla, Alexis, Jeanette, and Makayla for all their friendship. Leilany wants to pass on this quote from the legendary Kobe Bryant: "The moment you give up, you let someone else win."

Girls B-ball Season Recap

By Alfredo Menjivar

The Lady Eagles basketball team finished 11-16 overall, and 1-9 in league play, leaving the Eagles in last place in the 605 League standings. After a strong start to the season, the unfortunate team record was the result of the Eagles losing 9 of the last 10 games, which left them out of the playoff picture.



Coach Guerrero explained how the loss of Kobe and Gianna Bryant, as well as the other victims of the January 26 helicopter crash, affected everyone, but at the same time brought everyone together. Before the game on February 4, as the Lady Eagles took on the Artesia Pioneers at John Glenn High School, both teams honored Kobe and Gianna Bryant by wearing the colors purple and gold as well

as putting two John Glenn Eagles jerseys on the seats with the numbers 24 and 2 (*pictured, above*). In a bittersweet loss, the Eagles fell to the Pioneers 37-23, and then finished the season losing to Oxford Academy on February 6, 52-44.

There were still plenty of positive moments and highlights, however. Coach Ruben Guerrero said that his favorite moment this past season was winning a championship in the Mark Keppel Tournament, back in late November. Coach Guerrero also explains what his team will be working on for next season, such as gaining more experience and a tougher mentality. Thank you for supporting the Lady Eagles in the 2019-2020 season.



Emotional Finish for Boys B-ball

By Victor Martinez

Despite a tough 0-10 finish, the John Glenn boys varsity basketball team had a memorable home game on Tuesday, February 4th against Artesia.

This game wasn't just a regular game--it was very emotional, as both teams honored the great Kobe Bryant, who died in a helicopter accident on January 26. The Eagles by playing a speech by Kobe and took 24 seconds of silence. The varsity boys and girls also wore a shirt with Bryant on their backs.

In addition to honoring the legend, the last two seats of the home bench had number 2 and 24 jerseys that represented and honored Kobe and Gigi. The Eagles took a tough loss against Artesia by a score of 49-36. The only senior on the team, **Chris Saucedo**, had himself a great game on both the offensive and defensive side.

Lastly, one final thank you goes to Chris Saucedo who has been a part of the basketball team all 4 years of high school. Well done, Chris.



Eagles tip-off in a December game. (picture courtesy Mrs. Parra)

Wrestling Dominates 605 League Again

By Breanna Sanchez



Boys Wrestling (above) and Girls Wrestling (below) both bring home another 605 League Championship; Both squads celebrate (far right, bottom)



Coming off a successful 2019 season, the Eagles Girls and Boys Wrestling teams for 2020 took the 605 League Championship title for the second year in a row. The boys have done an excellent job at tournaments, such as Bishop Amat and the Juan Enriquez Memorial, with placements from **Hector Ramirez, Santiago Chambers, Angel Juarez, Angel Villacana, Isaiah Saaverda** and **Maurico Venegas**.

At tournaments such as Santa Ana, John Glenn, and Queen of the Hill, **Nicole DeMasi, Breanna Sanchez**, and **Anela Kramer** have been placed within the top 5. Unfortunately, the boys team fell short of another CIF Championship as a team.

However, wish both teams good luck at CIF individuals on Friday and Saturday the 14th and 15th. Boys finals will be at West Torrance today and tomorrow, and the girls are wrestling at Camarillo High School tomorrow.



Girls Soccer Wraps Up

By Issac Rangel



Although the John Glenn High School girls soccer team finished off their 605 League 2019-20 season with a sixth place finish and a record of 0-9, they still have a positive mindset and made lasting memories.

After starting the year 0-6, their final three games saw a loss at Whitney High School on January 31, followed by back-to-back home losses against Artesia on February 3 and Oxford Academy on the 5th of February.

Their final season record ended up being 0-9. However, the girls only have room to improve next season and will have the mentality to do better. A quote from **Andrea Alaniz** about one of her favorite memories of this season and what the team can work on to be better was, "One of my favorite memories was when we won our first preseason game because it made the team feel good and have a positive mindset for the rest of the season. And something we can work on is communication and ball work and how to work as a team rather than individually."

Thanks for all your support this year, and let's hope for a great 2020-21 season for the Lady Eagles soccer team.

Boys Soccer Playoffs, cont.

(continued, from page 1) By Juan Galvan

The win pushed the Eagles into the CIF Southern Section Division 6 playoffs.

As of press time (Tuesday, February 11), the Eagles were preparing to win against Ganesha High School on the road in Pomona. Ganesha was the #1 seed in the Miramonte League. The February 12 game took place at 5:00pm, which leads into the second round of the CIF playoffs.

The second round will feature Glenn or Ganesha facing off against either Los Altos or Nuview Bridge, today, February 14.

When it comes to playing in the CIF Playoffs for the first time, it's either "Go big or go home." Congratulations Boys Soccer, and Go Eagles!

