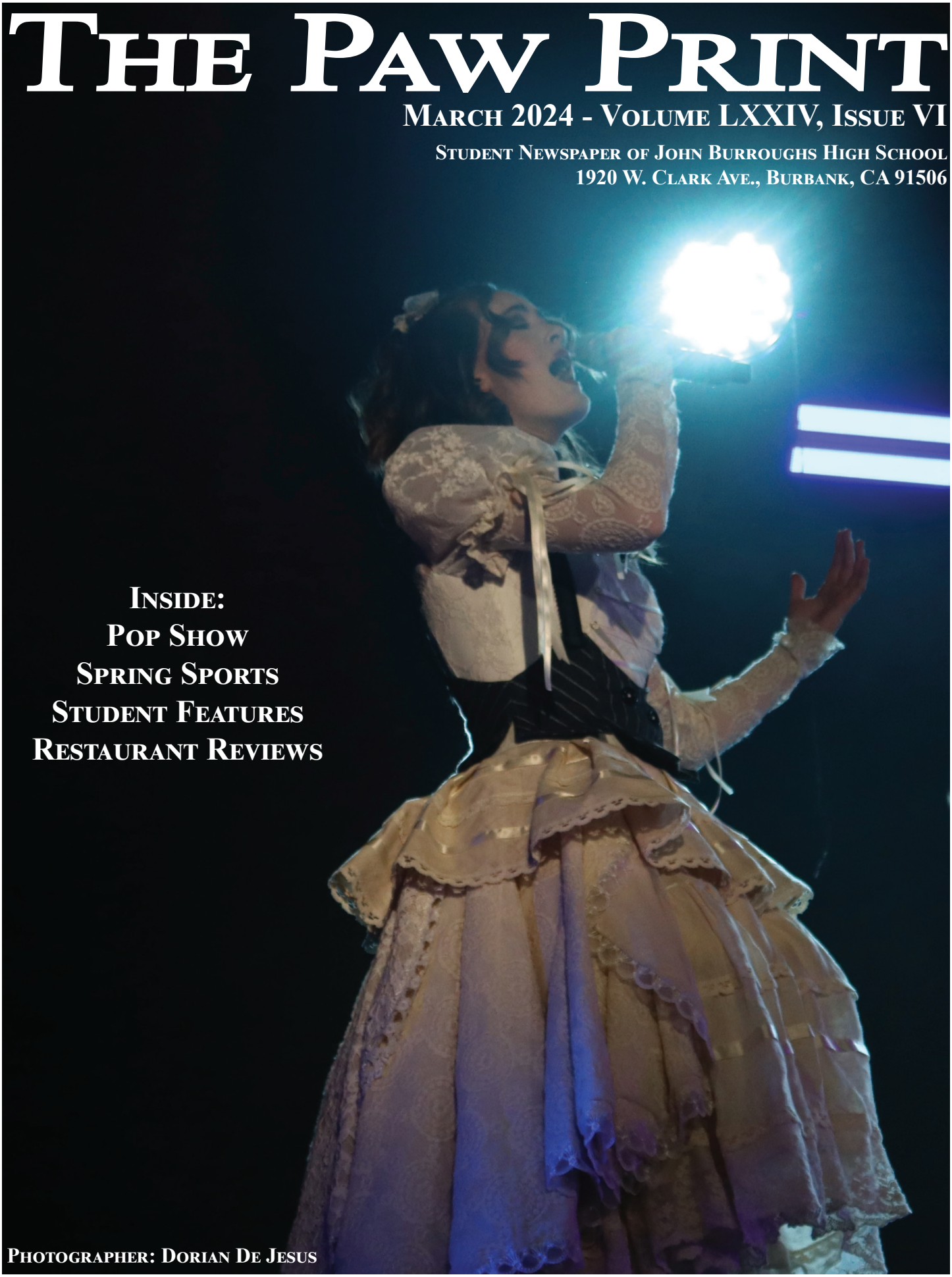
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Pop Show 45: True To Your Heart

By Zoe Belknap
Guest Reporter

During the weekend of February 23, the hardworking students of the John Burroughs VMA joined together to perform three incredible shows of Pop Show: a show choir spectacular combining the incredible competition sets of the program's five award-winning show choirs with the self-produced acts featuring talented students from each and every choir.

The tradition of Pop Show began in 1980 under Mary Rago, Mr. Jennings' predecessor who made the program what it is today. Every year since then, the show has gotten better and better thanks to the help of Mr. Jennings, Jen Oundjian, Dan Scoville, and all of the talented musicians, arrangers, chairs, choreographers, and tech crew members who help bring the show together.

The show began with a fun performance of Stevie Wonder and 98 degrees' Mulan hit, "True to Your Heart" featuring Powerhouse and Sound Sensations, the VMA's two advanced choirs. Featuring soloists Rosalie Marmo, Athena Pichardo, Lana Dadekian, Clementine Toronto, Jayden Daroya, Noel Mason, and Raquel Brogmus, this upbeat 1998 classic was the perfect way to begin the show.

"True to Your Heart" was followed by "Girlfriend" by Avril Lavigne, an all-Freshman act featuring Caroline Canny, Brooke Willians, Ava Inchaurregui, Alessi Umali, Sutton Schiff, Lucy Chesley, and Molly Hauser.

Then, Miles Tesfu performed the second Stevie Wonder song of the night, "As," featuring dancers from Powerhouse as couples performing in tableaus of different relationships.

Miles was followed by Decibelles, JBHS' intermediate treble choir performing their competition set based on The Spice Girls with the girls divided into the five members of the 90s girl group: Scary Spice, Sporty Spice, Posh Spice, Baby Spice, or Ginger Spice. Their set included Spice Girls hits like "Spice Up Your Life," and "Wannabe" and more modern hits like "Raise Your Glass" by Pink and "Don't Start Now" by Dua Lipa.


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Decibelles was followed by "Picture to Burn" from Taylor Swift's self-titled debut country album featuring singers Bea Park, Cierra Arroyo, Emerson Riley, Olivia Zenetis, and Amelia Cucuzza and dancers Eliza Goulet, Emily Leong, Lauren Chaparro, Areyana Shehata, Justine Navas, Elyse Sullivan, Rose Hemmingway, Isabella Antigua, Alana Gay, and Ava Viallobos.

This act was guest choreographed by JBHS alum Kyle Daou and featured each dancer holding a picture of one of Taylor Swift's ex boyfriends. By the end of the busy show weekend, various torn up Tom Hiddlestons and Harry Styles adorned the backstage dressing rooms.


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Then, the boys of Powerhouse (and Sound Waves boys Jacob Worsham, Ronin Nalbaltian, Phoenix Erquiza, and Brandon Perez)


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sang 80s hit "Poison" with soloists Mauricio Lara, Cruz Martin, Caleb Perez, and Evan Baker.

They were then followed by the incredible Muses, the a cappella group made up of members of Sound Sensations. They sang "No More Tears" by Ariana Grande featuring soloists Rosalie Marmo. Georgia Dadekian, and Jillian Pirucello.

Muses was followed by "Black Leaves" which was performed beautifully by Powerhouse's Alana Gay, Naima Herisse, and Noel Mason with dancers Vivian Johns, Alessi Umali, Isabella Antigua, Danica McKillian, Elyse Sullivan, Lauren Chaparro, and Caleb Perez.

Then, Danielle Bax, Emma Kata, and Kelly Hagan performed "We Found Love Unconditionally" a mashup of Rhianna's "We Found Love" and Katy Perry's "Unconditionally." This act was extra special for the three involved because since 2020, when they were the only three Freshmen in Sound Sensations, they have performed an act together in Pop Show. This performance also included Haya Farooq, Echo Geller, Danika Gonzales, Naima Herisse, L Hoyle, Vivian Johns, Jean Lara, Bianca Manganaan, Lauren Matlock, Bea Park, Clementine Toronto, and Elyse Sullivan as dancers.

They were then followed by Sound Waves, the VMA's mixed intermediate choir who performed their set based on the book *Where The Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak. The set features Freshman Jasper Jemison who endearingly leads Sound Waves' show as the book's main character: Max, a young boy sent to bed without supper who escapes to the world of the Wild Things. Sound Waves performed an engaging fun set that includes a wide range of songs from "Naughty" from *Matilda* to "Oblivion" by Bastille.

Then, Powerhouse Senior Caleb Perez performed Billy Joel's "Uptown Girl" with Eliza Goulet as the uptown girl and dancers Miles Tesfu, Mauricio Lara, Joey Amoroso, Reeve Bennett, Makabe Ganey, Jack Guest, Riley Hall, L Hoyle, Hratch Kistinian, Evan Lanier, Athena Pichardo, Echo

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Geller, Luke Pirucello, Eli Romsa, Silas Schultz, and Liam West as the downtown men. Following Caleb was Naima Herisse who beautifully performed Samara Joy's "Sweet Pumpkin."

Naima was followed by Neo Chromatics, the a cappella group composed of members of Powerhouse, performing a stunning arrangement of Jacob Collier's "All I Need." Neo Chromatics was followed by Senior and VMA President Mauricio Lara who performed the 2006 John Legend hit, "Save Room."

After Mauricio was Powerhouse Senior Emerson Riley who beautifully sang the jazz standard "Cry Me a River" by Julie London. Emerson Riley was then followed by Sound Sensations, JBHS' advanced treble choir.

This year, Sound Sensations' competition set was "Warriors and Goddesses" featuring Georgia Dadekian (Pax), Ani Darbinian (Athena), Lexi Palomino (Persephone), Alessi Umali (Themis), and Rosalie Marmo (Hera) as five goddesses reigning over a choir of warriors. Depicting the story of the Greek and Trojan War, Sophomores Mariella Cistone and Rebecca Geidt lead the choir and featured dancers Emily Leong and Ella Hukle into battle.

The set includes fun songs like Imagine Dragons' "Warriors," and the Goo Goo Dolls' "Better Days," but the emotional climax of the set comes from Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston with the *Prince of Egypt* song, "When You Believe," sung by the endlessly talented Georgia Dadekian. Living up to two legends like Mariah and Whitney is no easy task, but Georgia does it with ease and grace as she urges the warriors in the set to stop fighting and just, "believe."

This set is something completely new for Sound Sensations; being tough and unapologetic is not something all girls' choirs are known for. With this year as her second and final year in Sound Sensation, Georgia reflects on her experience in the choir saying, "This year in Sound Sensations has meant everything to me. Something about this year with this specific group and this specific set is just so special."

After Intermission, Senior Luke Pirucello performed "I'm Gonna Live Till I Die" by Ray Anthony and Frank Sinatra with background dancers from local dance studio Generation DCD's advanced dance team called PDE. Luke was followed by Powerhouse Senior Danielle Bax performing "I'll Never Love Again" by Lady Gaga from *A Star Is Born* (2018).

Following Danielle was the men's choir Men At Work featuring a record number of 70 boys from Sound Waves, Powerhouse, and some even who aren't in any choir and wanted to join. Men At Work meets once a week after school, so it's a great option for people interested in choir who don't have space in their schedule for it as a class.

This year, Men At Work's set was corn. Yep, just corn. Featuring songs like "Corn-try Girl Shuck it for Me" and "It's Corn," Men At Work created a funny and charming set that follows corn farmers who eventually (spoilers) turn into corn. This set features two outstanding soloists Silas Schulz and Evan Baker performing "Lost in the Maze" a rewrite of the Jonathan Groff (Kristoff) song from *Frozen 2*.

Powerhouse Junior Jhanessa Equila followed Men At Work with the song "From the Start," by Icelandic jazz singer Laufey featuring dancers Eli Romsa, Jarel Monfero, Paul Vu, Sam Figueroa, Noel Mason, and Cierra Arroyo.

Kelly Hagan then performed an incredible rendition of Dolly Parton's 1973 classic "Jolene," to precede Dance Ensemble choreographed by Emily Depauw and guest choreographer Amanda Richardson. Dance Ensemble's tender emotional three song set followed Seniors Mauricio Lara and Vivian Johns who helped depict the struggles of addiction. This year's set was incredibly impactful for many of the students involved, particularly Eliza Goulet who told reporters, "This year's Dance Ensemble was so special to me. It was composed of such amazing and talented humans, and was such a beautiful space to grow and create with each other."

Powerhouse Senior Bella Pardo followed Dance Ensemble with a stunning cover of "Confetti" by Tori Kelly accompanied by Makabe Ganey. As the last act before Powerhouse, a coveted slot in the competitive world of the JBHS VMA, Senior Cruz Martin sang a phenomenal rendition of 80s hit "Just Once" by James Ingram filled to the brim with impressive runs and riffs.

As always, Powerhouse ended the show with a beautiful, inventive set. This year, Powerhouse's competition set, which since Pop Show has garnered many first place trophies, follows a fallen star named Penelope Graves played by Emerson Riley in search for a pair of shoes.

Aided by the Raven played by Vivian Johns and Happy Souls Olivia Zenetis and Cruz Martin, Penelope gets her shoes and is able to walk among the spirits. This idea is portrayed through many incredibly performed songs, but one that stood out was the a cappella piece in their set: "Blackbird" by the Beatles combined with "Part of Your World" from the *Little Mermaid* to create a perfect ballad, performed by Jhanessa Equila.

But, eventually, grave diggers played by Mauricio Lara and Makabe Ganey steal Graves' shoes while singing "Human" by Rag'n'Bone Man. Then, Riley performs a staggering rendition of Alanis Morsette's "Uninvited" that, combined with the exceptional chorus of Powerhouse creates one of the most emotional moments in the entire show. To close out their choir set, Powerhouse performs "Underground" by Cody Fry with soloist Caleb Perez that resolves the conflict of the story in the most heartfelt, evocative way possible.

As the audience dried their tears after Powerhouse's set, every choir member ran on stage and in the audience to do a final chorus of "True to Your Heart" to bow and close out the show.

This Pop Show was certainly one for the books! Each choir set is remarkable and creative in its own unique way, which promises an exciting competition season to come. If you didn't get the chance to check out Pop Show, be sure to come to Spring Concert in May for the final performance of these incredible sets!


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Multicultural Festival

By Mia Damiani
Cub Reporter

Burroughs' Multicultural Festival encompassed a wide variety of cultures, allowing diverse students to learn more about their different backgrounds. The festival took place in the Quad on March 8th.

Previously, this festival has taken place in the Library, but this year the festival was expanded to take place in the Quad, allowing students to include bigger cultural presentations like dance groups and food trucks.

Students prepared poster boards to talk about the significance and history of their culture and some even brought in native foods for other students to try.

The presentations each student gave a good mix of historical information along with the students' personal connection to their culture.

Aayush Bhambi, Junior at Burroughs, gave an outstanding presentation showcasing his pride in his Indian culture. Aayush highlighted the parts of his culture that are most important to him, like Indian clothing and his religious faith.

He talked about how tikas, the dot that many Indians wear on their forehead, are made out of sapharone and water from the Holy River (The Ganges River) mixed together, making it representative of one's connection and faith in God.

Aayush Bhambi said that to him the tika represents, "our purity and our duty to be positive and follow the leadership of God." He explained further, "When we pray, at the end of our prayer, we put a mark on our forehead, our belly button, and sometimes our throat."

Not only did this festival allow students to dive deeper into their own cultures, but many students shared learning further about other cultural practices. Aayush shared that his favorite part of the festival was the Irish folk dances performed at the festival, which exposed him to the beauty of artistic expression in Irish culture.

Junior, Alanna Simon, also shared that her favorite part of the festival was watching the wide variety of cultural dancers, citing the Mexican dancers as her favorite act. She stated, "I really liked all the dancers, especially the ones representative of Mexican culture."

Alanna Simon represented the Filipino culture with the JBHS Filipino Culture Club. The club worked together to make a poster board that represented the club's favorite foods and icons of Filipino culture. Alanna Simon explained, "We had Beabadoobee and Bruno Mars, along with different artists from our culture." Alanna shared highlighting her culture was important to her, "because often people don't recognize us as much in mainstream culture."

The Armeanian Club went above and beyond with their presentations, sharing different cultural foods for other students to indulge in which were a huge hit at the festival.

The Multicultural Festival was truly a beautiful celebration of diverse heritages, serving as a reminder of all the different backgrounds and experiences Burroughs students come from. Our wonderful students went above and beyond by bringing awareness to the beauty and importance of their respective cultures while also engaging in new ones. Go Bears!

CTE Day

By Stephanie Hernandez
Editor In Chief

The JBHS annual CTE Day occurred earlier in the Spring Semester on February 14th, bringing a multitude of military branches, local colleges, trade schools, and other opportunities to students here at Burroughs.

During an extended fourth period, students could explore the multitude of booths and demonstrations in the quad to find what was most interesting to them. Representatives from multiple areas, such as health sciences, law enforcement, and artistry, were in attendance.

CTE, or career technical education, has provided students with a multitude of pathways such as digital media, photography, and construction through their dual enrollment courses and events such as CTE day, with events such as CTE day allowing students to become more familiar with various sought-after career and internship opportunities.

Besides trade schools, local colleges, and the Armed Forces, UMe Credit Union, a local business that even has its own ATM machine on campus, was at CTE day. It handed out tote bags and informed students about opportunities regarding student banking as well as a scholarship for seniors.

Overall, students throughout each grade level found this day helpful and exciting, meeting representatives from various places.

Junior Makayla Victoria mentioned, "I'm part of NAF, which adds an extra layer to today. I was in professional attire due to having an academy dress for success day, and I got a few compliments from some of the representatives."

Senior Rose Surico, another NAF member, concurred, "Even though it was really crowded and uncomfortable with the business clothes we were wearing, I found that I had gone to a lot of interesting booths. The booths weren't of industries I had originally found interesting, but after listening to the representatives, I felt myself being drawn more and more."

Overall, NAF students have received a lot of information regarding after-high school opportunities, with CTE dual enrollment at the forefront. Courses such as communication, psychology, finance, and media arts are regularly advertised throughout the school as a way to get college and high school credit through an afterschool program.

Senior Nana Bhambi, a student who has taken a plethora of dual enrollment classes and is very familiar with CTE, stated that "CTE day was really nice. I've taken several courses, for instance, finance planning, and I found them to be very helpful. CTE day helps to show the reality of these courses and what people can accomplish with this knowledge, which I find interesting."

Overall, CTE day proved to be a success. We at Burroughs are beyond thankful for these networking opportunities and informational assemblies, which allow students to explore their futures. Go Bears!

Costco Cookies

By Dorian De Jesus
Cub Photographer

The Costco cookie was released on January 7th 2024. This was done to replace the beloved and affordable Costco churro.

When I went to try the Costco cookie I went in with an open mind. I did like that the cookie was warm. I thought it was a very good balance of crispy and soft. One of my only complaints is that the chocolate was too concentrated in little spots. The price is a bit high for it. I felt it deserved more $1.00 or $1.49 rather than $2.49. I do appreciate that they wanted to make it big. I would have probably liked it better if it was wider but thinner.

I think it was a good idea to add to the menu, however, not worth replacing the churro.

It truly is a shame that they replaced the churro, especially without warning. When I went to my local Costco and saw that they had replaced the churro with the cookie I was appalled. I had made many happy memories with the Costco churro, especially when it was only a dollar. It is truly devastating as that churro got a lot of us through some of our hardest days.

St. Joseph Hospital Field Trip

By Stephanie Hernandez
Editor In Chief

On Thursday, February 29, the JBHS Medical Academy Seniors went on a field trip to St. Joe's Hospital, an annual Springtime field trip JBHS Seniors have gone on for years.

The Medical NAF Academy at JBHS is a highly respected program where students learn a variety of skills not only in the medical field with set courses such as Anatomy and Physiology and Biotechnology, but also the professional world through internships, mock interviews, and fun field trips.

Beginning the day at around 8:30, JBHS Seniors and a few of the NAF Medical Academy teachers made their way to the nearby hospital and began learning about hospital administration and practices right away.

Burroughs students were introduced to several professions at the hospital, including occupational therapists, nutritionists, biochemists, and nurses and managers in the NICU and the labor and delivery unit.

After introductions, students were allowed to learn more about the professions in-depth through smaller group discussions and even demonstrations with a NICU incubator. Though students were not able to speak closely with every professional, they did experience several rotations where they were able to pick their top seven professionals to speak with.

A common pathway was discussed by several of the hospital's path, that their schooling and career was not a straight path, though they ended up in a career which was impactful and engaging.

The Clinic Director of both the physical and occupational therapy units of the hospital explained "I wanted a career which would allow me to balance work and home life and luckily I got what I wanted. I was able to raise three children while keeping my job and I'm so thankful for that."

Senior Penny Kalcoff who spoke with several of the professionals, learned that "though it's difficult to adapt to the hospital environment, it's really rewarding. The talks with the professional in the surgery department specifically cemented my want to work in the medical field, specifically that I'm interested in the field of oncology which is the study of cancer. It was really nice to speak to these real professionals and get to learn about what they do on a day-to-day basis. It's a lot better than just looking it up on the internet."

After the small group discussions, specialized tours of the hospital were given to students including tours of the emergency room, the surgery department, and the laboratory. Choosing their top two units they were interested in, students were taken by one of the professionals into the depths of the hospital, able to ask questions and get a look at the behind-the-scenes of St. Joe's.

Senior Elle Lopez who toured the emergency room and laboratory described her tours as "eye-opening." She went on to explain, "I loved hearing about how doctors coped with working in super stressful conditions, especially with patients in critical condition. In the ER specifically, our tour guide stressed how things could be peaceful one minute then turn into someone in a critical condition being brought in and everyone needs to jump out of their seats and help."

Overall, the field trip proved to be a major success for all JBHS Medical Academy Seniors and it wouldn't have been possible without NAF staff. Thank you to all of the field trip supervisors for the beyond wonderful experience.

Go Bears!

Portraits of Kindness

By James Reid
Editor In Chief

Since 2011, John Burroughs High School has been the home of an art project like no other, Portraits of Kindness.

Originally established by Ms. Grené, the JBHS library coordinator, and Ms. Williams, a former JBHS art teacher, Portraits of Kindness has long offered students the opportunity to connect with other youth from all over the world via artistic expression.

"Creating a portrait is an intimate experience that naturally creates a connection between artist and subject," said Ms. Grené. "These connections nurture empathy and a sense of global unity." Although Portraits of Kindness has made connections on almost every continent, the experience has always been limited by one factor: distance.

But this year, things have changed. Due to JBHS Portraits of Kindness' recent partnership with the Chipatso Project in Cape Maclear, Malawi, Ms. Grené and Ms. Nakashima will actually be traveling to Africa over spring break to personally deliver their students' artworks. "There's another organization that hires other people to deliver the artwork," said Ms. Nakashima. "And I thought, 'wouldn't it be extraordinary to actually be there firsthand, to be able to go see the excitement on the kids' faces as they get the portraits created by our Burroughs students, and then be able to bring it back to our kids?'"

Even though the students themselves will not participate in the trip itself, the excitement surrounding it is undeniable. "I think it's great that they're actually going to give them the art in Africa because it shows the kids there that there are people out there who care," said Makayla Victoria, a Junior in Portraits of Kindness. "It's also good for the school too, because it also shows the importance of the program."

Although Malawi, a country in East Africa, is this year's focus for Portraits of Kindness, the club has



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previously partnered with nations from all around the world, including Russia, Ukraine, the Philippines, and Nigeria. They've even partnered with specific groups in other countries, like the Rohingya, a historically oppressed people focused primarily in Myanmar.

But of course, none of this would be possible without art. Art is the driving force behind the program, and the lens through which these students connect with the world. "I feel like sometimes all someone really needs during a hard time is knowing there is someone out there thinking and caring about them," said Sophomore Alba Borrelli. "It's incredible how much art can make a difference."

Although it's easy to see the difference this program makes on the global scale, it also has a profound impact on individuals, albeit an often more subtle one. For Isaac Alvarado, a Junior in Portraits of Kindness, this was one of his first experiences in painting. "This is my first year taking art, and I've never really painted before," he said. "It was really fun trying it."

No matter where you are in the world, there's no denying that Portraits of Kindness is a special program. Combining art and global exchange is a uniquely noble idea, and to have two members of our Burroughs community actually visiting our partner nation is truly incredible. In the words of Ms. Grené, "art is something we can all relate to, regardless of differences in language, culture, or lived experience."

Congratulations to all of our students in the Portraits of Kindness program, and good luck to Ms. Grené and Ms. Nakashima on their trip!

Emerson Riley

By Josie Robinson
Cub Reporter


Photographer: Dorian De Jesus

One of the VMA's talented performers, Emerson Riley, leads the charge towards greatness for Power House's more recent, "Pop Show," and in their upcoming competition season. While Pop Show was absolutely phenomenal, as every performer and choir was a powerhouse within itself, one must acknowledge the incredible performance Riley had in both her senior solo for "Cry Me a River" and her role as Penelope Graves in Power House's competition set. Riley now has a couple knockout performances under her belt, having recently played one of the leads in Burroughs's "Shrek the Musical," as Fiona, and her new role as Penelope Graves, telling a devastating story of loss, love, and self discovery.

Loss was found behind the curtain too, as this performance was the last Pop Show for Seniors. While Seniors have spent a good half of their time performing for Burroughs behind a computer screen their Freshmen year or behind a mask their Sophomore year, Riley, only started her journey in Burroughs choir her Junior year. Although she's certainly showed everyone how talented she is and has made a more than impressive climb up the ladder of Burroughs choir, she still expresses how bittersweet it is, since she thinks, "there is so much more I could be doing since I transferred last year, and I missed all that time that I could have used for this program." Regardless, she's still excited to, "pass the torch onto the new generation of performers."

However, as Riley reaches the end of her Senior year, she's now turning her attention toward a more expansive world of performing, professionally. She's applied to several performance colleges such as Texas State, Elon University and Michigan, and while she's still awaiting their response back, she's excited to pursue performing on a professional level. "I'm nervous but I'm really excited to pursue that more professionally in my life, and to really use what the VMA and what Drama has taught me to be the best performer I can be."

Finally, she's immensely grateful for her fellow castmates/performers singing alongside her, and members of the VMA behind the curtain who made the show possible. Riley is working alongside Vivian Johns, Makabe Ganey, Mauricio Lara as well as the entirety of Power House choir to transform this eerie and heart wrenching performance. Riley expressed how incredible it's been to have the opportunity,"to originate this role, and breathe life into a role that's never seen the light of day before," especially since she gets to work, "alongside my best friends."

James Reid

By Jack Nothomb
Cub Reporter

James Reid, Co-Editor-In-Chief of *The Paw Print*, has won a major journalism competition here in Southern California. This comes after he entered in the journalism competition which took place at California State University Northridge this past month, after his victory he will move onto compete at state championships at California State University Los Angeles.

James has been an editor at *The Paw Print* for all four years he has attended John Burroughs High School. In addition to that he was also the only Freshman editor here when he started at John Burroughs. He is a legend of *Print* here at school and is a well respected local high school journalist.

James entered in the competition to help grow his already large asset of accolades in the journalistic field. He placed third in the



competition, cutting out the ultra prestigious and reputable Harvard Westlake in the process of his grand victory.

James one day aspires to be a great pilot for Hawaiian Airlines and wants to major in Journalism while attending his university of choice. He already has a student pilot's license and is adept at flying. He is also interested in depth about the culture and history of the South Pacific.

When James first showed up to the competition he wasn't initially very confident, stating "when I showed up for the competition and when I left I wasn't initially very confident, I was very surprised to hear them call me for third place" he said.

When asked how he felt about winning James said this"I was very surprised to get third place, I had no prior knowledge of how this competition would work and initially I was very unconfident." This shows his confidence, prowess and commitment to the art of Journalism.

This is James's first piece of Journalism silverware and it gives him a taste for more, "Absolutely I have a thirst for more, I'm very excited to participate in state at CSULA, California State Los Angeles, for state soon!" He eagerly exclaimed. He can't wait to push past the proving grounds he's already performed on and go on to great, fantastic, and wonderful things in the future.

This was a good showing for John Burroughs Journalism overall and James believes that as well. He stated, "yes, this was a very good showing for Burroughs as a school as well." It is indeed growth for Burroughs with its great print journalism program.

This is a great step forward for the school as well as we maintain and grow our elective programs and seek to hold academic titles.

Overall, James's victory marks a momentous victory for John Burroughs as a school and as a Journalism program. We look forward to collecting many more accolades in the very near future and know that it won't be too long a wait to add more silverware to our trophy case.

Cela Cafe

By Jaylyn Barjolo
Sports Editor

Greetings John Burroughs Students, let's introduce a new eatery Cela Cafe! This cafe is located at 3511 W Magnolia Blvd, and opened on September 30th, 2023, replacing the restaurant Healthy Bites. It is currently open seven days a week from 11 am - 9 pm.

In terms of student-accessibility, it's a great place to go during lunch if you're driving which is approximately a 5-minute drive, but a 28-minute walk which isn't ideal.

When I arrived I was greeted with a welcome, and since there wasn't any reserved seating, I was able to sit outside at their outdoor seating after I had ordered and received my food.

There were a couple of moments when staff members would check in and ask if I needed anything or how I was enjoying my meal.

I ordered a falafel plate that had 4 falafels, white basmati rice, spiced onion and parsley mix, cucumber and tomato salad, tahini, hummus, and pita bread which came to a total of $17.

When it came to the menu there were a good amount of vegetarian options, like the veggie plate or the Greek salad.

The prices were reasonable and ranged from 10 - 20 dollars, and given the surroundings the cafe was very aesthetic and had a cozy environment.

As I evaluated the food I could tell that they put effort into making the food look visually appealing, and everything was properly cooked.

As I took my first bite I was amazed by the flavor of the falafel and the salad tasted very fresh and refreshing. And overall the dish is what it should've been.

Compared to other Mediterranean restaurants I would say that it was very exciting. Mediterranean is one of my favorite types of food so I had high hopes. The food was good, and I was served a great portion of food for the price.

As I scoped out the place it wasn't extremely packed but there was a good amount of people. They all seemed to be people enjoying their time and having fun with the people they were with.

For my first impression, when I got to the cafe I was greeted by warm fairy lights and the decor was very earthy and aesthetic with a calm atmosphere.

When it came to the decor it felt very welcoming with plants on every table and paintings on the walls, you could tell that there was love in the place. The table seated anywhere from 2-4 people and the seating was comfortable with the cushioned seats.

As for dishes, I would try something different, as, even though it was delicious, it would be cool to explore other things. Especially since the presentation of not only the food but also the atmosphere was great.

I would not only come back to this cafe but I'd recommend this cafe to other students here at Burroughs.

The Three Sisters Cafe

By Shalini Pathak
Cub Reporter

Burbank is home to hundreds of beautifully unique and family owned businesses that includes restaurants, small businesses and cafes. One Cafe that rapidly became a staple for many of these local families is The Three Sisters Cafe. Located at 1706 W Magnolia Blvd, Burbank California 91506. The Three Sisters Cafe Is near John Burroughs High School and located at the heart of Burbank. Three Sisters is a family-owned business with deep ties to the Burbank community. It was started in 2021 by Matt and Kristen Sagona and named for their three daughters – Danielle, Lily, and Skylar. The building where the coffee shop is located started out as Sagona's Custom Upholstery. It was run for over thirty years by Matt's father, Richard Sagona, who was also a Burbank native. Kristen's family, the Staverts, owned Pickwick Gardens in Burbank for generations where she worked until the family eventually decided to sell the property. It was very important to Kristen to reinvest in the Burbank Community, which is how the idea of Three Sisters Coffee & Tea was born.

It is the family's goal to provide a welcoming, happy, and inclusive environment at Three Sisters.

The store hours are 7:30am-4:30pm Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm Saturday, 8:00am - 3:00pm Sunday. They offer wide varieties from espressos, coffee, to Lattes, Chilled drinks and Teas. They offer delicious food and cafe sort of pastries and baked goods. The Three Sisters Cafe is Unique from all other Cafes in so many ways however their most defining quality is the fact they help Burbank's small business owners such as artists. They sell and promote art, jewelry and so much more. The art is hung on the walls for all customers to enjoy. You can shop for the next unique and original piece for your house, office or room. As guests remark, the atmosphere of this cafe is spectacular.

The exterior of this cafe is painted black with golden details while the white interior keeps a nice balance. They have many green plants that add to the already beautiful color scheme. Gold, green, white, and black add a minimalistic yet full look to the place. It is the family's goal to provide a welcoming, happy, and inclusive environment at Three Sisters. "We thank everyone for their support and look forward to you being a part of this journey with us," said the owners. They also have community bonding nights for anyone and everyone to come to. One of the most recent ones was Valentine's Game Night on Tuesday 7:30PM to 9:30 PM "bring your own game" night.

Looking for a new coffee shop to try in Burbank, CA? Look no further than Three Sisters Coffee & Tea. This Cafe is a beautiful embodiment of the community they are surrounded by. It adds so much to the community. If you want to explore a new community and find the beauties of cafes come to The Three Sisters at Burbank California.

Lucifer's Pizza

By Chase Kardosh
Cub Reporter

Are you looking for a new pizza spot to go to with your friends or family? New to the city of Burbank is Lucifer's Pizza. Located at 3116 W Magnolia Blvd, this place is sure to leave you satisfied.

Lucifer's Pizza has been around for less than a year but has been making quite the buzz. Lucifer's offers just about every sort of pizza you can imagine with practically every topping you could think of. Some Fan favorite pizzas are the "Soppressata" with soppressata salami, fresh basil, and fresh mozzarella. Another fan favorite is the "Prosciuttto-Pollo" with prosciutto, chicken, fresh basil, caramelized onion and fresh mozzarella.

This location opened up where Tony's Bela Vista used to be, just months after a pizza place nearby closed down. 800 Degrees was the name of the other pizza parlour which was located on the corner of Magnolia and Hollywood Way. 800 degrees was only open for about 6 months before it closed down.

Lucifers' Pizza is for sure going to be around for a while. Not only is the pizza great but the company does a great job with marketing and promotion.

All pizza boxes are highly decorated with flames and a depiction of the devil, with a text that says "DAMNED GOOD PIZZA."

The marketing that Lucifers' Pizza provides is one of the key reasons why their establishment is so successful.

Lucifers' Pizza has numerous locations in the 818 area. Stretching from Melrose, Sunset Blvd, Studio City, and now Burbank.

Lucifers' pizza surprisingly is not even all too busy. After ordering, your pizza usually comes out within 5-10 minutes so you won't have to wait a lot of time after ordering.

BB Cafe & Catering

By Piper Gomez-Zahnley
Cub Reporter

BB Cafe & Catering is a new breakfast, lunch, and even dinner restaurant that is a new addition to the Burbank community. The restaurant includes many food options with a wide-variety menu for whatever your cravings are! Many of these options include many appetizers, a variety of sandwiches and salads, and many breakfast items including pancakes, French toast, breakfast burrito, and many, many eggs benedicts. This restaurant is family friendly, and casual dining with everyday hours open from 8AM to 8PM.

This restaurant is very well run on a daily basis. There's lots of staff, and servers are there to take orders very regularly. When I went to this restaurant, our waitress was very friendly and kind and gave us great suggestions for what we should order. Plus, the servers give you plenty of time to decide on a meal.

BB Cafe has quite a few dining options that make dining here comfortable, and enjoyable throughout your meal. These areas include, eating on their well kept patio with outdoor heating, and comfortable seating arrangements. Inside the restaurant, there are choices to choose from sitting at a regular table in the center of the restaurant, or having a cozy and comfortable booth around the edges of the restaurant.

This restaurant has a wide variety of different meals on their menu ranging from breakfast options, lunch options, and dinner options. The breakfast choices include many pancakes, French toast, breakfast burritos, omelets, and many others.

Lunch choices include a lot of sandwiches ranging from BLT's to burgers! But if you want a sandwich from here, they have it! There are also many kinds of soups and salads as well.

Dinner options include bigger meals for instance, lamb chops, grilled steak, a few choices of pasta, plus other seafood options. For dessert, there are many types of cakes, ice cream, plus much more. The drinks menu has a very large variety of alcoholic beverages, and non alcoholic drinks including many coffees which are served with fun latte art.

BB Cafe & Catering is a very casual dining restaurant with a wide variety menu, great service, and wonderful dining options to choose from. This restaurant has a very peaceful setting with succulents on each table with comfortable seating arrangements, plus live music.

I would highly recommend giving this restaurant a try, because I would say my experience was very lovely and I would definitely attend there again. This new restaurant has really brightened up Burbank Blvd, and has gained so much popularity, and success for it's lovely qualities.

Smash N' Bite Burger

By Kylee Johnson
Cub Reporter

Many new restaurants have opened in Burbank or in cities nearby. One new restaurant that specializes in smashed burgers is Smash N' Bite. Located in Studio City, it's a new restaurant bringing something to the table.

But first, what is a smashed burger? A smashed burger is a patty that has been pressed down onto the grill. Doing so will sear the meat, which will create more flavor. There are many restaurants that serve them as they are very popular in California.

Smash N' Bite opened in December 2023 right at the entrance of Studio City. They are open every Wednesday through Saturday. They are only open for serving dinner, from 6PM to 12AM.

Something that is very interesting about them is that they share a space with Vivian's Millennium Cafe. Vivian's is a breakfast and lunch restaurant open everyday from 8AM to 3:30PM.

Smash N' Bite's menu consists mostly of mixing-and-matching. You choose the amount of patties that you want, starting from one and going up to four patties. Each burger comes with cheese, their specialty sauce, lettuce, onions, mayo, and is topped with toasted brioche buns. The patties are made with wagyu beef, which is a unique Japanese beef known for its quality fat content.

The menu also includes four different types of fries: regular salted, seasoned, cajun, and cheese. Their specialties are also listed on the menu, which you can access on their website (smashnbite.com).

If you want more than just a burger, you can order one of their combos. Those are a cheeseburger, hamburger, or a turkey burger, which comes with a side of fries, a drink, a pickle, and pepperoncinis.

You can order online from any delivery service, like Doordash, or you can go in-person to eat. The space is slightly limited, but it has a nice and cozy feel to it. There's unique and custom paintings on the walls and overall, the restaurant has a quaint vibe to it.

I ordered the #3 combo, which is hamburger, fries, a drink, and sides. I got a single patty on the hamburger and regular salted fries. The meal was pretty delicious, and the highlight of it was the fries.

The hamburger was good, as it was crispy and juicy with the right amount of flavor, but I did wish that I had ordered two patties instead of one. If you're not very hungry when ordering, I would suggest getting only one patty. The rest of the burger was very fresh and tasty, especially the lettuce.

The fries were super delicious, and my favorite part of the meal. They were thick, yet the outside was slightly crispy. They stayed warm for a while, and when dipped in their specialty sauce, they tasted so good. I honestly would go to Smash N' Bite just for their fries.

On the side they served a whole pickle, which is good for people who don't want to eat pickles on their hamburger. They also added two whole pepperonis. They were a little too spicy to put on the burger, but they were good for a little burst of flavor.

Eating at Smash N' Bite was an enjoyable dinner experience, and hopefully they can expand to be open earlier. One good thing about their open times is that if you're out late or craving something in the evening, you know they'll be open.

If you're looking for a new place to eat dinner at, you should definitely try Smash N' Bite. They have delicious food (especially the fries!), good service, and a comfortable atmosphere.

Bon appetit, Bears!

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Poke Loulu Review

By Myah Pearl
Cub Reporter

Poke Loulu is a small restaurant that recently opened in Burbank and currently has a 4.7 star review out of 5 stars. For those interested, the location is 1520 North San Fernando Blvd, about an eight minute drive from JBHS.

The restaurant allows GrubHub, UberEats, and DoorDash deliveries. The store is closed on Sundays but open from 11AM-10PM Monday-Saturday. The restaurant isn't very big and the parking lot is shared property with limited spots.

The restaurant takes pride in hygiene, especially since they handle raw fish. Both the seating areas and behind the counter were spotless. The place doesn't get very packed so seating won't be much of an issue.

Although the outside of the restaurant does not look like much, the inside is very nicely decorated and vibrant. There are paintings all over the restaurant and music that sets the vibe.

For the poke bowl, customers get an option of white rice, brown rice, or salad. Depending on the size of the bowl customers get 2-4 proteins consisting of salmon, imitation crab, tuna, and albacore, either spicy or mild. There are a variety of sides including edamame, avocado, ginger, scallions, tofu, cucumber, etc.

As for sauces the selections consist of soy sauce, spicy mayonnaise, ponzu, eel sauce, wasabi, and Poke Loulus signature sauce. Toppings include: furikake, sesame seeds, crispy onions, and crispy garlic. The restaurant also offers small snacks and drinks such as cookies, soft drinks, and tea. Food prices range from $14-$18 depending on size which is the average price for a poke bowl.

Starting with the customer service, the employee was very welcoming and patient. It only took about three minutes to order, prepare, and pay for my food. This is because the food is prepared in front of the customer as they are ordering making it easier to figure out what to order.

Presentation did not disappoint. Each protein and side was neatly organized. The sauce and toppings made the food look much more vibrant.

In terms of taste, I was slightly disappointed. The food did taste a bit bland which surprised me considering the various sauces I added. The portions of rice compared to the portions of proteins were uneven.

It looks good at first glance but once you dig into the food you will be able to notice it. I also did not appreciate the texture of the rice, it was a bit mushy which is possibly due to the amount of water that was added to the rice cooker.

This specific issue may just be something that only happened the time I was there considering the multiple positive reviews. Don't take my words as a fact. Everyone's preference differs and the food may suit you better. This is a new store and I strongly believe in its potential to get better over time.

It's only fair to hear the opinions of other customers rather than myself. Many customers agreed on the excellent customer service and appreciate how fresh the fish is which I definitely agree with.

Another customer pointed out the amount of rice they received was "Over the top." They expressed their discontent with the unequal portions stating that they paid for the poke and not the large amounts of rice.

Meanwhile, a greater number of customers commented on the cleanliness of the place. From what I've seen the restaurant is in an amazing condition making them more trustworthy. Personal preferences aside, many customers were amazed by the amount of flavor in the food.

Although they don't have as many sauce options as the average poke restaurant, the reviewers paid no mind to that and even left multiple 5 star reviews expressing how much they enjoyed the food and how they never tasted anything like it. For those who are interested, you can find more information if you search up Poke Loulu on DoorDash or go to their Instagram page, @pokeloulu.

Nana's Nail Studio

By Lily Landau
Cub Reporter

A new place that opened up in Studio City is a new nail studio, "Nana's Nail Studio." I'm going to give an honest review on this place that just opened. This place was a little bit far, it was around twenty minutes away and I went on Friday February 9th, 2024, after school.

I called the day before on Thursday and they told me that they took walk ins and the price for what I wanted to get done. I wanted to get Gel Extensions and they told me it would be seventy-five dollars with designs but they would give me 25% off. I'm not sure if it was because they just opened or it was a certain day but I appreciated the discount because it was pricey. I wasn't planning on getting a design so I assumed it would have been 70 dollars.

As soon as I walked in, they were extremely welcoming and kind. I saw there weren't tables but instead there were sofa arm chairs. I thought it was cool and different from the usual place I get my nails done from.

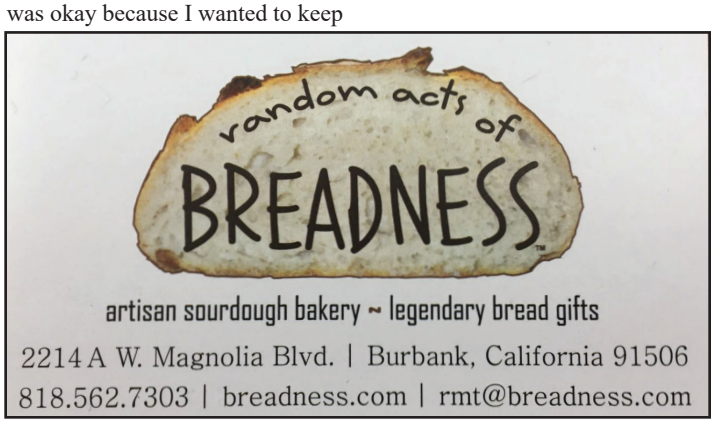
As I walked in I asked how much it would be just to make sure and they said it was seventy dollars without designs but with the discount it was sixty dollars.

I was told to sit and then they asked if I knew what I wanted so I pulled up a picture of light pink gel x nails. She got all her supplies out with her rolling shelf and she gave me a leg rest as well. As she was getting started she made small talk by asking my name and introducing herself.

She then started filing my nails and preparing them for the fake nails. She put on the nails with the gel and shaped them the way I wanted and kept making sure everything was the way I asked it to be and made sure the length was good. When she was done shaping them she got out the colors and started painting them and adding coats. It took a while because of the curing process but the wait was similar to that of other salons for the same service. The nails ended up looking great and it was worth the wait.

Honestly, I thought the nails looked exactly like the picture I showed and the paint job was perfect, they ended up so pretty. When the nails were done she offered to do a free design for me. I said it was okay because I wanted to keep the nails how they were but that was so kind, especially because designs cost extra.

When we were done I went to pay and she told me to type my number and name on an iPad so that I would have 20% for next time. I think this place was really nice, the service was good, it was clean, and the nails looked really good. I know this is a place I would go back to and I definitely recommend it.



Republik Coffee

By Evelyn McNally
Cub Reporter

Republik Coffee is a new addition to downtown Burbank since last fall. It's located right off of San Fernando, currently being at 164 E Palm Ave #103. It's perfectly placed by the AMC 16 and other lively shops.

Republik Coffee has another location in Pasadena, but the Burbank location clearly shines. The coffee shop has outdoor seating that is almost always filled with friends and family enjoying their coffee and food.

Speaking of coffee and food, Republik Coffee has an enticing menu! The food menu includes everything from toasts, sandwiches, flatbreads and bagels, there really is something for everyone!

Their drink menu consists of your classic espressos, teas, smoothies, lattes and more. But what really stands out with the drinks are their signature drinks, which include; black vanilla lattes, cardamom oat lattes, and more!

The coffee shop itself is a sight for sore eyes. The inside has lots of white and blue themes, while the outside features a lot of black and white decor. Gold is also a prominent decorative undertone!

The cafe had a welcoming neighborhood-oriented energy that is sure to draw people in. The cafe has a modern look, while keeping a classic and clean look.

The service at Republik is also very efficient! The store hours are 7AM-6PM every day of the week-and you're sure to find a comfortable spot.

Republik coffee is perfected for meeting with friends or family. The cafe is also a perfect setting for a work get together, as it has a productive feel. Republik is also a good place to go on a date!

Overall, Republik coffee is a great addition to downtown Burbank. The coffee shop fits right in with the vibrant community surrounding it. Next time you are in the area and want a good meal or a fun drink, try out Republik coffee! It very well could become your new favorite spot!

Wish House

By June Elmore
Cub Reporter



Burbank welcomed a new independent business to its streets in October of 2023. Wish House is described on its Instagram account, @wishhouseparks, as a "dark, decadent art house that features an oddities shop, a cafe, an art gallery, and a psychic reading room." Wish House is located at 2019 W. Magnolia Blvd, just a block away from Burroughs! Wish House encourages patrons to come in and explore. Each room leading into the next in a structure unique from your typical business, invites in guests at Wish House.

Theme shops like these featuring eerie vibes and strange commodities are common on Magnolia, with other beloved businesses such as the Mystic Museum and The Crooked Path just down the street. However, the Wish House brings its own set of exciting new things to explore and has been welcomed onto the Magnolia strip with open arms by residents. Employee Juliana described the business as bringing in lots of "interesting people."

Wish House, living up to its name, feels like a residential home turned art cafe. The layout and design of the location make patrons almost feel as if they are simply hanging out and having a coffee at a friend's house. The welcoming nature of the employees also adds to this effect.

There are many activities available for those looking to kill some time at Wish House. For those just looking for a cup of coffee and a spooky feeling this is just the spot. They offer many drink options including lattes, matcha, a variety of teas, and apple cider. Their pastries are also fresh daily and delicious. Or, if you're looking for a colder treat, they have a variety of ice cream flavors.

Additionally, for those interested in a little more mystery, Wish House has a well reviewed escape room often themed to upcoming holidays. The current room theme is "haunted baby dolls" according to Wish House's Instagram account. These escape rooms are fun and whimsical, even if a little difficult at times, as many attraction goers will attest.

Customers can also enjoy the frequent live performances hosted at Wish House, most commonly featuring up and coming musicians. Or simply grab a coffee and explore the location's incredible art gallery, chalk-full of impressive and unique pieces for sale. Wish House opens space for the artist community in Burbank to promote their work and spread their talent. Even you yourself have the chance to become a featured artist at Wish House! With the art cafe's doodle submission box your pieces could get featured in the "Wall of Fame." If you're more of a words person, there is a separate submission box for short poems that get a spotlight of their own at Wish House.

Didn't satisfy your shopping craving in the art gallery? Well fear not! You can step a few doors over into the gift shop featuring eccentric and bewitched oddities available for purchase. From "morbid magnets" to unique jewelry, to handmade ceramics, Wish House's gift shop has you covered. They also feature some beautiful oracle and tarot decks.

Finally, if you want a little clarity on what the future holds in store for you, Wish House's psychic medium could be in the cards for you! Amber M. Amrhein, who doubles as the location's owner, offers psychic medium readings and reiki sessions. She describes this portion of the attraction as a "one stop shop for all your self care, spiritually curious, and psychic expansive needs." For only $7 you can book an experience with Amber. Interested parties are directed to www.channelwithamber.com for more information.

Events are common at Wish House. With frequent trivia nights, art classes, paranormal investigations and guided meditations. Additionally every Sunday features a chess meet for Burbank residents looking for people to play with. Movie screenings are also a common occurrence at Wish House, with past films including *The Invisible Man, Mars Attacks,* and *Attack of the 50 Foot Woman.*

They are open 365 days of the year, including all holidays, from 10:30AM -7:00PM on the weekend and 11:00AM - 7:00PM from Monday through Friday. They have access to WiFi for customers and outdoor seating, making it a potential fun study spot for Burroughs students. So if you have some free time, consider popping by Wish House for a cup of coffee and some exploring!

Girls Softball

By Elizabeth Browngardt
Cub Reporter

With the fields at Olive Park finally drying out from the recent string of rainstorms, Girls' Softball is anxious for the season to begin and to continue their dominance in the Pacific League. The Bears, under the supervision of veteran head coach Doug Nicol, have a proud tradition of being on top, with highly skilled ball players excelling in one of the best programs in the Valley. Having finished in the top spot for the league in the 2023 season (9-1) with an overall record of 24-5, they continued as the No. 1 seed for the Pacific League in the CIF-SemiPlayoffs. However, with Pacific rivals, The Arcadia Apaches and Burbank Bulldogs always close on their heels, the Bears will rely on the returning core players and some bright talented additions to stay on top of the standings.

Senior team leaders, Emerson Coblentz, Gizelle Rangiyawong, Alyssa Rosales, Phoebe Spangler, Lily Essaakhanian, Eliza Torres and Skylar Vanole all look forward to finishing up their amazing high school softball careers with not only a slew of victories but getting farther into the CIF playoffs. The discipline and culture of the Burroughs Bears is apparent when watching Juniors Chloe Centeno and Alyssa Morales along with Sophomores Karlee Earl and Karisma Mendez practice hard along the base paths and green fields of Olive Park. New to the Varsity squad are Freshmen Alissa Cordez, Sophia Rangsiyawong, Valentina Reyes and Chloe Zavala. They all are excited to contribute to the Bears 2024 season and learn from their talented teammates.

Supporting Coach Nicol on the coaching staff are Katie Taix, Sheila Oasay, Louie Binda, Laban Freeman, Krystin Thomas, Bill Dunaway and Lysette Perez. All the coaches share the strong culture of the program in making sure the players have the support and guidance in achieving their potential on and off the field.

As Nicol was quoted during last spring training, "As long as we keep pulling the rope in the same direction, we have the potential to do some special things."


Photographer: Spencer Stilgenbauer

The wet weather drenching Southern California may have flooded the fields across Burbank but it did little to dampen the talent and prowess of the Girls Varsity Softball team, who continued to perform as they did during last season: with dominance on the diamond and power in the batter's box.

The Bears, under the guidance of head coach Doug Nicol, started 2024 battling Golden Valley Grizzlies to a 15-2 romp on 2/13 where Sophomore Karlee Earl had a three hit game and two RBIs and Senior Pitcher Emerson Coblentz recorded her first win. Other highlights include Gizelle Rangsiyawong and Phoebe Spangler delivering three RBIs each.

The team stayed hot and followed it up by blanking The Mark Keppel Aztecs on 2/15 by a score of 10-0. Seniors Gizelle Rangsiyawong, Phoebe Spangler and Sophomore Karisma Mendez each slugged two RBIs. Chloe Centeno doubled three times and scored three times. Quite an early accomplishment for the speedy Burrough's Junior.

On February 17, the team lost a close game to El Camino Real by a score of 2-3 despite another sharp pitching performance by Freshman Valentina Reyes who struck out three.

The team bounced back later in the day with a 5-2 victory over Oxnard Yellow Jackets with 7 team hits, 2 by Phoebe Spangler and Skyar Vanole and key at bats by Eliza Torres, Karlee Earl and Alyssa Morales. Six strikeouts by Senior Emerson Coblentz took the sting out of the Yellow Jackets bats.

On February 23, it was time to battle the La Canada Spartans in a non-conference matchup. Thanks to the two hits each by Sophomore Karlee Earl and Freshman Sophie Rangsiyawong along with eight combined strikeouts by pitchers Valentina Reyes and Emerson Coblentz, The Bears ended up on top by a score of 4-2.

The next day, 2/24, the Birmingham Patriots came to play and it was a real extra inning nail biter with the Bears once again coming through and winning 2-1. Senior Phoebe Spangler showing why she is a team leader and Captain with a triple and home run.

The next day, Phoebe continued her dominance against The Canyon Cowboys with five RBI and another dinger. Gizelle Rangsiyawong joined the fun and added three hits and three RBIs. Senior Skylar Vanole also had a strong game with a double and two RBIs. When the dust cleared, The Bears won by 12-1 and sent a signal they were ready to be on top in the Pacific League. As of February 24, the team is 6-2 overall and boasts a .363 batting average along with a .415 on base percentage.

With fourteen games into the Varsity Girls Softball season and eleven impressive wins, it's safe to say that the Burroughs Bears are in for another successful spring with their bats fully awake and the pitching staff showing their bear claws to the opposing teams. They are on a five game winning streak giving up only four runs with four shutouts in the dominant stretch.

It started on March 5th when Freshman Valentia Reyes two-hit the Laguna Hills Hawks with five strikeouts. Senior Gizelle Rangsiyawong led with her bat, slugging three hits for three RBIs, including two doubles. Senior Lily Essakahanian also contributed three RBIs to seal the victory. The bats stayed alive when facing the Rialto Knights on March 7 . The Bears scored Twelve runs with multiple hits by Senior Skylar Vanole, Gizelle Rangsiyawong and Junior Alyssa Morales. But they really only needed one run with Senior Emerson Coblentz having an epic day on the mound, no- hitting the opposing Knights and giving up only one walk.

Emerson continued her prowess on the mound for the same day against The Crean Lutheran Saints, who were praying for mercy managing only one hit and striking out five times. The hits for the Bears were plentiful including the long ball with Senior Phoebe Spangler slapping two home runs and four RBIs. Gizelle Rangsiyawong also hit a dinger and contributed three RBIs while teammate, Freshman, Sophie Rangsiyawong had two hits and three RBIs. When the infield dust settled, the score ended up 16-0.

The mauling continued on March 9th for a Saturday tourney at Laguna. First up were the Schurr Spartans and the Bears pounced again with power with Gizelle Rangsiyawong, Karlee Earl, Senior Captain Phoebe Spangler and Chloe Centeno all slugging home runs and key hits from Alyssa Morales and Alyssa Rosales.

Later on in the day it was the Laguna Hills Hawks turn to feel the crack of the bats from the Burroughs Bears. Seniors Lily Essakhanian and Gizelle Rangsiywong led by example contributing three RBIs each and Sophomore Earlee Earl notched up two hits and three runs. After a strong showing on the mound with five Ks by Valentina Reyes, the final score was 12-0.

With the start of the Pacific League games on the near horizon, it's a good time to give kudos to a terrific coaching staff led by Doug Nicols who is no stranger to winning and nurturing a proud culture of excellence on and off the field. His coaching team is ready to support the players in defending their Pacific League title. The League matchups prove to be challenging; Arcadia and Crescenta Valley are looking to step up and rival the Bears for first place and across town Bulldogs are always intense. The games are always intense and Burroughs students should mark it on their calendars to come out and cheer on these talented girls.

Baseball

By Spencer Stilgenbauer
Cub Reporter

Following up a season where our baseball team went 12-12 on the year, they look to have a strong year ahead of them. Led by head coach Matt Magallon and assistant coaches Mitch Kellogg, Frank Taormina, and Cam Diaz. The season looks promising behind strong Seniors Nate Chapman, Nicholas Fritz, and Dylan Conhahan, with some young talent in Freshman Elliot Ross and Sophomore Logan Drossins.

Coach Matt Magallon started his playing days in Burbank at Bell Jeff High School. After graduating, he attended Cal State Dominguez Hills for his first two years, and graduated from Columbia Union College. Originally Coach Matt worked for Showtime networks, but hated it and got his teaching credentials to become a coach/teacher. With a strong Senior class, coach Matt's goals for are to "get the kids as prepared as possible for college." Matt is very ready for this year as he says "this year will be a special year because of the special group we have and I am extremely excited for what they can become." The Bears start the season on February 16th against the San Marino Titans and will start League later on against CV on February 27th at home.

The Bears started the season off on February 16th traveling to San Marino to play the San Marino titans. Sophomore pitcher Ryan Walsh got the start for our Bears. He pitched 5 innings giving up 5 hits, 0 runs, and striking out 5 over 5 innings of work. In the 4th inning Senior Christian Perez knocked in a run on a single to center. In the top of the 7th the Bears scored the second and final run of the game on a passed ball. That's all they would need as they beat San Marino 2-0. We got to talk to Senior Willan Armes about his thoughts about the first game of his Senior season. He stated that "If the energy is there and we play for each other, this is definitely a championship worthy team." The Bears started off the season strong and moved their record to 1-0.

On February 17 our Bears played a double header against both the South El Monte Eagles and Covina. Senior Elvis Moreno got the start in game one and pitched a complete game. He gave up 4 hits, 2 runs, and had 3 strikeouts. The Bears came out swinging as they put up 3 runs in the 1st and never looked back. Senior Nicholas Fritz had an outstanding day as we went 2-3 with a double and 2 RBIs. Christian Perez also had himself a day as he went 2-4 with an RBI and also scored 3 runs of his own. The Bears slugged their way past South El Monte with a final score 9-2. The Bears record now sits at 2-0.

Junior Pitcher Kenny Montgomery got the start for the second game of the day against the Covina Colts. He also pitched a complete game pitching all 7 innings, striking out 3, and only giving up 2 earned runs. The 1st inning went quiet for our Bears but in the 2nd inning things really took off as they put up 5 runs on board with 2 being knocked in from a single by Junior Kyle Smith and 2 more being brought in by a double by Senior Tommy Vournas. Tommy had an amazing second game driving in 4 runs and collecting 2 hits, both of those going for extra bases. Nate Chapman said that "overall everything was clicking and this was a great team win." The Bears push their record to 3-0 with this 8-3 win, as their next game will be their first League game against CV.

On February 24th our Bears kicked off the season strong with a win 8-3 over CV. Sophomore Ryan Walsh started this game and went 5 innings giving up 3 runs, and striking out 5. The Bears fell behind in the early part of this game as all 3 of Ryan's runs came in the 1st inning of the game. Entering the 4th the Bears were trailing by a run when they took off. They put up 4 runs in this inning and never looked back. Senior Bryan Martinez scored on a steal of home which then was followed up by an RBI double by Nate Chapman. After this big inning The Bears never looked back, adding 2 more runs the next inning and finishing the game 8-3. The Bears season record is now 4-0 and is 1-0 in league play. The Bears will play Monrovia next

The Bears take their first loss of the season after falling to the Monrovia Wildcats 4-2. Elvis Moreno gave up 4 runs in his 4 innings of work. The Bears now sit at 4-1 during the season. They kick off League play against CV on February 28th.

Looking for a bounce back game, the Bears took on a familiar opponent in CV. Junior Kenny Montgomery got the start and went 6 innings, striking out 7, and only allowing 3 runs. All three of those runs came in the 1st inning. Chasing 3 runs entering the 2nd inning, The Bears 4 runs in the inning, taking the lead and never looking back. Brian Martinez started off the scoring with an error by Crecenta Valley. Martinez finished the day with 2 hits and 2 RBIs. The Bears finished this game with a final score 7-3, moving their League record to 1-0 and seasonal record to 5-1. They play Hoover in their next League game on March 5.

Our Bears played with some energy against Hoover this past Tuesday taking the game with a final score of 17-0. Elvis Moreno got the star and pitched three innings while striking out 3. The bats got off to a hot start scoring 6 runs in the 1st inning. Senior Nicholas Fritz got the scoring started with a 2 RBI single. Christian Perez drove in the most runs. He finished his day going 3-4 at plate, driving in 3 runs, while scoring 3 runs of his own. The Bears now have a League record of 2-0 and a season record of 6-1. They will play CV their next two games.

After the first two games against CV got rained out, our Bears had to wait a day to play their game against CV. Sophomore Ryan Walsh got the start. He pitched 6 innings while striking out 3 and giving up 3 runs. Unfortunately it wasn't enough as Burroughs lost 3-2. The record now sits at 2-1 in League play and 6-2 in seasonal play. They will play Hoover in their next game

Our Bears played Hoover again on March 8th. Elvis Moreno got the start pitching 2 innings only giving up 2 runs, one of those earned. The bats came out hot this night as The Bears put up 3 runs in the bottom half of the first. The Bears never looked back putting up 6 runs in the 2nd inning, and 8 runs in the 3rd inning. Sophomore Logan Drossins had himself an outstanding night going 3-3 with 3 singles and walk. He also drove in a run and scored 4 of his own. Logan also had a total of 5 stolen bases this game. The Bears put this game away early as after 5 innings the final score was 20-4. The Bears now push their League record to 3-1 and their seasonal record to 7-2. They will take on Muir next at home on Tuesday.

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Boys Varsity Tennis

By Allie Hunt
Sports Editor


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As the heat begins to return on campus, our Spring sports come back in season, including Boys Tennis! The tennis season for the boys has just begun and the team is more prepared than ever to take on this year's opponents and reach their goal of making it to the CIF playoffs.

With Varsity Coach Roy Bernhardt and JV Coach Gajan Fernando, the team has been preparing all of last semester during the girls season to become their very best. Coach Bernhardt started his journey towards being a coach while playing tennis at LA Valley College for two years. Before that, he attended Santa Ana College, UCLA, and Cal State Northridge. After his collegiate tennis career, Bernhardt went on to coach tennis for twenty years at LAVC until Richard Bedigan, a JBHS science teacher and tennis coach at the time, asked him to come work at Burroughs. Two years later, Berndhart was hired by Brian Hurst, the athletic director at the time and namesake of the JBHS "small gym."

When asked about the upcoming season, Bernhardt said that, "everyone has improved for sure" and that while "tennis is not an easy sport" the team's diligence in their off season has given coach confidence in the possibility of them "going all the way" in their CIF division.

The Captains of the Varsity team are Miles Howell and Bevan Maxwell. Bevan has been playing tennis since he was ten years old and is a Senior here at JBHS. As for his hopes for leading the team this season, Bevan says "I want our team to be well disciplined and organized in our matches so we can do as well as I think we can."

Miles Howell is another Senior at JBHS and has been playing tennis since middle school, starting by participating in group lessons. Howell became Captain after being on Varsity for two years and focusing on being a good leader. Miles says, "as a Captain I try to get my team to play the best they can" and he has a goal of getting farther than they ever have in CIF playoffs. While preparing for the season, Miles said they "focused on making better doubles pairs since that was one of our weaknesses last year."

In addition to their talented Captains, some star players include Junior Bernard Woods, Freshman Aditya Kiarn, and Junior Zach Barry. While Woods has been playing since the age of five and Kiarn at nine, Barry only started playing three years ago. Barry credits his success to lots of lessons and practicing as much as possible. All three star players hope to improve their performance and make it to CIF but Barry specifically hopes to become singles one this season.

So far the team has been running smoothly and working well together and both the Coaches and Captains are hopeful for what they can achieve this season.


Photographer: Allie Hunt

After practicing and conditioning all last semester, the John Burroughs High School Boys Tennis Team are finally back on the court taking on some competitors. Looking at the start of their season, the team feels prepared and excited for the rest of their season and have hopes to make it to CIF.

To kick off their season, the Bears traveled to Santa Monica on February 13th to face off against Crossroads High School in a non-league practice match. In the end, JBHS took a loss with a score of 8-10. While they did lose, Coaches Bernhardt and Fernando were both hopeful as the very close game reflected the team's potential for the rest of the season.

Just a few days later, the boys were back on the road to play Valencia High School for another practice match on February 15th. The match ended with a tied score of 9-9 but the Bears just lost based on the number of individual games won. With the two practice matches under their belt, the team was ready for their League games to start.

The Bear's first league game was away again against Pasadena High School on February 20th. The JBHS Tennis team smashed Pasadena with a final score of 15-3. With all of their hard work paying off, the team felt ready to take on the rest of their season.

Captains Bevan Maxwell and Miles Howell both won their doubles matches with partners Paul Vu and Ari Pathak respectively. Regarding the big win, Maxwell said, "Everyone played well and we got the chance to put in most of our subs, they destroyed Pasadena. Everyone contributed to a great win and it was an amazing way to start the season!"

Fresh off their win, the Bears went on the road again to take on Arcadia on February 22nd in a very challenging match. In the end, they lost with a tough score of 2-16 but the team kept in high spirits. Junior, Joshua Liwag said, "I know that all of my teammates fought for every point as hard as they could."

For their first home game, JBHS faced off against Hoover High School on February 27th 2024. With the team ready for another win, they dominated the court against Hoover and took the win with a final score of 16-2.

Following their domination over Hoover, the JBHS tennis team then took on Glendale away on Thursday, February 2024. Once again, the Bears showed out with a final score of 16-2 bringing in another win for their record.

When asked about their success, Senior and Captain, Miles Howel said, "We have been playing very well so far this season and I can see all of our hard work during the off season is paying off. I can't wait to see how far we go this season."

Next, the Bears played Crescenta Valley away on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024. With their win streak, the team was eager to add another against one of their toughest competitors. And they did, with a score of 10-8 against CV, they took home the win.

This game was very monumental for the team as this is the first time in four years that the JBHS boys tennis team has beat CV.

The Boy's Tennis team has had a great start to their season and are excited to make their journey to CIF. Make sure to go support them at their upcoming home games on March 5th, 12th, 14th, and 26th. Good luck on the rest of your season Bears!

Boys Volleyball

By Kayla Cabral and Narrissa Wareebor
Cub Photographer and Staff



Boys Volleyball, another great sport we have here at John Burroughs High School, is up for another great season. Every player on the team is determined to put their all into everything they do, making sure they apply all the skills they've been working on into the actual games hoping to win.

The Boys Volleyball Team has four great coaches that all work hard in order to help the players master their skill and build a better bond on the court. The Head Coach is Coach Joel Brinton who is always super supportive and wants the best for his team. He graduated from Cal State Northridge.

The second coach on the team is Coach Nick Calderon who also works really hard with his Players and always makes sure they can play to their full potential by focusing on what they can do better or what they need to change. He graduated from Cal State LA.

The third Volleyball Coach's name is Sam Tipton. He was a student here at John Burroughs High School and graduated from Grand Canyon University.

Lastly the fourth Volleyball coach's name is Coach Choy Jimenez. He always knows how to make sure his players keep a positive mindset during games and lets them know what can be improved during each match. He graduated from Burbank High School.

All four of the Volleyball Coaches' goal is to help their players become the best versions of themselves and they believe that if they accomplish that, they can accomplish their other goal which is to win League and possibly go to CIF Championships.

There are three Varsity Boys Volleyball Captains here at John Burroughs High School: Seniors Isaac Hernandez, Franklin Gerard and Junior Benjamin Ly.

Isaac Hernandez has a lot of passion for his team and the sport. His personal goal for the year is to get healthy so he can be able to play again. His position on the court is right side hitter. Isaac became one of the captains by working hard on leadership and trying to lead by example mentally and physically. He also says the season will go well because he and his teammates have put a lot of effort to improve. Isaac also says his team is looking great so far for this season because his teammates have tons of talent and are physically gifted guys, "If we can get guys on the same page, this season will be really good."

The next Boys Volleyball Captain is Franklin Gerard, another hard worker on the team and is also a very respectful player. He says the season will be very great this year. He says he and his teammates have been getting ready for the season by practicing nonstop. His goals for the season are for he and his team making it and winning CIF. He's really excited to be with his team because there's a lot of hard workers and the team is looking great.

Lastly is Benjamin Ly, another very talented player that's also a Boys Volleyball Captain. He's very committed to the sport and team. He says he and his team really want to win CIF this year. His position on the court is outside hitter and he's been on the Volleyball team for three years now. He's been training for the season by working out and working on his game a lot between school practices and his club practices. He's trying to learn and get as good as possible before the season starts. He sees the season going well if he and his team all buy in and work towards that goal to make it to CIF. His goal for the year is to beat Crescenta Valley and win CIF. Benjamin also says "I think the season will be good because we have a lot of talented guys and we'll be a great team if we all pitch in and work as hard as we can."

On Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 at Claremont High School, our John Burroughs Varsity Boys team played against Claremont High.

It was a very intense battle between the two teams. The Bears started off strongly determined to win but unfortunately they lost by just one point, with a score of 2-3.

The next day our Bears put up a fight on February 21st, 2024 at Newbury Park High, where our John Burroughs Varsity Boys played against Newbury High School.

Our Bears excitingly did not let their opponent get to them this time, they had the crowd on the edge of their seats. This game was very eventful and our Bears won their match successfully with a score of 3-1.

They continued with a strong and competitive game against West Ranch High School. Junior Benji Ly said that "This game was all about working on straightening out the offense and figuring out our system." With this in mind, the Bears swept the Wildcats in three sets with a big lead in every one of them.

On March 6th, the Bears traveled to Saint Francis to play the last game before League started. The Bears ended up being able to win two sets against St. Francis but lost in five. Although the Knights won the game, the Bears made sure it wasn't easy for them.

After a lot of preparation, time, and commitment over the whole year, March 7th was time for their first league game of the season against Burbank High School at the home of the Bulldogs.

This being a rivalry game and also the first League game, every match was exciting especially because the games had multiple rallies going at a fast pace.

The Bears won three sets without dropping a single set against the Bulldogs and are ready to take on the rest of the season.

About the season, Junior Jared Lucas says, "I'm feeling optimistic about how this year is going to go for our Boys Volleyball team. We've got a great group of players, a supportive coaching staff and a lot of potential to grow and succeed together, I believe we're going to have an amazing season ahead filled with teamwork, progress and memorable victories."

Vincent Pletikosic, Junior, says, "I think that this team is wonderful and that with this team we will have an amazing season."

Good luck to our Bears at their next match and once again, GO BEARS !!!

Upcoming Dates

March 11th	Prom Tickets On Sale
March 18th-22ns	Spring Break!
March 25th-April 5th	SBAC Testing
April 8th-12th	Spirit Week
April 11th	Pep Rally
April 12th-14th	Music Showcase
April 15th-19th	Armenian Genocide Remembrance
April 22nd-26th	College Week

Coach Feature: LaRon Johnson

By Ryan Hernandez
Cub Reporter



After a historical football season, the Bears found a new head coach named LaRon Johnson. LaRon is thirty-six years old, he loves to coach football and track. He also applied and got the Track position, with everyone being very excited about his arrival.

He started coaching to help the youth and just fell in love with it. He loves all the traditions and the community that football brings to the city. He chose to also coach track because he wants to help the kids get faster and enjoy the sports they play.

He went to John Muir High School and then ended up getting his Masters Degree in Human Development. His favorite subject in high school was History and he never really lost love for it. He loves to spend time with his kids and his family in his free time, he loves building a bond and making everyone happy and feel safe around him. He has one son and two daughters and they are everything to him. He lives in Pasadena, and was born and raised there.

His favorite quote is "Never give up." It's very basic but has so much meaning behind it, never giving up in life will take you a long way. That quote has helped him push through rough times and got him to where he's at now. A current trend that he's getting into in skinny jeans, he started wearing them more and is loving the style and how they fit.

His biggest goals here is to win League in Football and Track, to win CIF, and to win State, but the biggest goal of them all is to build a very loving community and make a huge family with everyone around and have the city behind the team's back.

Los Anarchists Roller Derby

By River Torres
Cub Reporter

Attention all John Burroughs High School students! Get ready for an action-packed weekend of roller derby as the Los Anarchists Junior Roller Derby gears up for an exciting event this March 16th and 17th!

The Los Anarchists Junior Roller Derby, a locally based non-profit organization aimed towards teaching kids from five to seventeen the wonders of the sport, will be hosting an event in these coming weeks that encourages the LA community to come and support. This event is a great opportunity for both young participants and spectators to experience the fast-paced and intense sport of roller derby up close and personal.

For those who may be unfamiliar with roller derby, it is a fast-paced contact sport played on roller skates where two teams compete to score points by lapping members of the opposing team. The sport is known for its physicality, strategy, and teamwork, making it a thrilling spectator sport that is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat the entire time.

The Los Anarchists Junior Roller Derby team is composed of talented young athletes who have been training at all levels of play, from light hearted recreational to a traveling competitive team. With their skill and determination, these young skaters are sure to impress and inspire all who come out to support them!

Roller derby isn't just an exciting sport to watch, but it also promotes values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and dedication. By attending the Los Anarchists Junior Roller Derby event, students can witness firsthand the power of hard work and perseverance in achieving their goals. Not only that, but it's another way to give back to those in our community that do so much for us.

So mark your calendars and come out to support the Los Anarchists Junior Roller Derby team on March 16th and 17th at the California National Armory Guard, located on 3800 Valhalla Drive. Whether you're a die-hard roller derby fan or just looking for a fun and unique way to spend your weekend, this event is sure to be a hit!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to witness the thrills and excitement of roller derby right here in Burbank. Let's cheer on our talented young athletes as they skate their hearts out. See you there!



Swim

By John Anderegg
Cub Reporter

Many sports are kicking off their spring seasons and among them is Swim! Captains Ryan Lee, Abigail Chatalyn, and Camilla Guillermo lead the team this season, alongside their Coaches Jacob Cook and Martin Ortega-Jennison.

Captain Ryan Lee expressed his excitement for the upcoming season, stating "I'm really excited for this Swim season! We have a strong relay team and I'm looking forward to CIF and State." He shared some personal goals as well, "Looking to break more school records this year and keep improving myself."

Captain Camilla Guillermo shared her thoughts too, "I'm really confident with the team this year and looking forward to CIF."

Swim has unfortunately faced some challenges while preparing for the season. The pool here at John Burroughs is out of commission for a few weeks as problems with the pipes get resolved. For now, the team is practicing at Verdugo in the mornings and afternoons, preparing with both pool and dry land workouts.

Coach Jacob Cook shared his goals for the team, "My goal and philosophy for a swim are all about personal improvement. Winning a race is great, but it is about beating yourself and your satisfaction."

Team member Bella Matossian shared similar goals, "I am excited to see my improvement from last season and make the best of my first year on Varsity."

Swim has a large team this year, capping out at almost eighty members. Among them are seniors Ryan Lee, Dylan Knutson, Ranger Timman, and Anastasia Zubkoff. Knutson shared some thoughts about his Senior year on Swim, "I love swimming and am so excited we are back in season. Going to make the best out of my Senior year season."

The team participated in League Relays in Glendale on February 23rd. The boys took 3rd place overall.

Swim has a long season ahead of them, including a meet on February 28th against Muir, a meet on March 6th against Arcadia, a meet on March 13th against Pasadena, and a meet on March 17th against Glendale.

Good luck to all of swim in their upcoming season!

Track And Field

By Ryan Hernandez
Cub Reporter

To start the new Track and Field season, we will introduce the coaches.

This year we have added two new coaches.

The new Head Coach is LaRon Johnson who coaches the throwers and is also the new Football Head Coach. Mr. Ryffe is the new sprints coach and this is his first year coaching, he is very excited. The two returning coaches are Mr. Pebbles who does distance coaching, and Coach Decaro who coaches jumps and hurdles.

There are a couple of Seniors to highlight, one of them is Jaelin Smith, who is currently the fastest 200 runner at school right now with a time of 23.20 in the 200m.

Jaylin Turner who is one of if not the fastest Girl Senior who ran a 13.23 in the 100m.

An outstanding runner who is one of the fastest runners on the team as a Sophomore, Zoe Ben-Yair is currently first place in the 200m for Girls and second place for the 100m.

On February 29th, 2024, the Bears went to John Muir High School and raced against John Muir and Hoover High school in a Tri-meet. The Boys Varsity came in second place in the 4 by 1 race with a time of 45.36. The boys varisty 400 meter took over as Alexander Jeronimo took first place with a 52.64 and Jaelin Smith barely got second place with a 52.68, beating everyone else by a total of 6 whole seconds. Jaylin Turner took first place in the girls 100 with a time of 13.28 and Zoe Ben-Yair was right behind her with a 13.42 and got 2nd place.

The Boys Varsity had the top three people in the 800 taking all the points in that event. The 1600 did the exact same thing. Two boys took the first two places in the 300m hurdles also. Phoenix Elkin took the long jump crown. Blaine Smith took the high jump top spot. Maddie Page had the farthest jump in the long jump for the Girls Varsity.

All in all it was a great meet!

Boys Golf

By Meleyna Merino
Cub Reporter

We are now entering our spring sports season! One team that is gearing up for their season is the Varsity Boys Golf Team.

This team includes Ethan Varela, Adriel Abaoag, Bailey Cervantes, Seth Malapote, Dominic Lingad, and Korbin Capili with head coach Micheal McKinley.

These players have high hopes for the season. The heads of the team and the Seniors have made a few comments of how they want their season to play out.

Senior Ethan Varela who has been playing on the team for three years really wants to leave a mark on the kids that are still going to be on the team after he graduates stating "I wanna make sure that they play to their full potential and have fun while they play."

He also adds that he wants to beat his personal best this season.

Senior Adriel Abaog has been playing golf for eleven years. He mentions some of his goals are to make CIF stating "Im tryna make it into the final round of CIF individuals for a third and last time." He also adds that in regards to the team that he also wants to make it to CIF.

Senior Bailey Cervantes has been playing golf for three years now. Some of his goals are to play in as many junior tournaments as possible, and to also make sure he gets noticed by coaches who are scouting.

So far the Boys have played in three matches.

The first was at Arcadia on February 29th, which didn't go as the boys planned, but the second was March 7th at home at DeBell, where the boys performed significantly better. The last was March 11th, but the score was not known at time of publication.

We here at The Paw Print have high hopes for the John Burroughs Varsity Boys Golf team.

Good luck to the Boys Golf team. We cannot wait to see what they accomplish!

Girls Basketball Playoffs

By Noah Frenkel
Cub Reporter

The girls had their first playoff game on February 8th, they had a great game against Paloma Valley! Beating them 62-37. Some of the top scorers were Mariam Fahs with 21 points and Valentina Morales with 15 points

The next playoff game was against Aquinas on February 10th. The girls crushed them 64-38 some of the top scorers were Claire Hackney with 23 points and Mariam Fahs with 15 points, the top rebounders were Elizabeth Amoroso with 6 rebounds and Ashley Martin with 5 rebounds.

The Bears lost to Santa Margarita 47-33 on February 14th, ending their season in the third round.

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