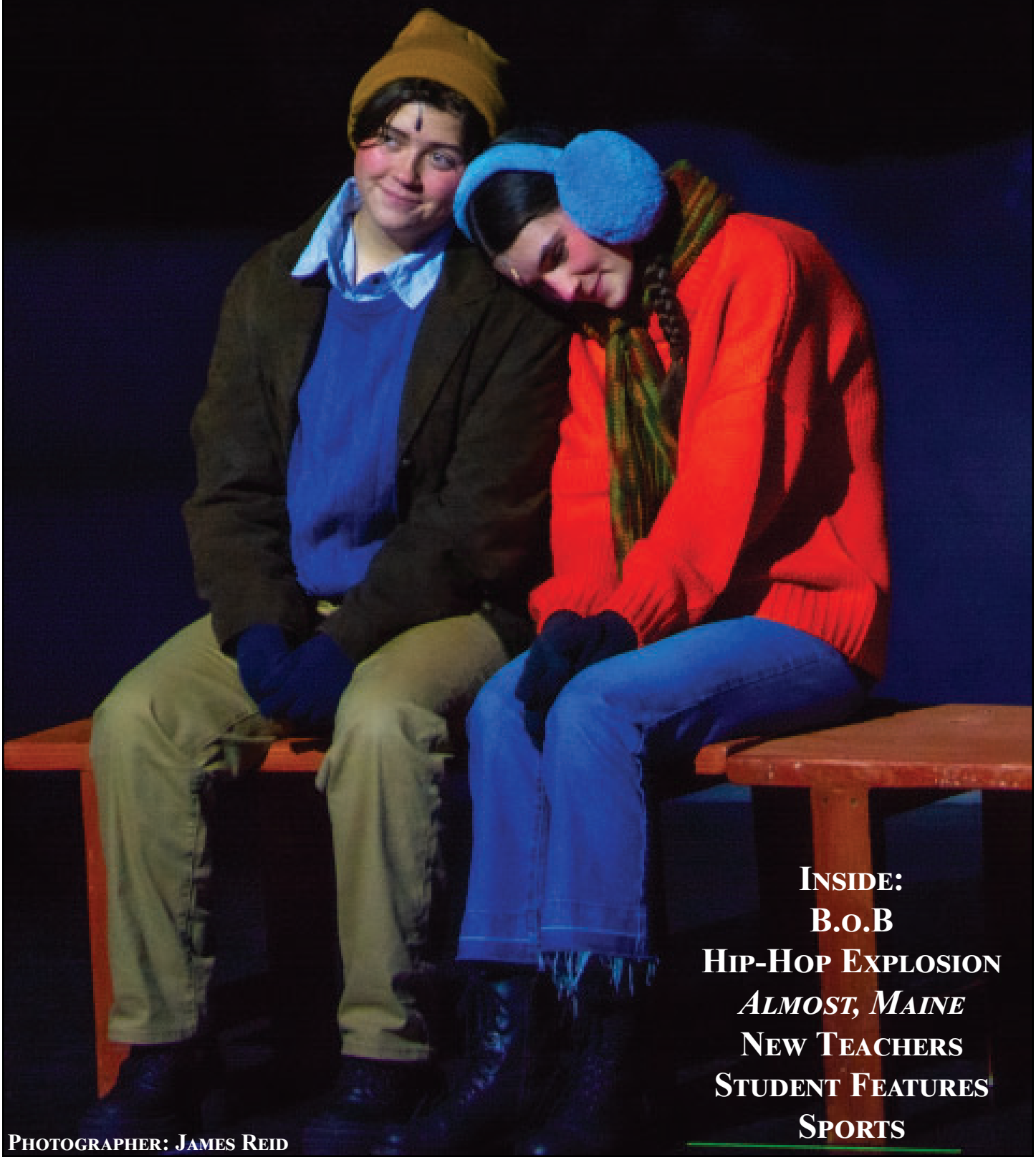
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Almost, Maine

By Noel Cevene
Cub Reporter



The Fall 2023 JBHS Drama production of *Almost, Maine* performances were held the weekend of November 17th - 19th. This rendition of the play, written by John Cariani, takes the audience through an intersecting series of eight vignettes based in the fictitious town of Almost, Maine. The overarching themes of this play revolve around the complexity of relationships including love, conflict, and heartbreak set against the beautiful backdrop of the Northern Lights. This review will provide a synopsis of four of the short stories covered in this play.

In Act One, the play starts with a prologue, showing a man, Pete, played by Echo Geller, and a woman, Ginette, played by Clementine Toronto, sitting on a bench. In their conversation, they reveal that they love each other, but when Pete shares his convoluted theory about distance, Ginette gets upset and walks away leaving Pete alone. The next scene, "Her Heart," is about two strangers, East, played by Jacob Bowers, a resident of Almost and a repairman, and Glory, played by Tobie Siems, an out-of-town visitor. East comes across Glory camping out in his backyard as she views the Northern Lights. He learns that Glory's husband, now deceased, had left her and had broken her heart. He notices that she is holding a paper bag and Glory shares that her broken heart is in the bag. East takes the paper bag and says he'll fix it since he is a repairman. In the next story, "Sad and Glad," Jimmy, played by Athena Pichardo, is drinking alone at a local tavern, when he bumps into his ex-girlfriend, Sandrine, played by Lana Dadekian. After admitting that he misses her, she tells him that she is getting married and is at her bachelorette party. Jimmy then orders a round of drinks in celebration and when speaking to the waitress, played by William Lopez, realizes that her name is the same as his misspelled tattoo, Villian, originally meant to be "villain," leaving him hopeful that she may be the "one."

In Act Two, "Story of Hope," a woman, Hope, played by Abby Clark, visits the home of her old flame, Man, played by Finn Robinson. In this story, Hope had returned after several years had passed since Man had proposed to her. She had left him without an answer. Upon seeing him, she had thought that he was someone else, only to learn that it was him and that he had physically changed since he had lost hope that she would marry him. After being called in by his wife and having already gone inside his home, Hope says she would marry him. The last act of the play, "Seeing the Thing", is about Rhonda, played by Willow Zboray and Diane, played by Claire Dore. In this story, Diane gives Rhonda a painting to express her feelings about how she feels for Rhonda. Rhonda has a hard time believing that Diane would be interested in her, but after much convincing the two end up getting together. The play ends with the Epilogue bringing the audience back to Pete, who was left alone on the bench with his theory about distance. Ginette reappears as if she had come back from a long way to be with him.

The success of this play was a result of the incredible cast and crew, numbering over 50 students and staff. The Creative Team, led by Director/Producer, Elizabeth Meberg, and the Technical Team lead by Stephen Heckel, did a fantastic job with creating beautiful scenery, lighting, and sound capturing the brilliance of the Northern Lights. The actors also did a great job of bringing the characters to life and evoking the emotions of love and loss in *Almost, Maine*.

Hip-Hop Explosion

By Jaylyn Barjolo
Cub Reporter

On November 2nd and 3rd, our JBHS Dance Team held their fall show for this year, Hip-Hop Explosion.

The Dance Team has been choreographing their pieces with both the students and staff members, including former Dance Team members Anisa Walker, Ethan Oliver, Haley Powell, Chrix Palacio, Korbin Ryan, and the Dance Team's very own coach, Joseph Galera.

The Dance Team opened with some great performances, including the Team Captain set. They also had guest performances from Dance Production, the K-pop club, Kuumba, Burbank High School's Unleashed Dance team, along with the Glendale High School Dance Team.

There were many Tech and dress rehearsals during Hip-Hop Explosion week, in which our dancers were able to practice on stage with full effect thanks to the help of our amazing Tech Crew.

The event was led by Dance Team Coach Joseph Galera. Despite this being only his first year of coaching, he did a phenomenal job in preparing the team for the show. The Dance Team has been dedicating almost all their time to practicing both inside and outside of school.

"I would like to thank Joe for what he has done for me and the team as a whole, he has been so welcoming and incredibly kind to all of us. He has been an incredible coach and spends time with us as a team, which he has created with love and ambition. He has always put our health first and cares about us so much mentally and emotionally. This team cherishes you and appreciates all you have done for us, preparing us and pacing us all week without pushing us too hard, he has worked his hardest and we appreciate him," said Sean Hurtado Martinez, a Dance Team member.

Although this is Dance Team's first official production, this is not the first time they've performed as a team. On October 19th, they performed at the Glendale High School's Fall production Across the Universe, as well as our school's very own Senior Night and Homecoming game on October 20th and 27th, respectively.

Hip-Hop Explosion is the Dance Team's biggest fundraiser of the year, and the perfect opportunity for the dancers to show off their dancing skills.

After walking into the auditorium foyer, there were parent volunteers selling drinks and snacks, as well as red roses on sale for our performers. There is also the names of the performers and our guest performers on the walls of the auditorium.

Above all, Hip-Hop Explosion was a great success for both the Dance Team and the other guest performers! We're so glad to have seen this amazing showcase, and so proud of our Dance Team!

Go Bears!

Burroughs On Broadway

By Josie Robinson
Cub Reporter



The JBHS Choir kicked off yet another year of show tunes as they debuted Decibelles, Sound Waves, Men @ Work, Sound Sensations and Powerhouse for their first performance of the season! The show presented an array of both renowned and seemingly 'unsung' musicals, such as *The Prom, Once Upon a Mattress, SpongeBob the Musical,* and *Jekyll & Hyde*, for their larger choirs, and several pieces from other musicals for specialty acts such as the show's opener: "Disco Inferno" from *Tina Turner the Musical*.

Many students were quite enthusiastic about this show, especially Seniors who have spent practically half their time in high school either performing before a computer screen or behind a mask. This is only the VMA's second "normal" show since the pandemic, and to say farewell to it all so soon has been emotional to say the least. Regardless, the excitement for this show is tangible, and students are eager to see the fruits of their labors, such as Senior Emma Kata who wants to "see the excerpts of so many different types of musical theater," as well as "build [their] knowledge of theater." Students were also excited to display their talent to others outside of the VMA, such as their peers and families. Some have even expressed that they are hoping that this show in particular will allow students to extend their connections to colleges and continue their performances on a bigger stage.

The show itself also has a few changes this year, including our new Tech Crew teacher, Mr. Heckel. Burroughs on Broadway is certainly a challenge even with prior experience, but this new change isn't a concern, as he "brings a new air of professionalism and calm to the show," according to Senior Bea Park. She also confidently said that he allows for, "a comforting atmosphere in such an advanced and chaotic environment that is Burroughs on Broadway." Mr. Heckel has fit right in with the exciting nature of the VMA, and his adaptation to the show and to future on-stage performances is nothing short of impressive.

As for the production itself, Choir students have expressed immense enthusiasm for their performances in this show. The show's line up followed as it had in previous years with Decibelles, Sound Waves, Men @ Work, Sound Sensations, as well as several incredible specialty acts performing in the First Act. Afterwards, the lights dimmed down, signaling the end of intermission and the beginning of Act Two. Powerhouse followed with their rendition of their chosen musical, which this year is *Jekyll & Hyde*, a story about Dr. Jekyll, a kind and well-respected scientist who begins to meddle with a darker science. Upon doing so, he somehow transforms himself into Mr. Hyde, an alter ego who seems to encourage evil to follow in his wake.

This is all to say that this year's line-up was phenomenal, with talented students and brilliant show runners, choreographers, and directors behind the scenes. Congratulations to Burroughs VMA for another great show, and thank you so much to all who attended. Go Bears!

Mask Display In The Library

By Myah Pearl
Cub Reporter



The Advanced Placement African American Studies class (APAAS/APAFAM) has recently been introduced to school curriculums across the nation, including here at John Burroughs High School, and are currently in the pilot stage of the teaching process. The class focuses on the history of African Kingdoms, their relations with other countries, Africa's geography, the impacts of African innovations and traditions, the African diaspora, African American history and cultures, and so on.

Studying African history is extremely crucial to refuting misconceptions about Africans and their history as well as teaching students about incredible African achievements. The class goes far beyond African history in the 1600s, offering students the opportunity to learn about African rulers, warriors, artists, and much more. This course gives students the opportunity to get first-hand experience with African cultures, allowing them to gain deeper understanding and appreciation of the significance of these cultures and traditions.

Masks were a large part of African cultures and were used to represent a person's status, to tell stories, or were worn purely for entertainment purposes, among other reasons. Students taking the course at John Burroughs were assigned to paint a mask that reflected the culture, traditions, history, and religion that was part of an African kingdom. Students painted masks representing the history of the kingdoms of Kongo, Zimbabwe, Songhai, Swahili, Nubia (Kush), Egypt, Aksum (Axum), Nok, Ghana, and Mali. Students were to replicate parts of actual African masks, as well as use symbols that represent other aspects of the kingdom. For instance, students painting a mask representing the kingdom of Songhai would paint Islamic symbols to reflect the impact of the religion, while students painting a mask representing Mali would paint gold to represent Mali's immense wealth.

African cultures have made an impact across the world not only for their art, but for their societal accomplishments as well. Human history started in Africa, giving the continent great significance in almost any study of human history.

Please take a moment to learn more about Africa's history starting with the masks in the school library. There are placards explaining the symbolism used when decorating the masks. The vibrant colors as well as the various art styles are too beautiful to go unnoticed.

Funk Night

By Mia Damiani
Cub Reporter

On November 9th at 7:00PM, the JBHS Jazz Band hosted their annual Funk Night. The event was held in the small gym which was decorated to look like a fancy jazz club with a retro aesthetic.

Many dedicated Burroughs parents and volunteers showed up early and gave their time to make this event possible by selling food and checking tickets. Our Burroughs Tech Crew also worked hard to perfect the audio/visual elements of the show, attending numerous after-school rehearsals and sound checks for the event.

The small gym had tables and a dance floor in front of the stage, as students were encouraged to dance during Funk Night. The event had a diverse selection of Mexican food and a photo wall with props, allowing students to take funny photos with their friends.

Students and parents also had the opportunity to enter in a raffle where several gift baskets were given away to support the JBHS IMA. Some members of the JBHS IMA even won gift baskets during



their performance.

The band started off with a Jackson 5 Medley, performing a mix of "I Want You Back" and "ABC." The performance was soulful and uplifting, and saw many students make their way to the dance floor immediately after the band's starting notes. Students Jacob Hughes and Sean Kang featured powerful solos in the medley.

Funk Night took an unexpected turn when the Jazz Band started playing "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Osborne. The band did a beautiful job on perfecting their jazz interpretation of the rock and roll staple.

Silas Hamernik had a wonderful saxophone solo during "Girl from Ipanema." The song was introduced as an elevator classic, but the JBHS Jazz Band filled the song with passion during their performance. Senior Luke Martinez had a flute solo in the song that really brought the piece together.

When asked what his favorite part of Funk Night was, guitarist Jacob Hughes stated, "I really liked how the band all came together and how we had a good team experience." Not only was the band members' musical chemistry evident on stage, but their camaraderie was vibrant.

In between each song, different section members were asked fun questions so the audience could get to know them better. When asked where in the world he'd like to go, Senior Sean Kang, said "a tropical beach."

Many members of the Burbank community showed up to the event. Ms. Kreisberg, a former music teacher at Edison Elementary School, made an appearance at the performance to support her former students.

The band played an Earth, Wind and Fire Medley consisting of "Let's Groove" and "Boogie Wonderland" that perfectly encapsulated the magic of 70s funk music.

Burroughs Tech Crew did a spectacular job of lighting up the gym into a *Saturday Night Fever*-esque dance club. Their purple and pink lights set the mood for a groovy night.

Burroughs' talented musicians did an amazing job at recreating a blast from the past with their tasteful appreciation of funk and rock music. Stay tuned for more events coming for the JBHS Jazz Band in the Second Semester!

Community College Field Trips

By Dorian DeJesus
Cub Photographer

On Thursday, October 18 2023, students went on field trip to Glendale Community College.

On Thursday, October 26 2023, Another Group of students went on a field trip to Los Angeles Valley College.

These field trips were held for the purpose of helping students decided their future college plans.

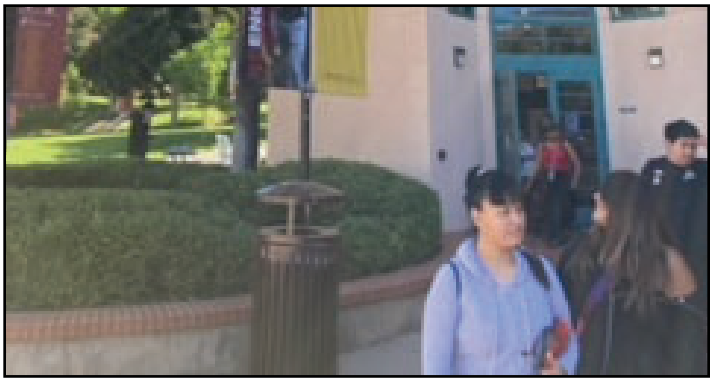
The bus rides for both field trips were not very long, only taking about 30 minutes.

The attendants were met by a tour guide for both trips.

The field trip for Glendale Community College took mainly the school day. Students left at first period and returned at 5th period.

Students still had to attend 0 Period and 6th Period (for those students that had a 0 or 6th Period).

The attendants were supplied with Subway sandwiches at Glendale Community College, whereas



at Los Angeles Valley College the attendants were supplied with Jersey Mike's Subs.

The attendants were shown most of both campuses. The Glendale Community College field trip went very smoothly.

However, same can not be said for the Los Angeles Valley College field trip. The trip started off with attendees going to the front of the school on time for the bus and waiting for the other attendees. The then supervisors arrived at the front. As a little more time passed the bell rang meaning 1st Period was now over and it was passing period. The supervisors informed us that "The bus is right around the corner." Two minutes later we see a bus approaching the school. We later find out that it wasn't our bus. We are then told that our bus has broken down and they are going to send a replacement. Around 10:30AM our bus finally pulls up. We arrive around 11:00AM. Due to the inconvenience in time they ended up giving us lunch first thing. After the issue with the bus everything went perfectly fine.

Students overall had a good time at both field trips.

They learned a lot of useful information on scheduling classes and other college related information.

The best part of the Glendale Community College field trip was probably the presentation. It made the attendees feel very welcome.

As for the Los Angeles Valley College field trip, the best part was having the presentation after our lunch because what ever was left over we got to eat during the presentation which had made things more interesting.

Even Though things may not always go according to plan we still pulled through.

Make sure to sign up for the next college trip whenever you have the chance, it's a great learning opportunity and a fun time!

Reese Shuton

By Jack Nothomb
Cub Reporter

Reese Shuton is the new name on the lips of students and faculty across campus. It is rare that a student has both great athletic prowess and runs a booming business. He is regarded all throughout Burbank for his field exploits and serving in the community.

Reese is currently a Senior at John Burroughs and is enjoying his final year. He's taking challenging classes and playing football, while also participating in the Ultimate Frisbee Club here at JBHS.

If you couldn't tell, Shuton is very fond of sports, and was honored to have played for Burroughs in this year's "Big Game." He currently plays on the defensive line and offensive lines, and has been at the very heart of JBHS Football's great record this year. He also holds a John Burroughs High



School weightlifting record in the Power Clean.

Besides football and weightlifting, Reese enjoy staying active in other ways. He stated, "I really enjoy getting fit and working out, improving everyday," which really exemplifies his dedication to the art of athletics.

Reese also serves as a thrower on the Track team. Throwing is a really niche area of Track and Field where strong people attempt to hurl objects across a field. The two events Burroughs participates in involving throwing are shot put and discus. Shot put involves a heavy metal ball, around the size of a large grapefruit, thrown across a fenced-off sandy pit in an attempt to have the furthest throw. Discus involves a heavy disc being hurled across our field as far as possible at break-neck speeds.

Reese has participated in Track for the past two years and is one of our greatest members. Easily hurling the heaviest weights clear across the field with minimal effort, he seems almost to be the reincarnation of a classical hero, like Hercules, as will no doubt be stated on his epitaph. He says,"I'm just trying to get stronger and stronger every day until I'm the strongest," really pushing his point forward.

Reese also operates his own clothing brand, Toofless Apparel, a luxury designer shirt company. It is owned and operated by Reese, he creates all the shirt designs himself and prints them off a third-party company. He highly suggests anyone looking to add a little pizazz to their style.

All in all, Reese is a great student who has done an exceptional job, both in the classroom and on the field. He's really involved in and around school helping to grow the community. He can't wait to finish this school year strong!

Go Bears!

Francesco Sabato

By Chase Kardosh
Cub Reporter

One student on campus is having an exceptional year outside of school. Meet Francesco Sabato, a Senior here at John Burroughs High School.

Francesco plays hockey for the Burbank Cougars, a local hockey team that plays against other organizations across Southern California. Currently, Francesco has played five games and is leading the entire league in goals (four) and points (six). In a recent game against the Paramount City Sting Rays, Francesco led the Cougars to a win with two goals and two assists. In the game prior to that against the West Ranch Wildcats, Francesco also scored.

Francesco started playing hockey when he was in elementary school and hasn't looked back since. He started off playing local roller hockey at Ralph Foy Park and soon began playing ice hockey for the California Golden Bears. Francesco says his favorite memory from playing with the Golden Bears is "the lasting friendships and memories [he] made, that [he] still think[s] about to this day."



Francesco hopes to continue playing hockey after high school. He doesn't know where he will be going to college next year, but has faith and confidence that he will be playing hockey at the collegiate level in the near future. His dream state to play in is Minnesota, as "Minnesota is the Mecca of Hockey in America, and being able to play there would be a blessing."

Francesco was lucky enough to participate in numerous out of state hockey camps over summer, including some in Colorado, Massachusetts, and Arizona. He says "these camps were great to be able to try and get exposure and learn from lots of great college coaches."

Besides being a hard worker on the ice, he's also a hard worker on the basketball court. Francesco is now a second-year Varsity Basketball player here at Burroughs who's looking forward to big things this year. Francesco's teammates call him "Mr. Hustle" as his primary job is to be a major hustler on the court. Senior Basketball Captain Chase Kardosh said "Francesco is a great player for us and does all the little things that others wouldn't wanna do. He's very scrappy." Francesco seems to receive a lot of love from his teammates.

This love seemed to have been shown when Francesco was recently nominated for Homecoming Court in the previous month. Francesco was one of only a few select Seniors at John Burroughs to be nominated. Sadly, Francesco was not able to attend Homecoming as he had an away hockey game, where he scored two goals and an assist.

Outside of hockey and basketball, Francesco works at Jamba Juice at the Burbank Empire Center. He says he loves his job and that the work environment is a fun place, especially since some of his friends also work there. Francesco tells me his favorite drink to make is a "peanut butter moo'd with a scoop of protein."

Francesco is looking forward to a great rest of his hockey season. Francesco states that "The season is still young and although we've picked up a few losses, I have no doubts that we will be able to make the playoffs and have a good run into the off season." Francesco and the Cougars had a great season last year as they made a deep playoff run but it sadly came short in a thriller match against the Panorama City Sting Rays. A game in which Francesco says was "absolutely packed and the energy inside the rink was contagious."

We wish Francesco good luck on the rest of his hockey season ,and we can't wait to see him continue doing good things.

Scout Purdy

By June Elmore
Cub Reporter

This year John Burroughs High School's annual fall play is *Almost, Maine*, featuring Scout Purdy playing one of the leading roles of Gale, a woman who has been in a long running relationship with an uncommitted boyfriend and is "fed up with her relationship," as described by Purdy. "When I first read the play [Gale] was one of the two main people I was interested in and so I was really happy when I got called back for her," Purdy stated when asked about her feelings on her character.

Purdy is a Junior and has been involved in JBHS's Drama program since her Freshman year. She was in a Drama 1 class her Freshman year and has progressed since then. She explained that her brother was her initial inspiration for joining Drama. "He was in Drama and Play Pro[duction] when he was in high school and I kinda just wanted to join in because I wanted to follow in his footsteps but then it became really fun."

Purdy has taken an interest in acting since a young age. She expressed that she acted a lot for fun in elementary school and participated in little parts in musicals



and plays. "I think just little things along the way have hinted at me maybe wanting to be an actor, at least in high school."

JBHS' system for receiving parts in the play involves an initial audition followed by callbacks for specific characters in which actors will receive sides for their potential roles. Purdy explained that the sides for *Almost, Maine* were "mostly focused on back and forths because [the play] is about chemistry so most of the callbacks were testing chemistry between actors."

For her own audition monologue, Purdy performed a scene from *Gilmore Girls* in which she acted as one of the show's main characters, Lorelai Gilmore. She explained that she chose to do a *Gilmore Girls* monologue because it's "a crowd pleaser" and the fast dialogue pace the show is famous for is similar to the tone of *Almost, Maine.*

Purdy described the play production community as a family. "When you see each other on that cast list, [you know] those are the people you're going to be spending the most time with this year," she said. "You're gonna have your 6th Period together, after school rehearsals, late night rehearsals, sometimes you're doing rehearsals for like six hours and just spending time with these people and so you end up getting really close."

Purdy is not necessarily interested in pursuing a career in acting but sees filmmaking and directing as a potential path for her. In addition to being involved in Drama and Play Production, she is also in Digital Media with Mr. Brown this year.

As far as goals for this year, she said that this year she is trying to pull focus more towards the acting side of Play Production rather than the directing side, which she had a heavy focus on this previous year, as she was Assistant Director for both the fall play and the fall musical last year. Purdy is looking forward to a lot coming to JBHS' auditorium this year including the upcoming *Shrek* Musical as well as *The Play That Goes Wrong* which she described as "one of the most fun plays we've ever chosen to put on."

When she is not spending her time in the Drama room Purdy enjoys cooking, hanging out with friends, and running.

As far as methods for preparing for a role or a performance goes, Purdy stated that she didn't have much of a system. "I think most of all I just ask for other people's opinions (on my performances) because I really value my friends' opinions and the other people in Play Pro and so I'll just ask them what they think and what they think I can do to be better."

Purdy's acting inspiration is Mark Rylance. "He's a really amazing actor and very subtle and I think a lot of people, when they're in drama especially in high school drama they can miss the subtlety part of acting." Purdy also expressed her love for the musical *Waitress* and explained that she is hoping she gets a chance to act in that musical someday.

With a devoted, seasoned actor like Scout Purdy at center stage of the fall play, *Almost Maine* is sure to be a great Burroughs production.

Riley Quigley

By Jaylyn Barjolo
Cub Reporter

Here at John Burroughs High School, student Riley Quigley stands out for her various achievements. Although only fifteen years, she hasn't wasted a second, and has accomplished more than most of us can even dream of.

When it comes to extracurricular activities, Riley is President of two clubs here on campus, SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Alliance), K-Pop club, and also the Vice President of the Asian Culture Club. She is also on the JBHS Dance Team.

In her first year, she was not only named Student of the Month, but also Student of the Year

Before Riley became President of SAGA, she had to fill out a form with a bunch of questions like "what do you see SAGA as," and



"what would you do in the club."

She believes that SAGA, "gives a safe space for LGBTQ+ students so that they can just chill, or talk about things, or play games but also [...] educate people about LGBTQ+ history and different sexualities and orientations." This has been some thing that is very important to her and she is happy to lead this great community.

Riley joined the K-Pop club because it's centered around her favorite genre of music. "If anyone knows me, they know that I'm obsessed and that I carry around my photo cards with me everywhere I go." Because of this, the title of President was passed down to her.

Riley is half Chinese, so being Asian is a huge part of her identity. In the Asian Culture Club, the President had walked up to her asking if she would be interested in serving on the cabinet, leading to her appointment to Vice President

Ever since Riley was little, she has loved performing, leading her to join the Dance Team. For auditions, she was super stressed, as they had to perform two pieces.

However, she is grateful that she made it on the Dance Team. "We practice late so we're all just super tired and want to go home, but there are times when we just laugh a lot and everything is super funny, and those moments are super precious. It's cool because it solidifies us as a team more but we're all there pushing through and having a good time and I think that's cool."

Something cool about Riley is her nickname, "Quiggles," which was given to her in her Musical Theater class.

Her favorite class is Honors Chemistry because of her teacher, Mrs. Dighero, but she also enjoys Mrs. Meberg's Musical Theater class. These teachers both make sure to create a safe space for their students as well as help their students individually.

Riley Quigley is very accomplished both inside and outside of school, and we look forward to seeing what she does in the future.

New Teacher: Karina Sarabia

By Jaylyn Barjolo
Cub Reporter

This year, we are glad to welcome another new teacher to JBHS: Ms. Sarabia! This is her fourth year teaching English, and her first year in the JBHS community.

She was born on July 6th, 1995, and is now twenty-eight years old.

Ms. Sarabia is known for her love for her cat, fittingly named PJ Cat.

She strives to make her students feel welcome in her classroom through sarcasm, jokes, and general community building.

In her free time, she likes music, art in all forms, traveling, and weight lifting.

Ms. Sarabia was always drawn to English, especially analysis, and gets a sense of pride when teaching it to students. She knows that English can become difficult for people who don't like the subject and



see it as challenging.

Growing up, Ms. Sarabia never realized she wanted to be a teacher. She first aspired to other careers, but after going to high school and having an English teacher, she knew that she wanted to be a teacher.

Ms. Sarabia graduated from Reseda High School, earned a Bachelor's in Arts in English Education and a Single Subject Teaching Credential at CSU Long Beach. In the future, she'd also like to earn her Master's.

She grew up in the San Fernando Valley and always imagined teaching in the LA area. However, she first taught at Orange High School in Orange County, where she taught English as well as Theater. When she moved to Burbank it seemed like the perfect place to teach, and she applied to Burroughs shortly thereafter.

He biggest inspiration is undeniably her family, stating, "I think my family has a really big impact on me because, I'm a really big family-oriented person, and as corny as it sounds I'd say the other thing is that I've always had a growth mindset, I can't lie to you I've always enjoyed at least learning, I might not have always liked school but I always liked learning and growing as a person."

Her family has always been a major influence in her life. She manifests them in everything that she does, and constantly carries them as a reminder to be herself.

Ms. Sarabia is a first-generation American, and her first language being Spanish, which is partially why she finds it rewarding to know that she has mastered the English language not only for personal use, but also well enough to teach a class on it.

Let's make sure to give Ms. Sarabia a warm welcome to JBHS, and wish her the best for her first year as a teacher in our community!

Go Bears!

New Teacher: Chris Lee

By David Romero
Cub Reporter

Introducing John Burroughs High School's New Math Maestro: Chris Lee. Every school year, there's always a sense of excitement and anticipation when a new teacher joins the faculty. This year, John Burroughs High School is abuzz with enthusiasm as they welcome their newest addition to the teaching staff, Mr. Chris Lee. At just twenty-five years old, Mr. Lee is not only a young and energetic educator, but he's also brimming with a passion for teaching that is both inspiring and contagious.

Chris Lee's journey into teaching is a fascinating one. While many people his age are still figuring out their career paths, Mr. Lee found his calling early on. He started his academic career like any other college student, but what set him apart was his deep-seated love for mathematics. This love led him to offer his tutoring services to fellow students, and he quickly realized how much he enjoyed helping others understand complex mathematical concepts. This revelation prompted him to make a life-alter-



ing decision. Mr. Lee applied for a teaching degree at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). This academic venture was not only the beginning of his teaching career but also the spark that ignited his love for educating young minds.

Mathematics holds a special place in Mr. Lee's heart. It's his favorite subject, and he believes it can open doors to endless possibilities for students. As the new Algebra 2 teacher at John Burroughs, he's eager to share his enthusiasm and help students conquer the challenges of this demanding subject.

One of Mr. Lee's favorite aspects of teaching is the opportunity to work with students from diverse backgrounds. He believes that education is the bridge to a brighter future and is inspired by the unique perspectives and experiences his students bring to the classroom. Through his teaching, he aims to create an inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

While teaching is a rewarding profession, it comes with its own set of challenges. For Mr. Lee, the most demanding part of teaching is the constant preparation required for each day and week. However, he's determined to excel in this aspect and has set his sights on establishing a unique teaching style and refining his pedagogical approaches.

Beyond his passion for teaching, Mr. Lee is also known for his talents as a musician. In his free time, he enjoys playing the guitar and even tinkering with model ships. This multi-talented educator brings a creative and well-rounded perspective to the classroom, making his teaching style even more engaging and dynamic.

Mr. Lee's future is filled with ambition both inside and outside the classroom. His goal within the educational realm is to develop a teaching style that leaves a lasting impact on his students. He aspires to be a mentor, guiding young minds on their educational journeys. Beyond teaching, Mr. Lee aims to establish a strong career, continuing his pursuit of lifelong learning and personal growth.

Mr. Lee's personal motto is something he shares with his students, "Do not be afraid to pursue what you want in life and never give up trying." It's a testament to his unwavering determination and his belief in the transformative power of education. As John Burroughs High School welcomes Chris Lee into their fold, they can be assured that they're not just gaining an exceptional math teacher but a true advocate for the power of education and following one's dreams.

His passion, diverse background, and inspiring journey make him a valuable asset to the school community and a beacon of hope for students looking to pursue their passions.

New Teacher: Jeff Brown

By Allen Kramer
Cub Reporter

Mr. Brown is the recently hired Film and Television Production teacher here at John Burroughs High School and is excited to have his first full year at the school.

Brown started teaching here at Burroughs after the previous Video Production teacher, Mr. Carmen, retired.

Brown also mentors the high school Snowboarding Club. Brown previously coached high school sports, specifically baseball and ice hockey during his time in Colorado, where he got his start teaching.

Brown first started to teach in the position of a long term substitute and then went on to earn his credential.

Brown stated, "Because my credential is in career technical, I taught computer science, cybersecurity, gaming, video games, and



because I had taught Biology for three quarters of a year they had me teaching Biology as well." Brown went on to say, "and then a film job popped up and I'm like ah that's my specialty, I went to college to learn film and all the time that I was there I worked on my masters in education, which I finally have, and been teaching film that past two years now and its fun."

Brown decided to take the position here at Burroughs because of his observation that Burroughs is, "...almost five minutes in any direction away from all the movie studios."

Brown enjoys teaching film because, "the students can get creative, like in computer programming you're forced to teach them how to program a computer…but with film they can film in a foreign language if they want." a less restrictive subject, like film, allows students to take control of what they are involved in and provides students the right guidance and information to pursue something they are truly passionate about.

Brown claims that the best thing about being a teacher is, "as crazy as it sounds, being competitive, I like it when my students enter contests and get recognition" and referring to his students, "Seeing them enter means I'm doing something right."

Brown's eventual goal with the film program here at John Burroughs High School is to start, "getting our name out there, if we can start winning competitions people will be like hey John Burroughs has an A1 film program more of these high colleges, USC, UCLA are going to look at our students instead of having to force us, and I don't say force in a bad way cause I went to community college myself but having to go that route to get in as opposed to getting right in, if that makes sense."

We at Burroughs are lucky to have Mr. Brown as a new teacher!

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New Teacher: Alex Mann

By Valentina Victoria
Cub Reporter

John Burroughs High has a new teacher this year, her name is Ms. Alexandra Mann.

Ms. Mann teaches Honors English to 9th and 12th graders.

This is currently her second year teaching.

She is 30 years old and was born on November 22 1992.

She is originally from Florida and graduated from Florida State University with a degree in English Literature.

When asked why she became a teacher she said "I've always loved literature and working with kids."

Ms. Mann is the first teacher in her family.

When she saw that there was an opening for a job here at JBHS she applied for it ASAP because she has always wanted to work here in Burbank.

During her free time she likes to spend time in Malibu, go on hikes, spend time with her cat and sleep.

A new goal she is hoping to reach in the upcoming year is to try oil painting.

Back when Ms, Mann was in high school she said she was a



"class clown but also got good grades."

Some fun and interesting facts about her are that her favorite food is an everything bagel with cream cheese, her favorite movie is *Before Sunrise*, and a hidden talent of hers is that she can wiggle her ears.

Even though this is only Ms. Mann's first year teaching here at Burroughs she hopes it will be a good experience and she hopes to help shape young minds.



Keeping Our Campus Clean

By Evelyn McNally
Cub Reporter

The environment in which students spend the most of their time working, learning, and socializing should be in the best shape it can be. Our schools stay clean for the most part, but our school could be cleaner. I'm sure almost everybody has heard a few comments from peers critiquing its cleanliness.

A campus and its quality reflect the people who use it, and students are in the majority when it comes to numbers. So, as students, maybe we should start thinking about our role in it.

For example, student Shalini Pathak said "As the weeks go on, I've noticed an accumulation of trash, which saddens me because of our beautiful campus."

Trash from nutrition and lunch is a huge contributor to the cleanliness of our campus. We need to start properly disposing of our trash, instead of it ending up in a corner or in a hallway.

The idea of cleaning up trash can sound daunting, but it doesn't have to be that complicated. If more people clean up just one piece of trash, it could make a big impact on the waste abundance across campus.

Students should normalize the idea of regularly picking up a couple pieces of trash while strolling around campus, as opposed to ignoring it.

One could argue that it's easier said than done to go out of your way and pick up a piece of trash.

This is partially true, but there's another way that could be even easier than that. Instead of leaving trash on the floor, or on tables, simply throwing it out at a nearest trash can is probably the most effective way to reduce trash on campus.

It sounds ridiculously simple, but I think teenagers these days forget about cleaning up their own trash with all that they have going on. It can be easy to forget to throw out your trash, let alone how important it is to do so.

Trash is not our only problem here on campus though, gum is another big one.

Almost every student has heard a lecture from a teacher prohibiting them from chewing gum in class.

Most chewed gum ends up on the floor or in unwanted places. Gum in unwanted places just creates an inconvenience, and isn't pleasant to look at. This issue can be easily avoided if people just locate a trash can and throw out their gum properly.

The cleanliness of our school can also be defined by the quality of the resources we use. Damaged chairs, steps, and more are all things that build up over time to how our school looks. Like mentioned before, our campus reflects us. By putting good consideration into properly and appropriately using these things, it can improve the overall look of our beloved campus.

Staff here at Burroughs work really hard to keep the campus clean. It's not fair to erase the hard work that others do to keep the campus clean and orderly. This is why it's important to understand that the cleanliness of the campus is majorly impacted by students.

Like said before, lots of people enjoy our campus and how it looks, it's a shame to ruin it out of a little ignorance and apathy. Taking time to properly dispose of things like trash and gum, and putting a little more care into the resources of the school could make all the difference. Maybe even pick up a piece of trash or two the next time you see some on the floor.

Owning up to our responsibility of keeping the campus clean and applying that knowledge will go a long way for our campus here at John Burroughs High School.

Keeping Our Campus Clean

By River Torres
Cub Reporter

Recently, JBHS has undergone an extensive cleaning operation, leaving our hallways and classrooms spotless. While it may seem not very important in the grand scheme of things, this commendable effort has not only enhanced the overall environment at Burroughs, but also brought attention to the importance of maintaining a clean and hygienic learning space.

Firstly, a clean learning environment is vital for maximizing productivity and students' well being.

It helps students foster a sense of pride in their school and encourages them to take care of their surroundings. Additionally, clean spaces contribute to a healthier atmosphere, reducing the risk of spreading illnesses and allergies. In a post-Covid time, this is especially important. Our teachers, administrators, and janitorial staff must prioritize a clean school to provide the best educational experience for students.

Another way to look at it is as a testament to the commitment and diligent work of adults in our school community. The efforts of our janitorial staff must not go unnoticed, as they work tirelessly to maintain cleanliness while facing numerous challenges. Their expertise and attention to detail have played a significant role in transforming our learning spaces into more inviting and hygienic environments.

One of the primary factors that led to the extensive cleaning in our school was our persistent pigeon problem. Pigeons can disrupt the learning environment by leaving droppings, damaging property, and potentially causing health hazards.

These issues compelled our school administration to collaborate with professionals who specialize in pest control and bird deterrent techniques. By addressing the source of the problem, our school took a proactive approach to enhance cleanliness.

While on the subject of being proactive, this clean slate should also catalyze the implementation of more sustainable solutions in the future. The adult staff within our school community must ensure that preventative measures, such as more bird netting and spikes, are installed to deter pigeons, minimizing potential damage and reducing the need for extensive future cleanings. Creating an ongoing dialogue between students, staff, and administration about the importance of cleanliness can also foster a positive environment where everyone plays an active role in maintaining cleanliness.

Although adults play a crucial role in maintaining cleanliness, we cannot overlook the role that students play in all this. Students should also be able to take responsibility for their actions and strive to keep their environments clean.

Simple practices like disposing of trash properly, cleaning up after oneself, and reporting any cleanliness issues to an adult can go a long way in maintaining a pristine learning space for all.

The school cleaning has renewed a sense of respect for our school building. We must acknowledge that the successful execution of this was not solely due to the efforts of our dedicated adults, but also the result of students just not taking it anymore.

Moving forward, it is imperative that all members of Burroughs, both adults and students, continue to prioritize cleanliness to ensure a conducive learning environment for all.

Upcoming Dates

December 5th	Teen Court Trials
December 7th	Hanukkah Starts At Sunset
December 8th	Holiday Spectacular Assembly
December 8th-10th	Holiday Spectacular
December 11th	Blood Drive
December 11th-15	Holiday Spirit Week
December 15th	Hanukkah Ends At Sunset
December 15th	Student/Faculty Lunch

Ursa Major Horoscopes

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): There is a person in your life who has been getting on your last nerve and it's their time to leave. Today is the best day to tell them how you're feeling gently. The conversation may be awkward or tricky but let them know that it's nothing personal and that you just need a break.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): The smallest things will give you the biggest charge today, even doing the laundry will give you some energy. This will distract you in a good way, distraction is a useful way of getting through a tough day, if things have been heavy, do some laundry!

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): A new sense of purpose is upcoming and while it may scare you at first, you need to open yourself to all of the new possibilities it can bring you.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Today is all about open and free communication. Say what's on your mind and don't be afraid to say it! Even if it's embarrassing, embarrassment can bring people together!

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): This could be a surprising day. The day will start off smooth and easy but be warned, later there might be some racket and noise coming from people new on the scene, take note of who's saying it. However, don't get caught up in too much drama, you don't need to be distracted by other people's problems.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Someone from your past may come back soon. No matter how much you are dreading the interaction, you need to put on a brave face. They have a certain amount of influence over you, keep them on your side! Let go of the bad and see the good, it will be worth it!

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): You are intense, passionate, and loyal. You have a mysterious and magnetic personality. You're ambitious and value originality. This month you may find yourself seeking deeper into life and pursuing your goals

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Give someone a helping hand today, you'll be helping yourself out too. Remember this when you feel too busy to assist anyone! Don't rush ahead when details need to be covered. Slow down and connect with whoever you're helping out. Its a great reminder that you too are a great person.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): One of your friends might have an interesting social opportunity for you, but you must do some research before you sign up. If your friend is actually your friend they will have their best interest in mind for you, this could be a scam. If they get defensive, somethings up. You can afford to acknowledge your concerns.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): Stop dwelling on the things you dislike in your life. You might think devoting your brain power to your problems will solve them but that isn't always the case. Take care of yourself, improving your situation isn't something you always have the power to do.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): You are destined to achieve the desires that have possessed your mind soon. Keep working hard, you are almost there.

Aries (March 21 - April 19): This December you will find the greatest rewards in peace. You must replenish your spirit before you can progress in outer goals and experience change in a good way.

-Noel Cevene and Journalism Staff Astrologers

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Football

By Ryan Hernandez
Cub Reporter

On October 27th, 2023 the "Big Game" occurred between Burbank and Burroughs Football teams.

This fight seemed very one sided as the very first play of the game Burbank fumbled the kickoff and Burroughs recovered it.

On the first offensive play Burroughs scored on a handoff to Sanitago Sanchez. Burroughs was up 7-0 in the first twelve seconds.

Burroughs got a stop the next drive and the very first play of their second drive Ethan Hubbell broke a slant for a touchdown.

Burroughs was on a roll, securing a 48-14, the largest win in the 2000 era.

Before the game, there were some pre-game festivities. During school there was a fun pep rally that held all the fall sports and had fun mini games throughout. The ASB took time setting up the home side for the pep rally and after that switched it to the away side and made it look great. The Burroughs supporters showed up at 5:00 which is an hour before the game started. ASB was doing face painting while people were walking in. The support they gave was insane. They were loud the whole game.



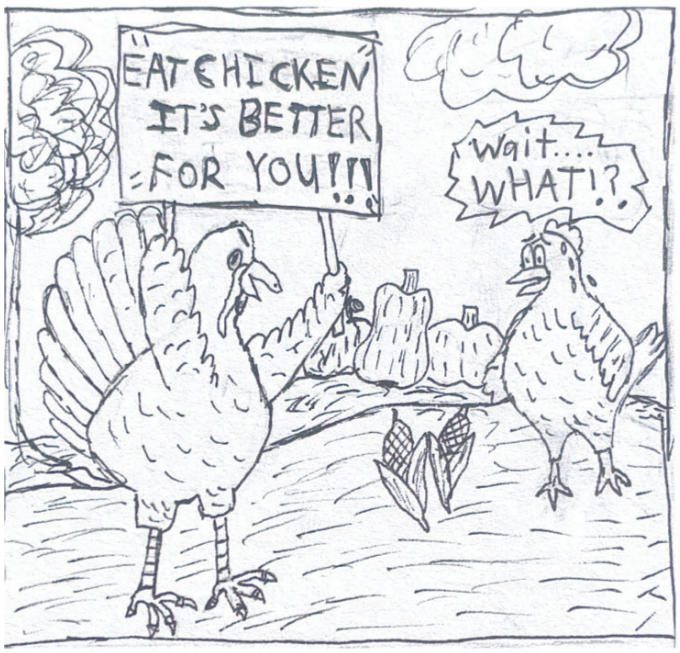
Burroughs also debuted its first Bear mascot, and the first mascot we've had in decades, at the game.

After the game the Bears were met after with a trophy and had a great time celebrating while the students and parents showed so much support.

Sadly, on November 3rd, 2023 the John Burroughs Bears season ended at home against the Agoura Changers in a 42-18 rough loss.

A great and historical season comes to an end as the Bears end as Pacific League and Burbank City Champs for the first time since 2015.





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Cross Country

By Kayla Cabral
Cub Photographer, Cartoonist





It was another great success for are Cross Country Bears. The Pacific League meet #1 race was particularly important for the Bears because it was their way to making it to CIF. This race took place at Arcadia Park on Thursday October 12th, 2023. Every one of the Bears did excellent.

Varsity Boys placed second in their League and qualified for Pacific League finals. Only the top three teams qualified and they made it successfully. There were only 42 runners in their race. Out of the seven Varsity Boys on the team Alex Acevedo came in 10th, with a time of 16:16. Then came Liam Ellingsworth who placed 11th, with a time of 16:17, Nathan Marca who placed 12th, with a time of 16:21, strolling behind him came Jusin Cano who placed 13th with a time of 16:23, then Danny Camacho, who placed 17th with a time of 16:53, shortly after came Nick Delgado, who placed 18th with a time of 16:58, and last came Christapher Miguel who placed 20th, with a time of 17:05.

Next we have the Varsity Girls. They placed 3rd in their League and also qualified for Pacific League finals. They did a great job. There were only 44 runners in their race. Out of the seven Varsity Girls Isabella Gallustions placed 4th and her time was 18:49, after came Saida Getz who placed 15th with a time of 20:32, then came Lucy Thomson who placed 17th with a time of 20:50, next came Anya Kallianpur who placed 23rd with a time of 22:09, then came Amy Harkins who placed 26th with a time of 22:47, after came Makayla Victoria who placed 30th with a time of 24:04, and last came Kayla Cabral who placed 32nd with a time of 24:16. Overall the Cross Country Bears killed it at this race.

The Cross country Bears once again had great success at the Pacific League Finals, which was at Crescenta Valley Park, Thursday, November 2nd, 2023. They all did an amazing job, although the course was very difficult and some took a tumble, the Varsity Boys and the Varsity Girls successfully qualified for CIF Prelims.

First we have the Varsity Boys who placed 2nd in their League which had 39 runners in their race and only 14 medal earners. Out of the seven boys Liam Ellingsworth placed 10th with a time of 16:55, shortly after came Nathan Marca who placed 11th with at time of 16:57, after came Alex Acevedo who placed 12th, with at time of 17:09, next came Justin Cano who placed 13th with at time of 17:10, then came Danny Camacho who placed 14th with at time of 17:19, after came Christphor Miguel with at time of 17:49, and last came Nick Delgado who placed 20th with a time of 17:56.

Varsity Girls got 3rd in the League which had a total of 38 runners in the race. Only the top 14 medaled. Out of the seven Varsity girls Saida Getz placed 10th with a time of 20:57, shortly after came Isabella Galustians who placed 16th with a time of 22:09, after came Lucy Thomson who placed 18th with at time of 22:21, next came Anya Kallianpur who placed 21st with at time of 23:11, then came Kayla Cabral who placed 25th with a time of 24:47, after came Makayla Victoria who placed 28th with at time of 25:13, and lastly came Amy Harkens who placed 29th with at time of 25:30.

About the races, Justin Cano, an excellent runner and one of the Varsity Boys on the team, says "League finals was a tough battle on both our Varsity Girls and Boys sides qualifying for CIF with our Varsity Boys coming in 2nd in League behind Crescenta Valley and our Varsity Girls coming in 3rd. For the Boys it was close with Arcadia but in the end, we came out victorious." Justin also says "We are locking in for CIF Prelims on Saturday November 10th at Mt. SAC where we will be racing Division 2. It is the hardest XC course in California and our Boys are shooting to qualify for CIF Southern Section Finals, it's a stretch but I believe we can do it."

Next we have Saida Getz, a very hard worker and one of the Varsity Girls on our team, she says "We ran pretty well in the Crescenta Valley race and were going to all try our best to advance to CIF Finals."

Lastly we have Anya Kallianpur, another amazing runner on the team and one of the Varsity Girls, who says, "I think the Crescenta Valley race went pretty well for Burroughs since both our Varsity Girls and Boys qualified for CIF Prelims and some of our athletes even made it to the top 14 in their races. Even though the Mt. Sac course is tough, I have no doubt that everyone will put in their best effort and give it their all."

CIF Prelims was a good race for the Cross Country Bears. This race took place Friday, November 10th, 2023, at Mt San Antonio College, also known as Mt Sac. Only the top five teams could advance to CIF Finals and the fastest 6th placed team as well. This course was particularly hard for our Bears because it was on a mountain and there were many hill's, but our Bears managed and fought hard the whole time even if they were exhausted, they never gave up. Our Bears trained six months to make it to where they did and unfortunately they didn't qualify for CIF Finals, but just making it to CIF Prelims was an outstanding achievement for our Cross Country Bears. Here are their results.

First we have the Varsity Boys who placed 7th out of 15 teams and had a total of 109 runners in their race. Out of the seven boys our highest placement was 30th, not enough to qualify for CIF Finals.

The Varsity Girls placed 9th out of 15 teams and had a total of 105 runners in their race. Our highest place was 40th which was also not enough to place for CIF Finals.

Lucy Thomson reflected on the team's performance, stating, "Overall I think we had a strong season and we pushed ourselves super hard in training and at meets. We finished out the season with a lot of improvement and determination from all of our girls."

Next we have Nathan Marca, one of the Varsity Boys on the team, who says "We improved our team chemistry and times a lot this year, and we are coming for the state meet next Cross Country Season."

Lastly we have Danny Camacho another Varsity Boy on the team, He says, "Overall I think we did pretty well as a team, We finished 2nd in the League for Boys Varsity and 3rd in Girls Varsity so I think it went pretty well in League. But in CIF it didn't go as we expected and we placed 7th unfortunately but we will continue to work harder to make it to CIF Finals next year."

Hopefully next season Cross Country makes it to CIF Finals but good job to all our Bears who did an amazing job running this year, GO BEARS!

Girls Soccer

By Kylee Johnson and Chase Kardosh
Cub Reporter

With a new sports season coming up, there's a new excitement in the air for players, spectators, and sports enthusiasts. Girls Soccer is a wonderful sport where the team can bond while improving their athletic skills and agility.

The Head Coach of the team is Brady Riggs, and the team's second coach is Robert Sanchez.

Burroughs has three returning star players. Seniors Nadia Aguilar, Gracie Gomez, and Junior Vivian Wright.

Both Nadia and Gracie spoke about the team, themselves, and their upcoming year.

Gracie tells us she's been playing soccer since she was only eight years old and has been playing club soccer for more than seven years now.

Gracie spends her off season doing private training to get better and putting in lots of time and effort in order to get herself ready and prepared for the season.

Her goal for this year is to make the playoffs and hopefully finish high in the Pacific League. Gracie believes the teams biggest competitors this season will be Crescenta Valley and Arcadia high school, whom they had numerous close games with last season. "They both are very strong teams that play really hard like we do. Everytime we play them, both teams put up a good fight."

Nadia Aguilar also spoke to us-too and had similar things to say as Gracie. Nadia (who plays midfield and forward) says her goal this year is to make the playoffs and win League. Nadia has been playing soccer all her life practically as she started playing when she was only four years old. Nadia has been on Varsity all four years here at Burroughs. Nadia says the team is looking pretty good this year and plays well together. The whole team seems to have high hopes and expectations for this year.

Besides Gracie and Nadia, other Seniors on the team are Megan Harkins, Jaylin Turner, Ainsley Ghaman, and Mackenzie Monahan. The Bears lost twelve Seniors last season but have added numerous players to the roster.

Girls Soccer kicks off their pacific league Tuesday, December 5th against the Glendale Nitros away, followed by an away game against the Arcadia Apaches that Friday the 8th.

They will be ending on February 1st, 2024, against our rival school, Burbank High School.

Our girls soccer team dominated the city last year beating Burbank High twice in a row , one time 6-0, and the other 4-0, both shutouts. The Bears are hoping to do the same again this year.

Some dates to look out for if you want to attend the games are December 12th, when they will be playing against Pasadena High School, or January 4th, when they will be going against Muir High School. Their last game of the season will be against Burbank High School on February 1, so be sure to attend and support our girls soccer team. However, these dates may change, so be sure to stay updated.

For the 2022-2023 school year, Girls Soccer played many successful games. The Lady Bears are coming off a solid previous year in which they finished off with thirteen wins (nine of which in league), seven losses, and one draw. Their season sadly ended after a tough loss to St. Genevieve in the playoff wild card match. A game where the Bears lost by only one goal.

During the fall sports season, the team was practicing their skills during conditioning.

For the 2023 conditioning season, the girls team has had to work on enhancing their technique, physical fitness, game intelligence, and game mindsets, like proper sportsmanship.

To improve their techniques, the girls had to work on their body control, ball control, passing accuracy, and their basic skills, like dribbling, passing, and shooting.

Game intelligence is also a very important part of being a soccer player, as you have to know the rules in order to play the game fairly. If you do something that is against the rules, it would be easier for everyone if you already know what you did.

Proper sportsmanship is also a crucial aspect of the game, because having a bad attitude can ruin the enjoyment of spectators and the game itself. It's essential to have a positive outlook on the game, respect the rules and other players, and to just enjoy playing. Causing arguments with other players, coaches, or referees can cause problems during the game.

The 2023-2024 winter sports season will be filled with excitement, competitiveness, and hopefully, school spirit. Be sure to attend games to support our school, and our Girls Soccer. And stay posted for possible fundraisers that will help the Girls Soccer team fundraiser money for multiple different things.

Go Bears!

Boys Basketball

By Meleyna Merino
Cub Reporter

As fall comes to an end, so do fall sports. Winter sports are approaching fast and this year we are so excited to see what Boys Basketball has in store for us

With new Head Coach Austin Pope, as well as his new addition Assistant Coach Fred Hawthorne and returning Assistant Coach Scott, we expect to see great things.

Coach Pope is eager to start the season stating, ¨Improving our skills from last year is a top priority, as well as making playoffs and competing for a Pacific League Championship.¨

He also expresses that he became a coach to help make an impact on kids' lives and guide them through life through the game of basketball. He wants to help every single player reach their maximum potential in life and in basketball.

One of the captains is Senior Captain Chase Kardosh. Kardosh has great goals for the season, stating, ¨I hope I can lead my team to a Pacific League Championship as well as achieving Pacific League MVP.¨

He has been playing basketball ever since he was little starting in elementary school.

He plays on the team as a guard and has been a captain ever since his Junior year. He has high hopes for the 2023-2024 basketball season.

The other captain is Junior Jagger Topp. Topp also has ambitious goals set for this season stating, ¨My goals for this season are definitely to finish top three in the Pacific League, finish First Team All Pacific League Player, as well as reaching my 1,000 point career mark this year.¨

Jagger has been playing basketball ever since he was five years old and his love for it has flourished throughout the years.

The position he plays is point guard, he's a very vocal and energetic player to which he believed helped him earn the Captain spot. He has also been on Varsity since his Freshman year and can be an example to new players on the team.

So far the Boys have had two excellent winning season. The first game on November 13th was against the Arleta Mustangs. Burroughs Bears defeated Arleta 75-59. It was a great start to the season. Leading scorers were Junior Jagger Topp with 23 points, Senior Chase Kardosh with 17 points, and Junior Landon Everhart with 16 points.

The second game played on November 16th, was against Van Nuys and earned Burroughs another great win. The score was 97-54. The leading scorers were Junior Landon Everhart with 25 points, Junior Jagger Topp with 23 points, and Senior Chase Kardosh with 13 points.

Hopefully they keep their winning streak up for the rest of the year, into League and then Playoffs!

Go Bears!

Girls Water Polo

By Shalini Pathak
Cub Reporter

John Burroughs High School's winter sports teams are starting their season! One of these incredible teams is Girls Water Polo.

The Burroughs award-winning team is getting geared up for the upcoming season and with the new prospective players this year it is sure to be exciting.

Last season, the Burroughs High Girls Water Polo team took home the Pacific League Championship and qualified for the CIF postseason.

Under veteran coach Jake Cook, the Bears went 11-5 and 7-1 in League for first place. The biggest win of last year was on Thursday, Jan 19, 2023 when the Burroughs Girls Water Polo team won their game against Pasadena High School with a score of 27-1. The Bears history of winning in the pool can only get us excited for this positive forthcoming season.

The leaders and glue of this team are the coaches, Jacob Cook and Martin Ortega Jennison. Jennison went to Los Angeles Valley College and played water polo for two years. Jennison is also a Burroughs alumni, strengthening the connection both the coaches have with the school and team.

The humorous story of him starting his coaching career all began with dropping his brother off for practice. Coach Cook saw his passion and love for the sport and immediately hired him.

Looking forward to the upcoming season, the coaches agreed when stating "It's always exciting because it's fun to coach and teach a new group of talent. Seeing how they start out in the season and watching them grow throughout the year is always fun."

Some of the JBHS Girls Water Polo League rivals are Arcadia, Hoover, Glendale, Crescenta Valley, Muir, Pasadena, and of course, the biggest rivalry school, Burbank High. The non-league schools the team will be playing this season include Marlborough, Notre Dame (SO), and Birmingham.

When interviewed, the players were asked about how they are preparing for the upcoming season. Strength and repetition were two main aspects the girls quoted as part of their preparation.

The girls train by swimming laps in the pool and strengthening core body parts that improve their overall playing. Some vital muscles include core and upper body, arm mobility, and lower body.

"Lower-body training is a helpful tool for swimming performance. Improving your ankle mobility gives you a more propulsive kick, and strengthening your legs will help you have more powerful push-offs" said the players when asked about the purpose their training holds. The team also stated that strengthening lower body greatly helps lessen the possibility of injury.

Water polo is a competitive yet team oriented sport that utilizes concentration ability and hard work. The girls are working hard and putting in time to start their winning CIF streak after their win last year.

This year is sure to be a good one from the already promising prospective players who recently joined. Everyone is fully confident and excited by these girls' talents.

Good luck Bears!

Boys Water Polo

By John Anderegg
Cub Photographer

Boys Water Polo has had a great season making it to playoffs with a 13-10 record.

On September 26th they played an away game against the Arcadia Apaches and lost 3-16.

On September 28th they played a home game against the Pasadena Bulldogs and won 23-3. The top players of the game were Harrison Siegel with 4 goals, 8 assists, 1 steal, and 1 block, Atticus Mata with 2 goals and 6 saves, and Nicola Nasev with 5 goals and 3 steals.

On October 3rd they won 11-9 in a home game against the Hoover Tornados. The top players of the games were Ian Duffield with 3 goals, 2 assists, 4 steals, and 2 blocks, Harrison Siegel with 4 goals, 1 assist, and 2 steals, Logan Turla with 3 goals, 1 assist, and 4 steals, and Dean Yuzna with 1 goal, 2 assists, and 1 block.

On October 5th they played an away game against the Glendale Nitros and won 16-6. The top players of the game were Harrison Siegel with 7 goals, 1 assist, and 1 steal, Ian Duffiel with 5 goals, 5 assists, and 4 steals, Atticus Mata with 11 blocks and 1 steal, Nicola Nasev with 1 goal, 2 assists, and 2 steals, and Logan Turla with 1 goal and 3 steals.

On October 7th they lost a home game against the John Muir Stallions.

On October 10th they won a home game against with Crescenta Valley Falcons scoring 10-9. The top players of the game were Harrison Siegel with 2 goals, 1 assist, 4 steals, and 1 block, Atticus Mata with 11 blocks and 4 steals, Nicola Nasev with 1 goal, 3 assists, and 3 steals, and Ian Duffield with 2 goals, 1 assist, and 1 steal.

On October 18th they won a home game against the Burbank Bulldogs scoring 10-7. The top players of the game were Harrison Siegel with 5 goals, 1 assist, and 4 steals, Atticus Mata with 13 saves and 1 steal, and Ian Duffield with 2 goals, 1 assist, 2 steals, and 1 block.

After beating Burbank to finish their League games, Water Polo went to CIF, playing Santa Monica on October 31st, losing 12-9, ending their season.

Coach Martin Ortega comments, "This year for us has completely surprised and surpassed my expectations. Our league is so competitive that I would think that we would be going into our league tournament as the 2nd place seed. We had a very rough start to the season against Arcadia missing key players to sickness and injury. We as a team stayed composed and rose to the challenge and haven't lost a league match since. Our toughest matchups were against Crescenta Valley, Hoover, and Burbank. They challenged us in more ways than one. The boys responded and knew the task at hand and started to believe in one another. Their progress has shown they have committed to one another and have fallen in love with the game they play. This is a special year regardless of results. These boys have shown a willingness to grow and seek challenges.

Girls Basketball

By Stephanie Hernandez
Editor-In-Chief

As Fall Sports come to a close and seasons for teams like Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Water Polo behind us, JBHS is shifting its focus to Winter Sports, allowing students to gear up for the upcoming season alongside the chilly weather.

Under the guidance of Coach Oganyan, a JBHS science teacher and Girls' Basketball coach, the Varsity Girls' Basketball team is ready to take the court.

Their annual team trip to Hawaii proved to be a fantastic experience that brought the team closer together and allowed them to showcase their extraordinary basketball abilities. The trip served as a great bonding experience, and the team excelled on the court, winning three back-to-back games at King Kekaulike High School located in Maui.

On November 16th, they scored 60-39; on November 17th, 51-39; and on November 18th, 57-47, securing an impressive record.

Upon returning to California, the team is preparing to play against Serra High School in Gardena on Saturday, November 25th. Additionally, the first at-home game is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th, against Glendale High School.

It is clear that this season will be a great one for Burroughs. Congratulations to Coach Oganyan and the Varsity Girls' Basketball team for their outstanding performance in Hawaii, and good luck to them in their future games. It is clear that this season will be a great one for Burroughs.

Go Bears!

Girls Tennis

By Allie Hunt
Sports Editor

With the fall sports at John Burroughs High School coming to an end, Girls Tennis exited their season with a bang. The team faced off against schools like Crescenta Valley and Burbank High School for the final time all while looking forward to their long anticipated Preliminary matches.

First on the list, the Bears took on Crescenta Valley on October 12th. With a final score of one to seventeen, JBHS took a loss despite Capitan Hannah Lewis' win. CV has been a tough component this season for the Girls' Tennis team but each match they made sure to put in all of their effort and stay strong as a group.

Next up, on October 17th, the team competed against Muir High School. The doubles teams won all of their games against Muir and the singles won five out of six of their matches. The final score against Muir was 17-1, a fantastic JBHS win!

Closing out their normal season, the Bears opposed Burbank High on October 19th. Captain Hannah Lewis won two out of three of her games along with Captain Abby Stell and Sage Marye who each won one game. Together, the two new Freshmen on Varsity, Dana Pitsker and Leslie Femeninas, pulled out a doubles win as well. Unfortunately, despite their victories, the final score of the match was 5-13.

After their season, the Girls' Tennis team goes into their Preliminary matches. Over the course of two days there are a total of three rounds in which the winning player advances to the next round. Over the course of the season, the wins of the team as a whole are recorded and the more wins they have, the more players are eligible for the Prelims. Individual players from JBHS with the most won games compared to the rest of the team, face off against certain players from other schools.

The singles qualifiers for this year's Prelims were Captain Hannah Lewis and Captain Abby Stell. As for the doubles, Tobie (October) Siems and Ashley Sinovoi as well as Sage Marye and Dana Pitsker participated in the event.

On October 23rd and 24th, the Preliminary games took place on the JBHS home courts. In the end, Captain Hannah Lewis was the only one who advanced to the second round after her first round win against Arcadia but was disqualified with a loss to Crescenta Valley.

With their season officially coming to an end, Captain Hannah Lewis commented, "I'm excited about the level of talent we have on the team and I see a lot of potential for the next few years as well. I think we played pretty well overall - we had some amazing wins as well as some tough losses. I know we're going to put in a lot of work to improve in the off season and I can't wait for next year with such an awesome team!"

Captain Abby Stell also added, "I had a great time helping lead the team, getting closer with my teammates, and just playing tennis! Looking forward to next season."

Finally, looking back on her final season, Senior Captain Sophia Luna commented, "This past season we were able to win against Glendale, Pasadena, and Muir. This season I really saw the girls work their hardest and give it their all for every point played. I'm sad that this season is over, but I'm really glad that we were able to grow as a team and become better friends with one another!"

Overall, this season for the Girls' tennis team here at JBHS has been a success and we are all very proud of our Bears for their effort. Everyone here at *The Paw Print* can't wait to see what this team accomplishes in the future.

Go Bears!

Boys Soccer

By Narrissa Wareebor
Cub Reporter

The John Burroughs Boys Varsity Soccer team has been putting in work for their upcoming season led by coaches Makan Afzali and Scott Elkin. With fifteen returning players on the team, two of the returners Junior Alex Loera and Senior Dominic Quijada talks highly about their preparation for the year.

Loera talks about how he thinks the team has a strong connection and chemistry and how that would strongly help towards their goal of getting top three in the League and making it to the playoffs. The positive attitude coming from all the players goes into how well they come together as a team.

During practices, they focus on not only their skill, but their mentality as well. This team is big on working hard, having passion, and having pride. Compared to their last season, Quijada says that this team seems more dedicated to win and their attitude and mindset has improved.

Every player having the same goal supports them all as a team because they prioritize bettering themselves for their teammates. In drills, they target certain skills like precision and they take it into their games.

Like all athletes, Alex and Dominic predict a successful season and have high hopes. They hope to input the progress they build during practice into their matches. This has already been shown that they can because of their win on the first scrimmage of their season.

The Bears came out ready to play against Cleveland High School on November 15, 2023 at John Burroughs High School. The score was 3 to 2.

The Bears kicked off the game with Junior Danny Pascual scoring off of a free kick. Danny scored the curler from outside the 18 yard box and it placed perfectly in the side netting of the goal.

Another point for the Bears was a header made by Dominic Quijada following up with the winning goal scored outside the eighteen yard box by Senior Joey Earl. This final point was exciting, as Joey noticed the keeper off his line and had a go for it and chipped the Cleveland goal keeper to give Burroughs the lead.

With such a great start to the season, the Boys are sure to have a great year! Go Bears!

Girls Golf

By James Reid
Editor-In-Chief

As autumn winds down, so does the fall season for JBHS athletics. Among these fall sports is Girls' Golf, who fought their way to third place in CIF this year. The team could not be prouder of their performance this season, especially for one player in particular: Justine Hamac.

Hamac, one of this year's Varsity Girls' Golf Captains, qualified for the first round of CIF after leading the team throughout their main season. She worked tirelessly to accomplish this, and was thrilled when she was informed that she had qualified. "It felt rewarding because my hours of practice had paid off, as well as playing in all the League games this season," she said.

But Hamac didn't reach this point alone. "My teammates were my biggest inspirations this season," she said. "As well as my friend, Annika Lingad, who graduated last year and also qualified in CIF." Although Hamac is closing out her golf career at JBHS, she continues to inspire her teammates every day, just as past Seniors have inspired her.

Congratulations Girls' Golf, and GO BEARS!

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