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A Night Under The Floating Lights

By Mia Damiani
Cub Reporter

Although historically, Homecoming is meant to celebrate the biggest rivalry football game of the season, this year's Homecoming happened on October 14th, 2023, a couple of weeks before the rivalry Burbank vs. Burroughs game. The event took place at Burroughs from 6:30PM to 10:00PM.

Leading up to the event, several students were asked with colorful posters and extravagant gestures. Alondra Sam and Mathew Ardon scored two free tickets to Homecoming this year, by winning ASB's Cutest Ask Contest, by asking right after a football game.

Before Homecoming, most Burroughs students could be found at Johnny Carson Park, taking photos before the dance. Some students also took pictures with their friends and dates outside of school. Many parents and members of the Burbank community made appearances at Johnny Carson Park to take pictures with their families.

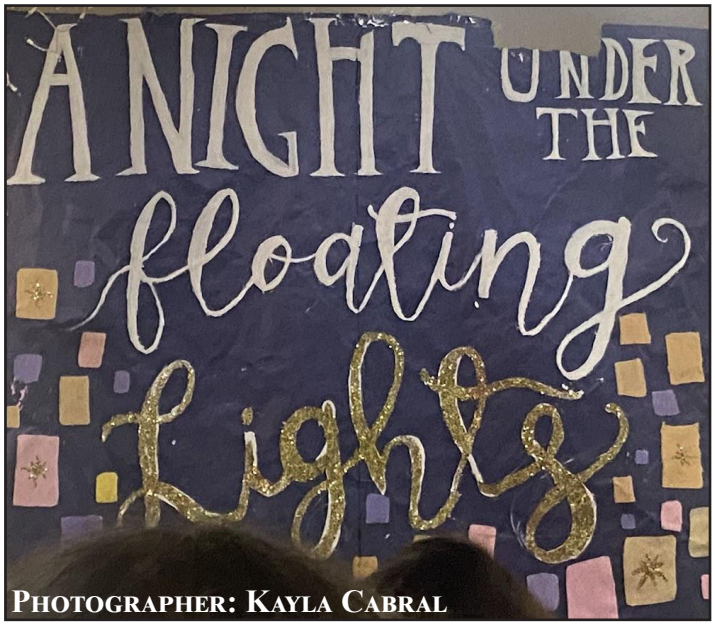
There was an influx of purple and green dresses seen at Homecoming this year because of the dance's "A Night Under the Floating Lights" theme. Other popular clothing items were silk dresses and colored Jordans. Many students also brought corsages for their dates.

The quad was beautifully decorated by ASB with lanterns and lights to embody the theme's atmosphere. Arches with flowers and vines occupied the quad, prompting a great photo opportunity.

Upon the walk into Burroughs, while students waited to get their ID checked, the halls of Burroughs were transformed into the walls of Rapunzels castle, filled with posters drawn by ASB. The walls which students walk to class everyday in were completely unrecognizable, creating a magical atmosphere.

Students had the opportunity to vote for their Homecoming Court upon the line to get into the quad. Pictures of all of the nominated students were posted on the walls of the hall with QR codes, where students were prompted to pick their top two nominations for Homecoming Royalty.


Photographer: Evelyn McNally



Photographer: Kayla Cabral


Photographer: Jack Nothom

Homecoming had popcorn and snacks for students, along with activities such as having silhouettes taken, posing in the photo booth, or hitting the dance floor.

At around 9:00 PM, the DJ stopped to make room for the Homecoming Court students: Alex Valenzuela, Alyssa Allen, Camille Chanutt, Sophie Hyslop, JP Ferrante, Lucas Brown, Jesiah Licardo, Naomi Orellana and Paris Tesfu made up Homecoming Court while Maurico Lara and Max Meserve were pronounced Homecoming Royalty. (Read about them on pages 5-10.)

The DJ was undeniably a big hit, but some students had different ideas for the music. Justine Hamac said "The DJ played good music but for Prom, I think it would be fun to see a student DJ." While the DJ played a fair amount of Pitbull and other pop music, some students wished they would hear more R&B and Drake.

Students and staff felt mixed emotions about the appearance of the mosh pit on the Homecoming dance floor. The staff even had to threaten to shut down the dance, due to students getting too aggressive on the dance floor.

Junior Jack Nothomb commented on the mosh pit, stating "It had a nice ambiance, or vibe, with the lights and DJ. But most of the people that came out of the mosh pit were wet from people throwing water, which was... interesting."

The dance ended at 10PM and after the dance many students went out to eat with their friends. Lines at Bob's Big Boy and In-N-Out were extensive due to the large amount of hungry students.

Lilly Landau said "The were a lot of people in line at Bob's, and it took at least an hour to get seated. We were there past midnight, so it's a good thing its open 24 hours."

Many dedicated students and staff of Burroughs volunteered their time to help make this year's dance possible, a very special thanks to Tech Crew and ASB students!

30th Annual College and Career Fair

By Noel Cevene
Cub Reporter

On Saturday, September 23rd the 30th Annual Burbank Unified School District College and Career Fair took place. The fair was held from 9AM to 12PM at Burbank High School. Over eighty-five colleges and universities were represented at the fair. The event was open to the community, however, mostly high school Juniors, Seniors, and their families were the primary attendees. The fair was organized by Shannon Marando, the College and Career Technician for both Burbank High School and John Burroughs High School.

In an interview with Ms. Marando, she shared information about the fair, including what you can learn, and tips for your future career. The BUSD College and Career Fair is a great opportunity to talk directly with College Admissions Representatives to learn more about various colleges and universities, requirements for how to get accepted into them as well as other options after high school like career and technical schools, community colleges, and the military.

There were also Financial Aid workshops available to learn about options for how to afford and how to pay for school including scholarships, Federal Financial Aid and student loans.



Photographer: James Reid

There were many types of colleges and universities at the fair. Public universities, like UCLA and UC San Diego, as well as California State University schools like Cal State L.A and Cal State Long Beach were there. Two-year community colleges like Glendale Community College and Santa Monica Community College were also represented. Some of the private schools that attended the fair include USC, Pepperdine University, and Cal Lutheran University.

In addition, there were several out-of-state schools that attended the fair such as Washington State University, Syracuse University, and Temple University.

Meeting with the College Representatives is a great way to learn more about schools that you may want to attend and to also get advice for being a competitive candidate. For example, the Representative from UCLA explained that it's best to be passionate about what career goals you have and to take rigorous courses in high school based on your interests. Another representative from Glendale Career College, a trade school, explained that interest, motivation, desire and a high school diploma were the main requirements to enroll in their programs. Lastly, the representative from the University of Wisconsin said that while there was no GPA requirement to apply, the Admissions Office looks for good work, honors and A.P. coursework, extracurricular activities, and being a well rounded student.

In addition to the colleges, all of the branches of the military, except for the Coast Guard, were represented at the fair. This included the Air Force, Air Force Academy, Army, Marine Corps, and the Navy. A representative from the U.S. Army said "the Army is looking for people who are looking for a career, education, and who want to kick start their life." The minimum requirement is to be between the ages of seventeen and thirty-five, have a high school diploma, and pass a medical examination. Some of the benefits of joining the military include thirty days of paid vacation, free healthcare, and 100% tuition for college after three years of service.

While this fair only happens once a year, students have other opportunities to learn about colleges and universities throughout the year. Ms. Marando said colleges visit both John Burroughs and Burbank High Schools at the Career Center to meet with students and share information about their schools. Lastly, her advice is for students to start thinking about options and what you want to do after high school towards the end of Sophomore year.

Electric Bear Festival

By Shalini Pathak
Cub Reporter

John Burroughs High Schools hosts multiple fundraising events throughout the year. Ranging from partnerships with food brands like Menchies and Raising Canes to exciting events that bring together students under one universally loved thing. Music. The Electric Bear Festival was one such event, a party was hosted by the Girls Volleyball team in order to support the group in their upcoming season.

The Electric Bear Festival took place on September 22 in the small gym here at Burroughs. Approaching the event one was able to see lights of all different colors shining from inside the gym.

The dark yet illuminated party brought together many different groups of people. Athlete's friends and families were all seen getting down on the dance floor.

Attendee Evelyn McNally states “I thought the combination of decorations and lighting was very immersive. I had a great time and I know a lot of my friends did too. We all really hope this can become a tradition so future generations can enjoy this funky fun experience.”

Another attraction at the party was the food bar. They had free snacks, pizza, water, and drinks of all kinds. Many attendees grabbed a much-needed snack after hitting the dance floor.

While entering the party everyone received light up wristbands, rings, necklaces and bracelets. Some connected glow sticks to make a jump rope and some to make a choker necklace. This added to the already exciting and mystifying atmosphere with the lights off and the wristbands showing the light.

Since the only lights consisted of green blues and pink the party had a sort of disco electric vibe to it, living up to the name.

The music that was played is known as EDM music. According to Wikipedia, EDM music is "a broad range of percussive electronic music genres originally made for festivals and dance clubs of all sorts."

Supporting the sports teams/ Volleyball while having a fun night full of lights and dance is a win win. Dancing and listening to music is a universally fun and unifying experience and everyone was so happy to be able to experience that at John Burroughs High School's Electric Bear Festival.

Choir Goes To Pali

By Zoe Belknap
Guest Cub Reporter


Guest Photographer: Joey Amoroso

On Friday, September 22nd, the 200+ members of the JBHS VMA (and Tech Crew) all got on buses headed to mountains of Running Springs California for their annual three-day trip to the Pali Institute. Once there, they spent the weekend singing, dancing, and bonding with each other.

For those not a part of the VMA or Tech Crew, this tradition of going to the mountains to rehearse might seem a little bit out of the ordinary, but Pali is a great way for each choir to make their BOB set the best it can be and enjoy a change of scenery.

As Senior Bea Park puts it, "Pali is an essential bonding event for each choir, and the hard work is easier when there are beautiful views!"

Before the choirs began their hard work singing and dancing, the first item on the agenda was fun activities and games with everyone in the VMA. With their buddy groups, everyone split up into teams and played a giant game of capture the flag run by VMA President Mauricio Lara and Vice President Kelly Hagan.

Everyone at Pali could agree that starting this difficult weekend in a fun way was super beneficial, especially for Freshmen who had never been to Pali before, so VMA-wide thanks go out to our choir officers for keeping this tradition alive.

Then, together all of the choirs warmed up. Led by Powerhouse Dance Captains Vivian Johns, Naima Harrise, Riley Hall, and L Hoyle, each member of Decibelles, Sound Waves, Sound Sensations, and Powerhouse did beloved choreographer Dominic Matas' infamous warm-up. Consisting of stretching, push-ups, crunches, and a whole lot of Pentatonix, Dom's warm up is a great way for everyone to get ready for a long weekend of dancing.

Then, the choirs dispersed into their various sessions of either singing or dancing with their instructors. Brendan Jennings, the director of the VMA, was at Pali, teaching music to the students. There were also two other very talented music instructors were present at Pali: Dan Scoville and Christine Demore.

Dan Scoville or 'Dan the Piano Man' is a music theory genius and piano extraordinaire who often assists the choirs. Everyone was excited and grateful to see that he was able to join JBHS's four wonderful show choirs in the mountains this year. Christine Demore is a genius in her own right and helped Mr. Jennings become the fabulous director he is today. Choir audiences can thank Ms. Demore for each choir's individual musical dynamics, pronunciation, and ability to sound like a group of trained adults.

Mr. Jennings, Dan, and Ms. Demore make the choirs sound great, but the choreographers are the ones who put the show in show choir. Ashley Borgese and Shannon Ary are the incredible Decibelles choreographers, Shannon Ary and Dominic Matas choreograph Sound Waves, the wonderful Corey Hidalgo and Emily DePauw do Sound Sensations, and Dominic Matas choreographs phenomenally for Powerhouse.

Pali wouldn't be Pali without the beautiful scenery. At Pali Institute's Pavilion, students were able to perform and rehearse surrounded by gorgeous trees. Though the altitude makes dancing that much harder, it's all worth it when one is dancing and smells the pine trees or spots a deer during a water break.

On both Friday and Saturday, the choirs were working on their sets for Burroughs on Broadway, or BOB. At BOB, Decibelles will be performing *Once Upon a Mattress* starring Jaxon Cohen as Fred. Jaxon had her callback for this role and found out she got it at Pali.


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Sound Waves also had callbacks for their leads in their Burroughs on Broadway show *Spongebob: the Musical*. On Saturday, they found out that Spongebob will be played by Ronin Nabaltian, Squidward will be played by Jasper Jemison, Sandy will be played by Emily Loffredo, and Patrick will be played by Harper Gicas.

Both Sound Sensations and Powerhouse had their leads casted for *The Prom* and *Jekyll and Hyde* before Pali, so their time at Pali was spent finishing and perfecting their Burroughs on Broadway sets. Their hard work and determination getting these sets done is incredibly admirable considering how challenging the material is, both vocally and choreographically.

While the choirs worked hard on their BOB sets, Tech Crew was working just as hard behind the scenes. When they weren't working, Tech Crew took advantage of the fun facilities and activities available at Pali like nature hikes and ziplines. But, for most of Pali, Tech was setting up different spaces for choir to use and rehearse in. For example, most of their Saturday afternoon was spent setting up the 'Paliwood Bowl' for SNL.

Saturday Night Live or SNL is a fun Pali tradition where, on the last night of Pali, everyone in the VMA gathers to perform fun acts together. Run by MC's Mauricio Lara and Kelly Hagan, a wide range of acts were performed this year: from a silly re-enactment of Timothee Chalamet and Pete Davidson's "Yeet Yeet Skirt Yeet" sketch to a heartfelt piano ballad.

On Sunday morning, before everyone departed on buses back home, each choir performed the parts of their BOB sets that they had been working on over the weekend. Each choir put on a great show and got all of the audience members, chaperones and tech, super excited to see the show.

After the performances, everyone packed back onto the buses and returned home to JBHS safely. That hard work will be paid off at Burroughs on Broadway, so make sure to buy tickets and come see these incredible kids shine!

Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca

By Stephanie Hernandez
Editor-In-Chief

Ballet Folklorico, a spectacular way for students to connect more with their heritage and culture, had their annual showcase on September 16 in the JBHS auditorium. The audience views professional art and beauty implemented in intricate Mexican dances at each show, especially during this particular showcase.

Every year, Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca, a prominent non-profit organization in Burbank, hosts a showcase to embody Hispanic culture and display the dancers' dedication through hours of rehearsal, practice, and detailed outfits.

In their evening showcase, dancers performed Danza Azteca, Oaxaca, Jalisco, Nuevo Leon, and Veracruz, among many others. Their intermissions were also lively, featuring numbers surrounding Guerrero dances.

Not only has the organization performed at Burroughs, but they have also performed its annual showcase at the Colony Theater in Downtown Burbank, as well as Disneyland,



Knotts Berry Farm, churches, carnivals, and other venues.

Along with their annual showcase, during Hispanic Heritage Month, several Burroughs students perform in the quad during lunch to showcase their Hispanic culture through dance performances and intricate clothing.

Miss Amy Navarrette, the person in charge of the event, is the main teacher and manager of Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca. The program educates participants on teamwork skills, commitment, and communication, allowing students to take pride in their culture.

Senior Ely Peña says, "Folklorico is a beautiful and majestic art of dance. It really helped me connect with my Hispanic roots, and I'm so glad that I decided to join! Doing these yearly showcases like the one we did at Burroughs is a really fun way to show off what we've been working so hard on. Though it's a really big commitment, I would say that everyone I've worked with, including myself, is so happy that they joined."

Senior Giselle Moran adds, "When I first started dancing Ballet Folklorico, I was a bit embarrassed. But, the more I started dancing and performing, the more I felt proud to be a part of the Latino community. Being able to perform shows like the one at Burroughs this year allowed me to show others a glimpse of Latino culture. I feel honored to be allowed to dance in this wonderful organization."

Lauren Arroyo, another Senior in the organization, describes how Ballet Folklorico opened the door to parts of her culture that she was unfamiliar with. "I learned about Nayarit, which quickly became my favorite. It's recognized as more upbeat and colorful with the dances' movements."

The organization allows dancers to connect more with their Mexican culture and traditions while learning the value of commitment, teamwork, and communication. This yearly showcase is simply another testament to these dancers' talent and dedication.

Visit https://www.mexicoazteca.org/ or speak to any student in Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca to learn more about future events or how to join!

Congratulations to Miss Amy Navarettes and the students who performed at Burroughs for their fantastic showcase! Go Bears!

Sophomore Class Holds Talent Show

By River Torres
Cub Reporter

This year's talent show brought together a diverse display of creativity and skill, showcasing the remarkable talents that lie within our Sophomore student body. With a wide range of performances that mesmerized the audience, the talent show surpassed all expectations, proving once again that John Burroughs High School is a powerhouse for extraordinary talent!

The opening act of the night set an electrifying tone, showcasing the powerful musical abilities of Aaron Vasquez with his guitar solo. The audience was captivated by his confident stage presence and amazing skills. Aaron truly set the bar high for the rest of the talent show, leaving everyone dazzled.

Moving from music to dance, the talent show featured a great dance act from 'TJ the Ninja and Royo Game.' With their unwavering enthusiasm and infectious energy, the duo effortlessly showcased their love for dance.

After them was Griffin Canlas, who was nothing short of extraordinary. Not only was his singing impeccable, but Griffin also captivated the audience with his expressive performance. He poured his heart and soul into each lyric, making the songs he performed come alive. His singing ability was a true display of talent and passion, leaving everyone in awe and longing for more.

Rae Boulanger surprised us all with their presentation of "Riptide." Despite their initial nerves, Rae owned the stage and delivered a captivating rendition that left the entire audience in awe. Rae's performance was a shining moment that not only showcased their incredible vocal abilities but also served as a reminder to all of us to step out of our comfort zones and embrace new challenges.

Next up was Nöel Mason and Rebecca Giedt, who took to the stage with their breathtaking singing performance that left the entire audience in awe. They commanded the audience's attention with their confident and charismatic demeanor, moving effortlessly across the stage and engaging with the crowd. Their performance was a true testament to their exceptional talent, as they left the audience wanting more.

After that incredible duo was Jadyn Daroya, whose singing left us all stunned. She effortlessly continued on singing a cappella, showcasing her raw talent and ability to connect with the audience on a deeper level. It was a truly unforgettable moment, reminding us that sometimes, the most beautiful art comes from the most unexpected places.

The Tree Tops, a remarkable band comprised of Luke Martinez, Jack Smith, Logan Swearingen, and Matthew Gregory, filled the auditorium with electrifying energy and immense talent. This band had everyone rocking along with them to "Rasputin" by Boney M., becoming instant favorites in the talent show. They left an indelible mark on the school's talent show and will undoubtedly continue to impress audiences wherever they perform.

The next performer, Melanie Fierro, commanded the audience's attention with her powerful voice and left them captivated throughout her performance.

Aditya Kiran mesmerized the audience with his exceptional piano skills during the school's talent show, effortlessly playing a complex classical piece with precision and emotion. Followed by Austin Carter's rendition of "Rock Music Through The Decade" which had the audience jamming along with him.

Then, after the Sophomore and ASB Act, consisting of presenters Adrian and Alyssa playing on the piano, Paris sang, Ely performed Baja California for the crowd, and ASB danced to The Time Of My Life, it was time to announce the winners. In 3rd place was Griffin Canlas, followed by Austin Carter in 2nd place, and finally, in 1st, place was The Tree Tops. What a wonderful show!

Max Meserve

By Evelyn McNally
Cub Reporter

Huge congratulations to Max Meserve for winning Homecoming Royalty! Max came to the dance wearing a dark blue suit with glowing cutouts of the tangled lanterns featured on it.

Max had a fun night with his friends, and added that he enjoyed seeing everybody dressed up differently than they regularly do. He even said "I wish they did more of these events frankly," as he enjoys big dances and events. It's safe to say Max is the Homecoming sort!

As for plans before and after the dance, Max is the simple type. He mentioned that he walked to the event as he lives close by, and after all the fun ended he hung out with some friends and then he walked home. He explained that he's not always up for super late nights, especially with his eclectic schedule!

He did not expect to be nominated, let alone win! Max said "I sent out some texts to friends," and then soon became a Homecoming Nominee. When asked about the idea of Homecoming and the basis of winning, Max explained that he felt like winning Homecoming Royalty is about popularity and who you know.


Guest Photographer: Connor Beaty

Max is very involved with the school as he is currently the Deputy Director of Debate for JSA, the President of Model UN, and a Co-President of Improv Club! He's also currently taking five AP classes and is in Play Production here at Burroughs. Max claimed that he loves all his teachers, but said "shout out to Mrs. Meberg, my Drama teacher."

As far as his Senior year goes, Max has some goals for it. He made a point of wanting to get a drivers license soon, and added that it would be very helpful. Another goal he had was to make great memories he'll remember and have as much fun as possible during his last year here at Burroughs.

In his free time, Max dedicates a lot of his time to JBHS and schoolwork. However he also follows politics and likes keeping up with the news. Max also mentioned that one of his inspirations is Ryan Gosling,who is his constant muse.

Max wants to get into a college that he's happy with, and he seems to be on the right track. As time moves on, we wish Max the best of luck in the future. He's very hard working, approachable, and a kind human to all. We also hope he has a great Senior year, and congratulate him for his amazing Homecoming win!

Mauricio Lara

By Zoe Reid
Cub Reporter

JBHS wants to give a big congratulations to Mauricio Lara, who was crowned Homecoming Royalty this year! Staff and students are glad that he enjoyed his night and had fun celebrating this big win.

Mauricio is a dedicated student who takes pride in his involvement in Powerhouse choir. He loves to sing and dance and is known for his choir performances.

Mauricio is a high achieving student and is even taking a few AP classes this year. He said that his favorite class is AP Economics with Mrs. Hacker.

He also expressed his enthusiasm for his AP Literature class with Mrs. Permenter because he really liked the book *The Stranger* by Albert Camus and found the message very profound. He explained that to him, the meaning of the book was, "don't let others put value into your life, put value into your own."


Guest Photographer: Connor Beaty

In addition to his teachers, Mauricio is also inspired by his mom. He explained that she is a very loving and caring person.

Mauricio loves all types of music and is always listening to something. He stated that he enjoys many different genres, some of which being R&B, country, and jazz.

He is also passionate about clubs and extracurriculars. Mauricio is the president of his choir, co-president of Latinos Unidos, and is a part of JSA.

Mauricio was excited when he found out that he got nominated. He even said that he was not expecting it at all.

When asked who his date for Homecoming was Mauricio stated that "this year I went with me, myself and I!" He said that he had a great time on the dance floor making memories with his friends.

After winning Homecoming Royalty, he celebrated with his friends by going out to eat and relaxing after a long night. He said that it was a great ending to the evening.

Once again, congratulations to Mauricio Lara! JBHS is happy to have you as our Homecoming Royalty!

Alyssa Allen

By Elizabeth Browngardt
Cub Reporter

Homecoming 2023 was a night to remember. With the theme of A Night Under the Floating Lights, Homecoming was filled with movie magic and excitement. This night was especially exciting for Alyssa Allen, who won a spot on the John Burroughs Court. Congratulations Alyssa!

Alyssa is a Senior here at John Burroughs High School who was crowned Homecoming Court. She drove herself with a couple of friends to the event. She arrived wearing a stunning white dress with black heels and gold accessories. Alyssa spent the night dancing and enjoying her Senior Homecoming with all of her friends.

When it was first announced that she was on the Homecoming Court, she was shocked and confused. She was not sure why she was nominated, but her friends said they put her name down as a joke. Alyssa wasn't expecting to be a part of the Homecoming Court, or win. Regardless of her expectations, she is grateful to be a part of Homecoming Court.



Guest Photographer: Connor Beaty

After the amazing night, she hung out with a few friends. Alyssa felt like it was the perfect way to wrap up her magical evening. Homecoming 2023 was truly a night to remember for her and her friends.

She is well known here at John Burroughs High School for being on the Cheer team and a part of ASB. She does not have much free time due to her extracurriculars, but in her spare time she hangs out with friends, does homework, or cleans her room.

Her goals for the end of the year are to get all As and get into a good college. She expressed that last year was hard for her but now she makes sure she's managing her time well. Alyssa aims to attend GCU, SDSU, ASU, or Boulder University.

Her biggest inspiration is her sister because she was the first in her family to attend a university and she wants to follow in her footsteps.

Alyssa is very thankful for everyone who voted and is honored to be a part of 2023 Homecoming. She will continue to show her school spirit and aim to achieve her goals.

Camille Chanut

By Jack Nothomb
Cub Reporter

Congratulations Camille Chanut! She was nominated for Homecoming Court for her merits, grace, and extensive network of supporters. She is a Senior at Burroughs and has attended here for three years.

Camille Chanut was very excited to be nominated for Homecoming Court this year and was greatly looking forward to Homecoming. She loves to attend Homecoming which is one of her favorite events that the school puts on.

When interviewed on her feelings regarding the Homecoming Dance, she exclaimed, “It’s so exciting this year. It’s such a special thing to get to experience this my Senior year.”

This year, she’ll be attending Homecoming with her boyfriend, Harrison Leahy, whom she also went to Homecoming with last year. Harrison Leahy is an accomplished Hollywood Actor and a prominent and active student at John Burroughs. He is involved heavily in the French Program at the school.



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Camille wore a red dress this year at Homecoming and was very excited to show it off to everyone. She was driven to Homecoming by her boyfriend, Harrison Leahy, in his new BMW. He picked her up from her home and drove her to John Burroughs where they met up with their friends.

When asked about her win, Camille was excited to tell us all about it. “It’s such a fabulous thing to win this great award. I’m so grateful to all my comrades who voted for me this year. Shout out to my Mom, sister, and father!”

A big inspiration in Camille’s life has been her family. Her mother and older sister have really helped inspire her throughout her whole life. Also her father and grandmother, who both hail from the south of France have really pushed her to always be at her best and always try the hardest she can to succeed and grow.

Camille is thankful for all of her fellow Seniors who voted for her to become Homecoming Court this year.

She went to Bob’s Big Boy after Homecoming ended. A tradition she has kept throughout her entire high school career and one that she thoroughly enjoys. Congratulations on making the 2023 Homecoming Court Camille!

Alex Valenzuela

By Jake Scozzola
Cub Reporter


Guest Photographer: Connor Beaty

Alex Venezuela Is one of this year's winners for Homecoming Court. He's known around school as a star player on the Football team so it's not a surprise why he would be nominated in the first place. To him, he was pretty surprised regardless of his social status. Alex has attended John Burroughs for all four years of his high school career and has been a part of the Football team for all of them. Even with his busy schedule, he's a great student in the classroom as well. His teachers love him and he has gotten good grades since he was a Freshman.

Alex showed some real style and wore an all black suit with some of his favorite chains and a pair of glasses to Homecoming. Instead of a date, Alex wanted to go to Homecoming with a group of friends so he and his friends drove to Homecoming and had a great time. When asked if he expected to be nominated for Homecoming Court, he said he wasn't very excited about the whole thing. He wanted to have a more chill night but after winning Alex said he was confused how he won but that it was a cool experience that ended up he enjoying. After Homecoming, Alex and his friends went to a party. That was a great way to end his night and to end off his last Homecoming as a high school student.

When asked about his goals for the rest of this year, Alex wants to stay on top of his studies and maintain his good grades, along with playing football to the best of his ability. He says how he wants to end his high school career with a 4.0 GPA and a CIF Championship win on the football field. A good quote that Alex would like to share with everybody is "Work smarter, not harder," which he says is a great way to go about living your life.

JP Ferrante

By Myah Pearl
Cub Reporter


Guest Photographer: Connor Beaty

Homecoming was a success at introducing Freshmen to the high school experience and letting students have a good time after weeks of work. After a long awaited time, the Homecoming Court was finally announced on Saturday, October 14th!

Joseph-Paul Ferrante (JP) won Court and is grateful for this opportunity.

JP is a dedicated member of the John Burroughs Dance Team which he has been part of for four years, and an anchor for Good Morning John Burroughs. He does great in school with a GPA above 3.5 and is motivated to pass all his classes and deeply appreciates his teachers. JP wants to continue to focus on his grades and hopes to build more relationships with other students.

Not only does he dance for the school's team, but he also dances at Offstage Dance Studio. JP recently became a member of the GRV Dance Team, a private dance program. He manages to balance his school life, dance team, and GRV all at once and still manages to get exceptional grades. JP also works out frequently and practices martial arts. He has many talents such as swordsmanship and drawing.

JP was both excited and grateful to being nominated. For Homecoming, he wore all black from head to toe with only a tie in a different color. He spent time with his friends at Homecoming and then went on a drive in the area and hang out with them after the event. He values his friendships and the relationships he has built and will be using this social event as a chance to make more friends. He is extremely social which has helped him meet many people within the school and is very easy to get along with.

In the future, JP plans on attending Orange County Community College for two years. After that, he wants to transfer to Chapman University.

JP wants to become a competitive dancer and travel the world. His accomplishments along with his dedication give him a good shot at reaching these goals. He is motivated by the people around him like his martial arts teacher, his brother, and other dancers in Los Angeles. JP also stated that he is inspired by choreographer Guy Amir, also known as Guy Groove.

JP is a hardworking student and genuinely appreciates the time he spent at John Burroughs. He was able to meet so many people that became a large part of his life and do the things he loves most. JP wishes that every student could have that same experience and to be grateful for the time they spend with their fellow peers.

JP wants students to know "High school is a blessing, appreciate it while you can." He said he had no regrets during his time at John Burroughs High School and hopes for everyone else to experience the same enjoyment he did. Congratulations on winning Homecoming Court JP!

Sophie Hyslop

By Dorian DeJesus
Cub Reporter


Guest Photographer: Connor Beaty

Congrats to Sophie Hyslop! On Homecoming night, Sophie Hyslop drove to the dance with her friends. She wore a green strapless dress, with gold jewelry. Her friends mutually decided to go to both Burbank High School and John Burroughs High School Homecoming dances.

After the dance, she hung out with her friends. Sophie hadn't anticipated being nominated to be that exciting. She says ever since she was little, it was her dream to be a princess- and so if this is as close as it gets in High School, she'll take it.

She remarked, "It's such a fantastic start to my Senior year." Her friend, GMJB Producer Harrison Johnstone added, "I'm so proud of Sophie! She is a wonderful anchor and a fantastic coworker!" She is mainly known for being a member of GMJB and her photography.

Sophie is also known for being involved a lot of activities around campus, not only being a part of the Habitat for Humanity Club, but for GMJB, Yearbook, and Advanced Film Production. Besides doing well in school and consistently keeping her GPA at a 4.0, her favorite class is Broadcast Journalism. In her free time, she enjoys making short films. Recently, one of her shorts debuted in the Burbank International Film Festival. When she isn't taking photos or filming, she spends time at the beach or in nature. She considers herself an outdoorsy person and is frequently camping or traveling.

She also has a freelance business as a photographer. She does set photography and recently worked for an upcoming Prime video movie over the summer. Other than set, she does portrait and landscape photography. She is not completely sure where she'll wind up for college but shes considering Communication and Media Studies at Berkeley. She hopes to one day even work for National Geographic, working as a wildlife photographer or in post production as a video editor would be ideal. Her favorite quote is "In the end, only three things matter: how much you loved, how gently you lived and how gracefully you let go of things," a saying most commonly attributed to Buddha.

She hopes to be an advocate for environmentalism and continue to learn as she travels. Although she typically is more inspired by ideas and concepts rather than individual people, she says her mom has been a big influence in shaping who she is and is endlessly grateful for her support.

She looks forward to the rest of her Senior year and appreciating all that comes with this being her last year of High School.

Paris Tesfu

By Stephanie Hernandez
Editor-In-Chief


Guest Photographer: Connor Beaty

Congratulations to our Homecoming Court winner, Paris Tesfu! Sporting a beautiful black dress from Urban Outfitters, heels, and a vintage necklace from a local store, she looked gorgeous at this year's Homecoming.

Paris and her close friend, Vanessa Mombrun, attended the dance together alongside some of their other Senior friends, with the help of her mom who acted as their chauffeur for the night.

On her outfit, Tesfu recalled, "The outfit was from a variety of places to be honest, but I'm really happy with how it turned out. I got to take some really great pictures so that's always nice."

On being nominated, Paris commented, "I was so excited! I didn't really expect it but I think that deep down I wanted to be nominated, so I'm really happy that it did happen. It just made my Senior year that much better." As nominees were being called, she mentions a sense of relief when her name was announced and she was crowned a winner of Homecoming court. "As more and more people were announced, I didn't think that I made it, but I'm really happy that I did!"

After the dance, Paris continued hanging out with her friends, overlooking the photos they had taken and heading to Chipotle for a late-night dinner.

An intelligent and active student on campus, not only does Paris do great academically, she is also involved in many co-curricular activities.

"I've been in ASB throughout High School and I'm currently the ASB President. I've been super involved around campus in that aspect. Because I'm in ASB, I was very involved in the organization of Homecoming so it was nice to see it all come together at the end. I'm also the President of the Pre-Law club at school and I'm also involved in our school's EDI Committee."

In addition to school activities, she is a top-notch artist. In her free time, she loves to sing and write her own songs, write poetry, and design fashion.

Her goals this year are to finish high school strong, and with her impressive accomplishments and academic achievements, this is certainly not out of the question! As Paris puts it, "My goals are simply to get into college, survive, and read at least one book!"

"I haven't yet settled on a college yet, but I'm applying to a few UC campuses and some private schools on the East Coast. I'm really excited to see where I end up. After attending a four year college, I want to attend law school and possibly get a masters degree."

All in all, Paris Tesfu is a wonderful student here at Burroughs, and we at *The Paw Print* wish her nothing but the best!

Congratulations on winning Homecoming Court! We can't wait to see what comes next.

Lucas Brown

By James Reid and
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Guest Photographer: Connor Beaty

It's October here at Burroughs, and you know what that means; Homecoming! With Homecoming comes the annual tradition of a Homecoming Court, a group of ten Seniors nominated for Homecoming Royalty. This year, that included Lucas Brown, a JSA member and star student known best for serving as the starting center for the Varsity Football team.

Brown was very excited to be appointed to the court, but also quite surprised, stating, "It felt cool to getting on Court, I didn't expect it."

Once appointed to the Court, Brown started planning for the big night. He wore an outfit consisting of a blue shirt and dress pants, and figured out his mode of transportation, deciding on driving himself to the dance.

After the dance, he went out to dinner "with a small group," and celebrated their last Homecoming at Burroughs.

With Homecoming behind him, Brown is looking forward to the rest of the year. He spends his free time practicing football and hanging out with friends, and of course , maintaining his 4.0 GPA.

With the "Big Game," coming up, he is looking forward to squaring off against Burbank High one last time, and is hoping for a victory. His biggest inspiration in football is Cody Houser, and he hopes to play just as well as him against the Bulldogs.

Although he wasn't appointed to Homecoming Royalty, Brown is undeniably a campus superstar, and we wish him all the best at this year's Big Game! Go Lucas and Go Bears! Get this win!

Jesiah Licardo

By Taryn Vickers
Cub Reporter


Guest Photographer: Connor Beaty

Taking a look at this year's Homecoming Court nominees, Jesiah Licardo was one of the winners chosen after a rivaling competition.

“Heeled boots and a classic oversized suit, customized with an Off-White strap” was the chic and stylish outfit Jesisah described himself in. His fashionable taste in suits and friends were also an important piece of his lively night. He was accompanied by many of his close friends, just a few being Adie Levin, Mika Rubarts, Sophia Luna, and Alisha Keawkingkeow. After the fun, Jesiah and his friends headed out to grab some quick grub at Wingstop, and hurried home to Mika’s to battle each other through board games.

Honing in on the moments just before Jesiah heard his name announced among the winners, he described the feeling as "surreal” and “surprising” to hear his name be listed as well as the applause he received by his fellow schoolmates while making his way to receive his “Homecoming Court” sash. “Hearing them clap for me as my name was announced was very exciting and satisfying,” describing how proud he was.

Jesiah is most known for his participation in school and extracurricular activities around campus. He’s a four-year ASB member as well as a College Peer Mentor. His love for creating and helping achieve positive change throughout our school also prompted him to petition and successfully create the very first cultural festival at our school.

As an Honors and AP student, Jesiah works hard when it comes to academics as well as anything he participates in. His favorite subjects are tied between AP Literature and Economics, explaining just how much he enjoys the subject matters and how he appreciates his teachers as well.

Within Jesiah’s ever busy agenda, he always tries to find free time to enjoy the things he loves doing the most. The kitchen is top on his list whether it's cooking something savory or baking something sweet, creating different food cravings depending on the mood “brings so much peace” he exclaimed.

Another fundamental hobby of his is the art of music and his abilities to create it. “I've been playing the piano for just almost a decade now, and it's one of my favorite things to do,” he says.

Looking into the future, his college and career goals are to attend a community college, preferably PCC, so he has a better chance of transferring into UCLA, one of his dream schools.

With his passion for helping others he says he can see himself as an immigration lawyer because of his family's experience. With a passion to continue taking after his family members, he believes “It’s such a rewarding path and it just would fit my personality as well.”

Jesiah left with a bit of inspiration. “When I heard that I won I was very surprised that I actually did, but was grateful that I tied with someone whom I’m close to because it gave room for us to connect further on our experience and let us form new strings that would hold us close,” showing just the type of connection he built after pushing himself to try and achieve something he wasn’t quite sure he'd win.

His main takeaways is to push yourself, even if you don't think you'll succeed in what you're attempting to do because “you never know if you'll win or you'll just end up having tried.”

Homecoming Court
Naomi Orellana

By James Reid
Editor-In-Chief

Congrats to Naomi Orellana! This year, eleven Seniors were nominated to the Homecoming Court, including Naomi Orellana!

Naomi could be called something of a campus celebrity; she's the Vice President of the Senior Class and a top Link Crew Leader, making her one of the most recognizable faces on campus. She's also a great student, citing Ms. Baroutgian as her favorite teacher because of her "very interesting class." Outside of school, she's an avid artist, spending much of her free time painting for relaxation.

Her success isn't ending with high school, though. Following graduation, she intends to attend a four-year college for a career in the medical field, due to her love for helping others. Although the road to a medical career is by no means easy, her perseverance and passion will no doubt pull her through.



Guest Photographer: Connor Beaty

High school isn't over yet, however, the fun of Senior year is just beginning. Homecoming is the first major event of the year for Seniors, and she made the most of it, attending with her core friend group. Her outfit was "a pink dress with like sparkles on it, and it had two holes on the side, which was cool."

Unlike many others, she wasn't able to spend the whole day preparing; as a Key Club officer, she still had to fulfill her duties and attend a spirit session right before the dance. Through time management and organization though, she was able to both serve her community and serve on the dance floor!

Like everyone else, her evening didn't end at the dance. Afterwards, she went to BJs, where she "ate food and drank lots and lots of water," before eventually heading home.

Although she unfortunately did not receive Homecoming Royalty, Orellana had a spectacular time at the dance, and was so honored to be on the Homecoming Court. She's an amazing person, and the whole JBHS community is so proud of her for this accomplishment. Congratulations Naomi, and GO BEARS!

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Nights Of The Jack

By June Elmore
Cub Reporter

The legend has it that in the year 1884, at the top of the Calabasas grade on the original El Camino Real, an Oxnard rancher accidentally overturned an entire wagon-full of pumpkins while on the way to Los Angeles. Afterward, hundreds of pumpkin seeds spread and germinated along the road. In consequence, the area was dubbed Las Calabasas - "the place where the pumpkins fell." This legend is what influenced the concept for the event known as Nights of the Jack.

Nights of the Jack is a festival full of lights, pumpkins, and autumn fun located in Calabasas, California. The word Calabasas is derived from the Spanish word Calabaza which means pumpkin, gourd or squash. Nights of the Jack is a Halloween themed experience perfect for families, date night, or a friends' night out. It is described as a "hair-raising feast for the senses" by the Nights of the Jack webpage.

Nights of the Jack is returning for its sixth year in 2023. Nights of the Jack founding team is made up of Ben Biscotti, Tony Schubert and Bobby Rossi.

The event centers around a trail that is ¾ of a mile long and lined with intricately and expertly carved jack o'lanterns. This experience is designed to be spooky, not scary, making it perfect for giving off an eerie feeling without becoming too frightening for the easily spooked and younger attraction goers.

Upon entrance guests are greeted by food trucks and a heat lamp lined seating area. 80's and 90's classics swell from speakers all around the seating area and trail leading to the attraction. The ¾ mile trail, which loops in a circle back to the start, is full of lights in a wide range of colors, projecting shadows from overhead trees across the path.

When completed with the trail, event goers are rewarded with a "spookeasy" including food and beverages for purchase. Seasonal hot and cold beverages as well as alcoholic seasonal beverages for those over 21 are available for purchase. The area lined with food trucks provides a cozy atmosphere with warm lighting and comfortable seating.

Additional attractions include face painting, psychic readings, and a live pumpkin carver. Also there are many photo opportunities at the event, including a multitude of creatively painted face-in- the-hole-boards.

One of the ten leading pumpkin carvers involved in making Nights of the Jack possible is Robert Belesce. Belesce stated that he began carving pumpkins seven years ago on a dare. He said that he has "been an artist all his life" and has tried out many different mediums. Belesce got his start working at Disney at age 16 before moving on to working at Matel and then working as a prop master before starting a career as a comic book illustrator. He thinks that all of this experience allows to help him "express everything he's learned (through pumpkin carving)." Belesce stated that they add new aspects to the event each year but he likes that they're able to "add new stuff without losing the essence of the show." Belesce explained that pumpkins need to be replaced roughly every four days.

Nights of the Jack takes place from September 29th to October 31 from 6:30-8:30 pm every night. Nights of the Jack is specifically located on King Gillette Ranch (Entrance located on Wickland Road and Mulholland Hwy) off of the 26800 Mulholland Hwy.

Price of admission ranges from $39.99 to $44.99. Children under the age of 2 are allowed to attend for free and parking at the location is $9.99. Tickets are nonrefundable and must be purchased prior to the night you are planning to be attending the event.

If you're looking for an eerie, pumpkin filled adventure, Nights of the Jack is just the place.

Avoiding Offensive Costumes

By Chase Kardosh
Cub Reporter

Well it's that time of the year again, Halloween time! This time of the year is known for great costumes and cosplays, but it's highly important you know what to wear and what not to wear. Clearly, the upcoming list of costumes are highly insensitive. So, this should help you realize and reflect on what's right and what's wrong to wear as a Halloween costume. Do not follow these celebrities' example because clearly it affected lots of people.

I do think as a society and as a culture we have shown growth, but there are also surprises every year. So, we are going to go through some of the most offensive Halloween costumes in pop culture.

First up is dancer and actress Julianne Hough. The show *Orange is the New Black* was all the rage at this time and Hough decided to dress up as the character ¨Crazy Eyes,¨ she put on a heavy coat of bronzer and put her hair in braids.

This sparked an outrage and Hough has since recognized her ignorance and has made an apology. This didn't happen all too long ago and Hough got dragged through the mud for just how ignorant she was being.

Next up is Chris Brown. Now just talking about this one may make people very uncomfortable because of how extremely offensive it is. Chris Brown had shown up to a Halloween party in 2012 as a stereotypical terrorist.

The internet was furious with these notions and sent a lot of backlash Browns' way. But, the singer has not apologized for his actions.

Beloved actress, Tia Mowry, dabbled in her own controversy when she dressed up as a Geisha, sacred to Japanese culture with a certain unique style.

Many people have called her out on the matter but some fans have defended her. Mowry has not commented on the matter and her post on Instagram is still up.

Heidi Klum is known to go all out for Halloween and all her costumes have very intricate detail. But, she deeply offended the Hindu community when she dressed up as the goddess Kali. She has never apologized for this choice.

Cultural appropriation seems to be the common theme here and it's no different with reality TV star Scott Disick. He was called out for appropriating Middle Eastern culture when he dressed up as a sheik.

The photo that was posted to Instagram sparked an outrage but Disick dismissed it on *Keeping Up with the Kardashians.*

Many celebrities have dressed up as Native Americans. Not only is this extremely offensive but also shocking to see just how many celebrities have dressed up in Native American attire when it's not something to dress up as but part of a culture.

Celebrities ranging from Kenya Moore, to Ellie Goulding, to Nicky Hilton and to Hilary Duff's and husband Jason Walsh have inappropriately dressed up as Native Americans. In Hilary Duff's case they actually dressed up as a duo where Jason was the Native American and Hilary Duff was a pilgrim. Loads of those celebrities have since apologized but the damage has still been done.

Last on this extremely uncomfortable and offensive list is The Real Housewives Of New York Reality TV Star, Luann de Lesseps. She had decided to dress up as Diana Ross. She was seen wearing an afro which Ross was never seen wearing and her skin was noticeably darker. This was a mockery and the reality TV star got loads of backlash.

Clearly, we all make mistakes and celebrities are no different, but do not follow these celebrities' example as they affected a lot of people in a negative way. It's important to know what to wear and what not to wear as we begin dressing up this October. We hope to see improvement from everyone including celebrities this Halloween!

John Burroughs' (Least) Favorite Candy

By Zoe Reid
Cub Reporter

Now that Halloween is fast approaching, the topic of which type of candy is the best is highly debated. Everyone has their own opinion on their favorite Halloween treats, but the one candy that divides so many people is candy corn.

People either find candy corn delicious or absolutely disgusting! There is often not much room for a middle ground or a neutral opinion. You either love it or you hate it.

In order to get a wide variety of opinions on the matter, I decided to interview some JBHS students, to get the general consensus on candy corn.

Adrianna Velarde stated her opinion on candy corn. She said that she loves candy corn because it is a very nostalgic candy. "As soon as you have a piece of candy corn, it feels like Halloween!" Adi said.

When she's not enjoying candy corn she also likes Nerds Gummy Clusters as well as Sweet Tart Ropes. She likes that the Gummy Clusters are easy to just pop in your mouth and enjoy.

Another student, Maya Ceballos, agreed with Adi on this matter. She said that she loves candy corn as well. "Even though they are simple, they are sweet and feel like fall," Maya said.

Two more students, Annie Cole and Paige Evans, reported that they too enjoy candy corn. They stated that they love the sweet taste and they agree that candy corn is a great Halloween classic.

They also both shared that their favorite candy is Sour Patch Watermelon Gummies. The pair agreed that these sweet treats are the perfect amount of sweetness.

Jack Nothom voiced his opinion as well. He agrees with these student's opinions and said he too enjoys candy corn. He even went so far as to say that candy corn is among his favorite picks for Halloween candy overall.

So far, students seem in favor of this sweet Halloween treat. However, there is still a large population of JBHS who greatly disagree with this assessment of candy corn.

Karly Geris said that she absolutely despises candy corn and just doesn't understand how people can enjoy it. Instead of candy corn she likes to snack on Twizzlers and M&Ms. "Candy corn is just disgusting, I can't eat it!" she stated.

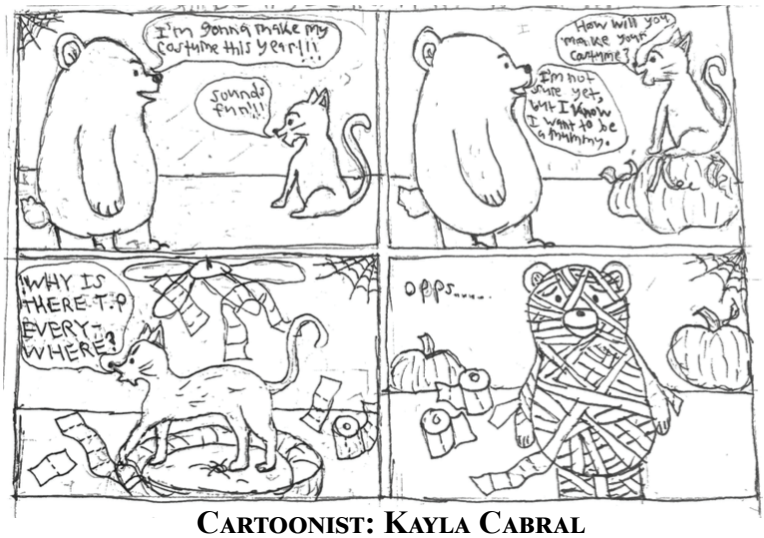
Another student, Quinn Ziegert agrees with Karly in this debate. He strongly stated that candy corn is definitely not a favorite of his. However, he does love Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

Chase Kardosh lended his opinion to the discussion as well. He dislikes candy corn too and instead tends to reach for Twix chocolate bars and Watermelon Sour Patches.

He explained that he loves chocolate and also caramel and gravitates towards candies that include these two factors. Much like previous students Paige and Annie, he enjoys Watermelon Sour Patch candy because of how sweet they are.

After ample amount of research it has become apparent that the JBHS population is very divided on this issue. As hypothesized, nobody had a neutral opinion in the slightest!

Candy corn is either a Halloween staple for these students, or the very opposite. It seems as though no one will ever be able to crack the mysterious reason as to why candy corn is such a controversial candy.



Cartoonist: Kayla Cabral

Upcoming Dates

Oct. 23rd-27th	Spirit Week: Rivalry Week
Oct. 27th	Pep Rally
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Oct. 31st	Halloween!
Nov. 1st	Deadline: Senior Portraits
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Nov. 10th	No School (Veterans Day - Nov. 11th)
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Halloween Horror Nights

By Mia Damiani
Cub Reporter

Selling out on opening weekend, Halloween Horror Nights at Universal Studios is the hottest fall activity in Los Angeles for the months of October and September. The event starts at 7PM every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and requires a separate pass from the regular theme park ticket.

The park typically closes at 2AM, but various wait times and popularity subject to a specific night may change the closing time.

During Halloween Horror Nights, one can be expected to be greeted by actors in frightening costumes, some with chainsaws, while walking through the park.

The classic tram ride at Universal has been converted into the Terror Tram for Halloween Horror Nights. The ride is guided by Larry Lava, who is trying to exterminate all humans from the Earth. Guests will be led onto the backlot and released off the tram to venture through the bugs, where they cynically depict how humans act towards pests.

As seen from last year, the Jordan Peele movie crossover is back again. The tram ride includes a walk through Jupiter's Claim from the movie, *Nope*, where several appearances from the movie *Us* will greet fear seekers.

Besides the terror tram, Horror Nights offers ten other experiences that pass holders can embark on. However, due to long wait times, the Frequent Fears Pass is recommended for enthusiasts looking to try everything the park has to offer.

The "Stranger Things 4" maze has easily been the most popular maze at Halloween Horror Nights, as recorded for the general standby line getting shut down due to excessive wait times. The maze consists of appearances from Vecna, Eleven, Eddie Munson, and Chrissy.

Although the wait times for "Stranger Things 4" are record breaking, there are other Stranger Things themed activities available, like getting a slice at Surfer Boy Pizza or grabbing dessert at Scoop's Ahoy.

The epic comeback of "Holidayz in Hell," has also taken the park by surprise with some hefty wait times. The returning maze is perfect for people who love festive decorations, with a little bit of a twist. The maze covers everything from Valentine's Day to Christmas.

Although commonly confused with the recent HBO show, "The Last of Us" maze is based on the popular video game, although seeds of the show are represented in the maze as well. The maze has been referred to as one of the scarier mazes this year, credited to the appearance of a Bloater (a gigantic chicken), who is seen depicting a victim.

For people seeking a more lighthearted maze, "Chucky: Ultimate Kill Count" is a great option. The maze is structured like a game show, with Chucky guiding people into each room, tallying his kill count.

Walking till 2AM can be tiring, so attending "The Purge: Dangerous Waters," can be a great way to take a breather. The show consists of actors being lit on fire and water skis decorated with Christmas lights. Although the story lacks logic, the show is a beautiful display of real life movie effects.

Tickets sell out fast for Halloween Horror Nights, so it is recommended to buy tickets as soon as possible. As seen in common trends, tickets for Saturday night sell out as early as the prior Friday morning.

Current passholders of Universal are eligible for a discount on Horror Nights Tickets, even though regular admission to the park does not grant admission to the special event. To save money, the Frequent Fear pass is a great buy for anyone who is looking to go twice or more.

Experience Delusion

By Myah Pearl
Cub Reporter

If trick or treating or watching a scary movie isn't as exciting there's alway another option. With the spooky season in session, haunted houses all over Los Angeles County are getting ready for this upcoming Halloween. Of course. trying to find just one haunted house may be hard since there's so many. Or maybe, it's hard to tell what haunted house has the desired attractions. It's reasonable to wonder which haunted house will be worth the time and price this Halloween. Depending on one's preferences some of the haunted houses won't be suitable and others might be hard to choose between.

Delusion is an interactive haunted mansion located in Pomona on the eastern side of Los Angeles County. (2640 Pomona Blvd, Pomona, CA 91768.) Over the years Delusion's storyline has shifted. In 2013 the haunted house was based on a plague. Guests had to locate their way through an abandoned church. In 2021 the haunted house was based on the story of Esther Phillips and the history of the Phillips Mansion. Her story continues into 2023 where guests will attempt to uncover the secrets of the mansion.

The Phillips Mansion consists of two floors, the first floor contains six rooms. The first room introduces guests to Manny Manners, a doll who believes he is the host of the house, he holds the secrets of the manor, such as what is in the attic and may share them with guests. The second room introduces Esther Phillips who is alleged to have murdered her husband who is currently missing, guests have the ability to gain more information from her if they choose to interact with her. The parlour room gives guest unrestricted interactions with the room and provides lounging areas as well as drinks and music. Guests can communicate with spirits in the room and trapped inside artifacts. The study contains merchandise that guests can buy to show off their experience in the haunted house.

The dining room gives guests a chance to meet up with one another and take a quick break before entering The Garden Bar where guests can enjoy the food and drinks the haunted house has to offer. On the second floor, there are four attractions for guests to enjoy. The first room is filled with puppets who stare at guests for an uncomfortably long time until they are lucky enough to make their way to the TV room. After leaving the TV room guests enter Marion's Chamber Bar. In this room Marion, the puppet master, provides drinks and leads guests to a part of the room where they can control the puppets while eerie music plays. The Dark Arts Theater is a dimly lit room where guests can listen to music played by magicians and nocturnal musicians.

The final room reveals the secret of the mansion. Guests will have the opportunity to figure out who is in the attic and discover the dark secrets hidden within the Phillips Mansion. Ticket sales start on September 28 and end on November 12 with prices ranging from $94.99-$119.99. For those who prefer the VIP experience, VIP tickets will not only allow guests to enjoy the experience but become part of it as well. VIP members are given the opportunity to act as one of the rising dead and scare fellow guests. Before the performance, VIP members get to relax in the lounge room with refreshments as they watch unsuspecting guests locate their way through the mansion.

Before entering the haunted mansion please be aware that there are strobe effects included which can trigger epilepsy. Actors are able to come into contact with guests although it will only be light touching rather than full force. The mansion will include graphic imagery that some guests may find discomforting as well as the sound of gunshots. For those who think they can handle whatever the mansion throws at them, feel free. The experience will only be available for a limited amount of time so get tickets while they're still available. For more information on Delusion visit https://enterdelusion.com/ .Happy Halloween!

The Los Angeles Haunted Hayride

By River Torres
Cub Reporter

Get ready to face your fears and embark on a hair-raising adventure like no other! The Los Angeles Haunted Hayride is back once again, and it promises to deliver an unforgettable experience that will leave you trembling with excitement. With Halloween just around the corner, this chilling attraction offers high school students a unique opportunity to have a night filled with thrills, scares, and memories that will last a lifetime.

The Los Angeles Haunted Hayride has earned a reputation as being among the biggest attractions in Southern California during the holiday. Located on 4730 Crystal Springs Drive and open from September 22th to October 31st, from 7pm to 10:30pm, this popular event garners thousands of eager thrill-seekers every year. It has consistently raised the bar by combining traditional haunted attractions with innovative experiences that are guaranteed to take your breath away.

Since its inception in 2008, the Haunted Hayride has grown from a humble farm attraction to one of Los Angeles' quintessential Halloween experiences. This beloved event has been curated by Ten Thirty One Productions, an entertainment company specializing in creating eerily immersive experiences. Led by entrepreneur Melissa Carbone, the Haunted Hayride has evolved into an extravagant production fueled by a passion for all things horror, captivating the hearts of thousands of attendees each year.

The main event of the night is, of course, the Haunted Hayride. Picture yourself boarding a wagon, pulled by haunted tractors, and venturing into the darkness of the park. As you travel through hidden corners, mysterious tunnels, and creepy woods, be prepared to encounter terrifying creatures, eerie spectacles, and spine-chilling surprises at every turn. This attraction's intricate sets, talented actors, and attention to detail create an unsettling environment that immerses visitors in a world of horror.

If the Haunted Hayride alone isn't enough to satisfy you, fear not! The event offers several other heart-stopping attractions, each with its own distinct theme and level of intensity. Prepare to navigate the twisted labyrinth of the "House of Shadows," where things are never truly as they seem. Dare to enter "Purgatory," a bone-chilling walk-through experience that showcases the darkest corners of the human psyche. And for those looking for an adrenaline rush, the "Trick or Treat" experience will put your courage to the test as you confront boils, scares, and macabre surprises.

The Los Angeles Haunted Hayride aims to make your evening not only frightening but also enjoyable. Between scares, take a break and explore the "Midway," where you can indulge in a variety of food trucks offering delicious treats to satisfy all cravings. Additionally, interactive photo booths, tarot card readers, and various other entertainment options provide an opportunity to relax with friends and capture the moment.

Beyond the thrills and chills, the Haunted Hayride has devoted itself to being a safe and memorable experience for LA residents to come together and celebrate the spirit of the season. To ensure the well-being of attendees, the organizers implemented new safety protocols. Enhanced disinfection measures, limited capacity, and social distancing protocols will be in place, allowing visitors to indulge in horrifying fun without fearing for their safety.

As October nears its end, the Los Angeles Haunted Hayride beckons all high school students who seek the perfect balance between terrifying adventure and exhilarating fun. With its unique blend of haunted attractions, stunning visuals, and spine-chilling experiences, this annual event is a must-do for thrill-seekers. So gather your bravest friends, embrace the fear, and prepare for a hauntingly good time!

Ursa Major Horrorscopes

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Taurus, you will be visited by spirits of misfortune, as well as luck. Expect mysterious happenings and be prepared for a chilling night. Ghost stories and haunted houses might have you on edge, but your determination will help you face your fears and come out stronger.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): Your curiosity is piqued, Gemini. Explore the mysterious and unknown this Halloween, but be cautious of the secrets you uncover. Not everything in the dark should be brought to light.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): This Halloween, love takes a haunting turn, dear Cancer. You might find yourself drawn to enigmatic and alluring individuals. Be cautious, for not everything is as it seems. The ghosts of the past may reappear, stirring up emotions you thought were long buried. This could be a night to rekindle a passionate romance or to finally put to rest an old, haunting relationship. Also, you will receive five full size candy bars while trick or treating.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Halloween is your stage, Leo. Embrace your dramatic side and revel in the spooky spotlight. Your charisma will shine even in the darkest of settings.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Prepare for a night of analyzing the unexplained, Virgo. Use your keen intellect to solve mysteries or debunk myths, bringing a touch of logic to the supernatural.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Balance is key, Libra, as you navigate the spiritual and material realms this Halloween. Seek harmony in your celebrations and let your inner peace guide you through the eerie unknown.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): This is your season, Scorpio. Your deep connection to the mysterious and the macabre will be in full force. Embrace your dark side and let the shadows reveal their secrets.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Sagittarius, the allure of adventure is strong. Explore haunted places, but don't forget to bring your optimism and sense of humor along for the eerie journey.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): You approach Halloween with a practical mindset, Capricorn. Organize and plan your spooky activities meticulously, ensuring that everything goes off without a hitch.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): Your unconventional thinking leads you to unique and bizarre experiences, Aquarius. Embrace the weird and wonderful this Halloween, and perhaps you'll make some supernatural discoveries.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): The veil between worlds is thin, Pisces. Your dreamy and intuitive nature will lead you into mystical realms. Trust your instincts as you navigate the ethereal mysteries of Halloween. An apparition will appear before you, informing you of what future lies ahead.

Aries (March 21 - April 19): You'll suddenly and inexplicably go missing.

-Jake Scozzola and Staff, Cub Astrologers

Football

By Ryan Hernandez
Cub Reporter

John Burroughs Football has had a few games since the last issue of *The Paw Print* leading up to this week's Burbank rivalry game.

The John Burroughs Bears took a tough loss against Village Christian Crusaders 27-32 on September 15, 2023 at home, luckily Village is not a Pacific League team and doesn't affect League standing.

The Bears opened Pacific League in a shutout against Pasadena, 62-0. With a score like that, there were lots of highlights. Some that stood out were Sophomore Jayden Valle who scored his first touchdown of his career on a 7 yard touchdown pass from Rocco Melillo. Sophomore Mateo Tarca also scored his first touchdown on a 5 yard run to put the Bears on the scoreboard once again. Sophomore Elijah Ware scored his first career touchdown on a 2 yard run to finish off the game.

The next week John Burroughs Bears took a huge win against the John Muir Mustangs. Many people predicted Muir to beat the Bears, but the Bears came up with a 32-27 win at John Muir on October 6th, 2023. Chris Kulikov completed 14 of 19 pass attempts for 263 yards and two touchdowns. Jake Scazzola went for his 4th game in a row for over 100 receiving yards.


Guest Photographer: Eric Hoelschler

We talked to Jake after the game and he said “We have been clicking on all cylinders."

The Bears continued their League winning streak against Arcadia on October 12th, 41-7.

On Friday October 27th, 2023, the biggest and most anticipated game of the season is coming up. Burbank vs. Burroughs has been the most awaited game all season with it being a huge rivalry as it is for the City Championship. The rivalry is taken by Burroughs with an all-time record 46-36 in favor of John Burroughs. Burroughs is looking to get revenge after last year's heartbreaking loss. The whole week is hyped up and prepared for the biggest game of the season as the school has a spirit week and a huge pep rally on the football field.

The game always brings a lot of fans from both schools as last years they sold hundreds of tickets. This game is always up for grabs as teams will play the best they play all season despite their record.

Records don´t matter in this game and everything is left on the field.

This rivalry has been going on for 81 years and this will be the 82nd year.

Burroughs is coming on a hot streak and is hoping to knock off Burbank on its way to playoffs where they clinched a spot after beating John Muir. Burbank is looking to knock Burroughs off of their path and end their season on a win.

Good luck, and GO BEARS!

JBHS’ Forgotten Olympic Champion

By Jack Nothomb
Cub Reporter

In honor of our seventy fifth anniversary here at John Burroughs High School, as many of us may know, was founded in 1948, we will be looking at a special piece from our history. The original building had been built sometime in the twenties and was used for school. The main campus has seen a multitude of changes over the years, Building 1 still stands in the same spot but has been refurbished several times. Memorial Field still also stands where the original grass field and dirt track were built and has since been replaced with an American football style turf field and modern 400m rubber track.

Many students may know that the well known actor and director Ron Howard and his wife attended the school. Some may also know that Mr. John F. Kennedy once stayed at the same hotel that we hosted our Prom at, hence the quote on the wall in our main entrance. Many current actors also attend our school, actors such as Audrey Willet, Harrison Leahy, and more. As a school we also place much emphasis on choral and theatrical performances.

However, our school seems to have neglected a hero, and former legend, of our school. This hero is none-other than Mr. Ron Morris, Olympic Pole Vaulter. Mr. Ron Morris placed second in the 1960 Olympics in Rome, vaulting an impressive four and six tenths meters which was almost unheard of at the time.

Mr. Ron Morris was the sixth man ever recorded in history to have cleared 15 feet, which he did for the first time in 1956, a very impressive feat on the old dirt tracks. In 1956 Mr. Ron Morris was also named the AAU All American Pole Vaulter, which he achieved another eight times. As a comparison, Cristiano Ronaldo or CR7, widely known as one of the greatest soccer players of all time, has only won five Ballon D’Ors, a comparable award.

Mr. Ron Morris was also the silver medalist at the 1960 Olympics in Rome. Gold was taken by Mr. Don Bragg, another American Olympic athlete, having America finishing 2-1 yet again, having done it in previous years. Both Mr. Ron Morris and Mr. Don Bragg broke the Olympic record that year in the competition. Mr. Don Bragg winning eventually by one tenth of a meter.

In 1962 Mr. Ron Morris was the first ever successful pole vaulter to switch from a steel pole to the modern fiberglass pole which is much lighter and easier to run with. In 1978 he was ranked by Track and Field News, a reputable newspaper founded in 1948, as the second greatest pole vaulter in history. After retiring Mr. Ron Morris began a successful career in coaching track and field at California State Los Angeles, where he coached until 1978.

In 1978 Mr. Ron Morris founded his company On Track and Field Incorporated which has a store in Simi Valley. He is now the operator of his company and enjoys a private life with a successful business earning four and nine tenths stars on Yelp.

Before we conclude, I think the neglect towards our history of sports, especially Track and Field as well as Cross Country is clearly evident. Our Cross Country Team last won CIF in 2014 with the great division one distance runner Jagdeep Chahal who broke several records at our school.

If you know any other forgotten alumni from John Burroughs that you believe deserves more recognition, be it in sports or any other activity, send it to me, Jack Nothomb. You can contact me via email, my email is 25jrnothom@stu.burbankusd.org. Make sure to send it to me through your own school email. You can also drop in ideas by handing them in person to me if you see me around at school. Thanks for helping to celebrate the history of this school and community that we all love and learn in.

Girls Tennis

By Allie Hunt
Sports Editor


Photographer: Kayla Cabral

Starting off the new season strong here at John Burroughs High School is our Girls Tennis team. Since the beginning of the year the JBHS team has played six matches against various competitors both within and outside of the League.

To start off the year, on August 31st Girl's Tennis faced off against a new opponent, Westridge. The Westridge match was non-league and Varsity captain Hannah Lewis noted them as, "a pretty tough team." Although the match does not count towards CIF, the game ended with a JBHS loss with a score of 5-13.

Next, the Bears competed against Pasadena away from home in their first league match of the season on September 5th. The two Varsity Captains, Hannah Lewis and Abby Stell, both got golden bagels in the match. A golden bagel is claimed when a player doesn't let any of their opponents score any points, going 6-0 for all of their matches. The final results for the match were a win of 15-3.

On September 7th, the team faced another tough opponent, Arcadia. Lewis described the team as, "a super tough League opponent and they typically win the League and do well in CIF." Although the final score for the match was, 1-17, Captain, Abby Stell, had a win. While the Arcadia match was rough, both Captains are remaining positive and looking forward to success in their future games.

Next up on their schedule, the Girl's Tennis team played against Hoover on September 12th. While Lewis won two out of three of her games, the Bears took a loss at 8-10. Lewis comments that, "Beating them in our next match up will probably be the key to make it to the playoffs." The match remained pretty close in score the whole time but once Hoover made away with ten wins they had automatically won. After Hoover had won the ten necessary games, they forfeited their last two games as they had arrived late and the buses needed to leave.

On September 14th the Bears took on Glendale which was an overwhelming victory. With a team win of 10-8 the Girl's Tennis team came out on top to redeem themselves and show JBHS how they plan to continue the season.

Against Glendale, Captain Lewis won all of her games with scores of 6-1, 6-1, and 6-3. Additionally, the doubles team of Dana Pitsker and Sage Marye helped push the team to their 10-8 win with their own victory. Additionally, singles one and two, Abby Stell and Aly Stoliker, helped the team towards the win with individual scores of 7-5 and 7-6 respectively.

Later, the Girl's Tennis team faced off against Crescenta Valley on Tuesday, September 19th. In the end, the Bears took a loss with a score of 2-16 but they still remained positive going into their next match.

To end their beginning streak of matches this year, the Girl's Tennis team faced off against Muir High School at Pasadena on September 22nd. Even though the Muir singles were very good, the Bears played even better and snatched the win with a 15-3 score.

When asked about her feelings regarding the season so far, Capitan Hannah Lewis said, "I'm really proud of how we played so far! Our team is very talented and these most recent matches haven't been the easiest but we've had positive attitudes and we've fought for every point. As for the rest of the season, I think if we continue to grow as a team and lift each other up, we can win even more matches and make it to CIF!"

Nearing the end of their season, the Girls Tennis team has been busy competing against plenty of schools representing John Burroughs High School. Within these last few weeks, the team has been playing mostly second round games meaning the match was their second match up this season, with the exception of Burbank High School.

First up, on September 26th the Bears faced off against Burbank High School away at BHS. While the girls lost 1-17 overall, they are looking forward to their second round game against Burbank later in the season. Together, Tobie Siems and Ashley Sinovoi won their match gaining one point on the scoreboard.

After their match against Burbank, Girls Tennis bounced back against Pasadena on September 28th at home at JBHS. In their first round game, the Bears had lost to Pasadena but at the end of this match the score was 18-0 meaning they won every single match they played.

In regards to their Pasadena win, Captain Hannah Lewis said, "Everyone played really well! We had lost two games to them last time but we didn't let them win any this time around."

Next up, on October 3rd the Bears played Arcadia at home. While the final score was 3-15, a loss for JBHS, there was still team improvement. Hannah Lewis recalled how in their first match against Arcadia she had lost all of her games but this time around she won two out of three. Additionally, the team was able to stay together in the face of conflict as Leslie Femeninas stepped in for Abby Stell after an injury and went on to win her singles match.

Finally, on October 5th the Girls Tennis team went up against Hoover again on their home turf at JBHS. The final outcome of the Hoover match was a loss with a score of 5-13 but again there was still team improvement as they beat multiple games they had lost the last time around.

Overall the Girls Tennis team are enjoying their season and are looking forward to the rest of their year together. Capitan Hannah Lewis expressed her happiness saying, "I feel like we have such a talented team and so much growth potential - we have really fought for every point this season. I'm thankful for the example our Seniors set for us this year, and I'm excited to see the team finish strong and keep building for the future!"

Senior and Capitan, Sophia Luna also commented, "So far our season has been going pretty well. We've lost a few games but we've also won some games. And we've been playing really well as a team all together. I'm sad that our season is almost over, but I had a really fun time this year. My teammates have made my last year of tennis great, and I'm going to miss them all a lot."

Go Bears!

Cross Country

By Kayla Cabral
Photographer, Cartoonist



Photographer: Kayla Cabral

It was a great success for the Bears at their past two Cross Country races of the season. The first race they attended was the Rosemead Invitational on Saturday, September 9th, 2023 which was at Rosemead High School with a three mile course. Although it was a nighttime race, all the Bears on the Cross Country team did great. Overall, the Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls stood out the most in this race.

First off we have the Varsity Girls who are all Juniors and placed 8th out of 18 teams. Only the top 75 runners got medals and in total there were 234 runners in their race. Out of the five Varsity girls, Isabella Galustians placed 4th and her time was 18:36. Next was Anya Kallianpur who placed 74th with a time of 22:04, followed by Makayla Victoria who placed 101st and her time was 22:52. Finally, Kayla Cabral placed 112nd with her time of 23:13 and Stella Solis who 117th with a time of 25:55.

Now for the Varsity Boys who are also all Juniors and placed 4th out of 27 teams. Only the top 75 runners got medals as well and in total there were 311 runners in their race. Out of the seven Varsity boys running, Alex Acevedo placed 17th and his time was 15:49. Next was Christopher Miguel who placed 20th with a time of 15:54 and Danny Camacho who placed 24th with his time of 16:01. After came Justin Cano who placed 27th with a time of 16:07 and Sherman Jones who placed 84th and his time was 17:41. Next was Rogelio Raya who placed 111st with a time of 18:20 and lastly Dylan Ochoa who placed 227th with his time of 22:55.

Next we have Senior Boys Varsity, unfortunately there's only one Senior this year on our Cross Country team so we couldn't place in this race. But the one Senior's name is Nick Delgado and he placed 40th with a time of 16:18. In total, his race had 238 runners and only the top 75 runners medaled. Over all, every Varsity boy and girl did a Fantastic job at the Rosemead Invitational.

The next race the Cross Country Bears had was Mount Carmel and it was a three mile course. This race took place in San Diego on Saturday, September 16th, 2023. It had a very limited entry so very few Bears went. Only the runners who placed in the top 75 in the Rosemead Invitational got to attend. Every Bear who ran in this race did great but the Varsity once again took the lead.

First, we have the Varsity boys who are Juniors, they did not place because they didn't have enough entries, but in total their race had 174 runners and only top 50 medaled. Out of the four Varsity boys who attended, Alex Acevedo placed 7th and his time was 16:37. Next was Christopher Miguel who placed 18th with a time of 17:07, followed by Justin Cano who placed 27th and his time was 17:24. Lastly, Danny Camacho placed 33rd with a time of 17:29.

Next we have the Senior Boys Varsity race, but sadly since we only have one Senior we could not place. In total, this race had 166 runners and only the top 50 medaled. The one Senior on the John Burroughs Cross Country team is Nick Delgado who placed 55th with a time of 17:28.

Now we have the Varsity Girls Juniors race, we again did not place for this race because there were not enough entries. In total, this race had 108 runners and only the top 50 medaled. Out of the two Varsity girls who made it this race, Isabella Galustians placed 4th and her time was 19:29. Next came Anya Kalianpur who placed 49th with a time 23:31. Overall the Cross Country Bears did an awesome job at this race.

This season is going very well for the Cross Country Bears, we have three runners who also think this season is going well too. First we have Christopher Miguel, a Junior and one of the Boys Varsity runners, Miguel says "Based on our team's latest performances in the first few meets, I have high hopes for this year's season and strongly believe we can make it far in CIF this year."

Next we have Makayla Victoria, also a Junior and one of the Varsity girl runners, she says, "So far this season is going well, Everyone has been doing great, I hope to run a twenty minute 5k by the end of the season."

Lastly, Alex Acevedo is a Junior and also a Boys Varsity runner, he says, "The season is going pretty well so far, we have had three solid races in a row and the team as a whole is getting better."

Another great success for our Cross Country Bears was their fourth race of the year, The Bellarmine Scared Heart race. It was Saturday, September 30th, 2023, at Griffith Park and was a 3 mile race. This course was quite difficult for the Cross Country Bears because it was on the Griffith Park hiking trail and around the merry-go-round which has many hills. The Bears managed the difficulties and overall did an amazing job as over half the team medaled.

First off, we have the Varsity Boys who placed 4th out of 16 teams. In total there were 127 runners in their race. Out of the seven Varsity boys, Liam Ellingsworth placed 23rd and his time was 17:06. Next came Alex Acevedo who placed 27th with his time of 17:18 and Nathan Marca who placed 33rd with a time of 17:26. Behind him came Justin Cano, he placed 41st and his time was 17:41. Then came Christopher Miguel who placed 44th with a time of 17:49 and Nick Delgado who placed 46th with his time of 17:52. Lastly came Danny Camacho, he placed 65th and his time was 18:25.

Now for the Varsity Girls, they placed 7th out of 12. Out of the five Varsity Girls, Isabella Galustians placed 5th and her time was 20:24. Then came Anya Kallianpur, she placed 34th, with a time of 22:56, and Makayla Victoria who placed 60th with a time of 25:25. Next was Kayla Cabral, she placed 72nd and her time was 26:09. Lastly came Stella Solis, she placed 87th with a time of 27:49.

Next up was another win for the Cross Country Bears at their first Pacific league meet. This race took place at Arcadia Park on Thursday October 12th, 2023. Every one of the Bears did excellent and are one step closer to making it to CIF.

First we have the results of the Varsity Boys, they placed 2nd in League and were one of the three teams who qualified for Pacific League Finals. Out of the seven Varsity Boys on are team, Alex Acevedo came in first, and placed 10th, his time was 16:16. Then came Liam Ellingsworth who placed 11th, with a time of 16:17, after came Nathan Marca and he placed 12th, time was 16:21. Behind him came Jusin Cano who placed 13th and his time was 16:23, and Danny Camacho placing 17th with a time of 16:53. Shortly after came Nick Delgado who placed 18th with a time of 16:58 and Christapher Miguel who placed 20th with his time of 17:05.

Next we have the Varsity Girls. They placed in League and also qualified for Pacific League Finals. Out of the seven Varsity Girls, Isabella Gallustions came in 1st, she placed 4th and her time was 18:49. After came Saida Getz who placed 15th and her time was 20:32. Next was Lucy Thomson who placed 17th, with a time of 20:50 and Anya Kallianpur who placed 23rd with a time of 22:09. Then came Amy Harkins who placed 26th with a time of 22:47 and Makayla Victoria who placed 30th with her time of 24:04. Lastly came Kayla Cabral who placed 32nd with a time of 24:16. Overall our Cross Country Bears killed it at their race and will continue too at the next. GO BEARS !

Boys Water Polo

By John Anderegg
Photographer

Boys Water Polo has had mixed results this season currently holding an 8-8 overall record. September 8th and 9th they played at the Malibu Tournament. They barely lost their first game against Thousand Oaks High School scoring 8-9.

They won their second game against Oxnard High School with a score of 16-5. The top players of the game were Harrison Siegel with 4 goals, 1 assist, and 1 steal, Aiden Means with 4 goals and 1 assist, and Nicola Nasev with 1 goal, 3 assists, and 5 steals.

They lost their last two games of the tournament scoring 7-9 against Malibu High School and 10-11 against Royal High School.

On September 14th they played a home game against Crespi High School and lost 4-9.

On September 15th and 16th they played in the Chino Hills Tournament and placed 4th in the gold division. They won their first game against Walnut High School scoring 8-7. The top players of the game were Harrison Siegel with 3 goals, 1 assist, 1 steal, and 1 block, and Nicholas Oporta with 3 goals and 1 steal.

They won their second game as well, beating Citrus Valley High School with a score of 15-7. The top player of the game was Harrison Siegel with 8 goals, 1 assist, 1 steal, and 1 block.

They lost their third and fourth games, scoring 9-11 against Cresenta Valley High School and 9-13 against Buena Park.

On September 19th they won a home game against South Pasadena High School, beating them 12-6. The top players of the game were Logan Turla with 4 goals, 1 assist, and 1 steal, Atticus Mata with 17 saves, and Harrison Siegel with 3 goals, 3 assists, 5 steals, and 1 block.

On September 21st they lost to Notre Dame High School at an away game, scoring 12-13.

Coach Martin Ortega-Jennison commented on the teams seasons so far, stating, "I believe our overall record doesn't really show how well the group has been playing. If you look at the scores the games we have lost have been very close and exciting games. We haven't been blown out. The group has heart and determination and has put in a ton of hard work we are just one little adjustment from going on a run and putting together a strong rest of the season. We have our eyes on our League matchups coming in the next couple weeks. We see ourselves as contenders this year and are ready to go turn some heads with the remaining games we have left! Atticus Mata, Harrison Siegel, Ian Duffield and Logan Turla have been huge players stepping up for us this year! Come on out and watch some exciting games and cheer on our Bears at the next home game!"

Girls Golf

By James Reid
Editor-In-Chief

Since their last meet at Eaton Canyon, the Girls Golf Team has been hard at work preparing themselves for the rest of the season. Since then, they've competed in two more meets, once on their home turf at the DeBell Golf Club in Burbank, and once at the Brookside Golf Club in Pasadena.

Senior Sophia Wang, one of the Co-Captains of the Girls Golf Team, was proud of the team's performance in both games, "I think our team is doing great!" she said. "We always help each other improve and have lots of fun doing so."

At their DeBell meet, the team made a great showing for themselves, placing fourth overall. This was the Bears' first Pacific League match of the season, and despite the pressure, most players went on to score in the high-40s to low-60s, earning their spot ahead of Glendale and Pasadena, but falling just short of overtaking Crescenta Valley.

The team went on to do the same at their Brookside meet, where the team proved themselves once again, solidifying their spot at 3rd place in the Pacific League. Despite the pressures of competing against other schools, every player did a phenomenal job, with Senior Justine Hamac, one of the Team Captains, even qualifying to play in CIF.

"Personally, moving on to CIF is nerve-wracking but exciting at the same time," stated Hamac. "Qualifying seems unreal to me but I'm excited to play!"

The Girls Golf team has done amazing so far this year, and are on track for the strong end to an already fantastic season. We wish them all the best going forward, and we can't wait to see how they do. Good luck Girls Golf, and GO BEARS!

Girls Volleyball

By Narrissa Wareebor
Cub Reporter

The John Burroughs Bears Girls Varsity Volleyball team had played well against the opposing teams in the past weeks playing consistently at an all time high. On September 7th, 2023, the Bears played against the Mustangs at Muir High School, the Bears went 3-0 putting on a great show for the audience who stayed on edge throughout the entire game.

The following week the Bears traveled to Pasadena High School on September 12th, 2023 with their heads held high walking in and out of their gym. Going 3-1 against the Pasadena Bulldogs has taken them another step further into their league with high hopes.

On September 14th, 2023, the Bears made their way to Arcadia High School. They experienced a tough loss against the Apaches with the final score being 0-3. The team this didn't let it affect their mentality because they knew they stepped in and gave it their all.

Bears take on yet another game on September 18th, 2023 at Hoover High School. Bouncing back from the loss the game before, the Bears go 3-0 in an instant. They made sure to get their job done and came really well together as a team.

Last but not least, the John Burroughs Girls' Varsity Volleyball team had their big rivalry game against the Burbank High School Bulldogs on September 20th, 2023 at Burbank High. The crowds were packed and it was all very exciting but the Bears were able to stay locked into the game making them go 3-0. Even when Burbank's home side was filled with students trying to throw the Bears off, they managed to keep their game strong.

The home Burroughs vs. Burbank had everyone out of their seats because of how close the game was. The games were constantly up and down giving the crowd a show. The Bears took the first set easily with Senior Tawnie Ohrt leading them with a serving run of 16 points.

The second set was a little rough considering the fact that it was the first time the Bears dropped a set to the Bulldogs. This gave the Bulldogs the adrenaline to stay stronger but the Bear came back stronger beating them in the next two sets giving the Bears their last win closing off their league season before playoffs.

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Historical Halloween

By Shalini Pathak
Cub Reporter

Tradition is the constant transmission of customs from generation to generation. Some mindlessly continue to practice otherwise questionable activities, like dressing in a costume and going from door after door collecting candy. Halloween! Not many people stop and wonder how this almost worldwide known tradition started.

The tradition of Halloween originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago, mostly in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and Northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1st. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31st they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth.

Druids, Celtic Priests, built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities.

During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes. This lends attribute to the current popular zombie and dead costumes we see in thousands every year.

Most people are unaware that even 2,000 years later the feeling of being drawn to a zombie or animal costume reflects our ancestors and their paranoia.

In the 19th century, "tricks"—such as rattling windows and tying doors shut—were often made to look as though supernatural forces had conjured them. The common modern phrase "Trick or Treat" was taken too literally for the beginning years of all hallows eve. Some people offered candy as a way to protect their homes from pranksters, who might wreak havoc by disassembling farm equipment and reassembling it on a rooftop. The choice was to give the pranksters candy or leave your house's fate up to them.

Even though Halloween was brought to the U.S. from Irish and Scottish immigrants, the rest of Europe didn't begin celebrating the holiday until decades later. Although many European countries now celebrate the holiday, it hasn't been quite as commercialized as the U.S. Like most holidays Halloween has roots with religion which can be controversial to some. Syrians, Lebanese, Palestinians, Jordanian and Turkish (Hatay) Christians in the Levant don't celebrate Halloween because it's a pagan holiday, however, they do celebrate Eid il Burbara (Feast Day of Saint Barbara.)

The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating candy. Dressing up evolved from limited categories like ghosts, zombies and animals to anything you can come up with.

There are so many mysteries and missing facts when it comes to the story of Halloween. Theories and tales dominate the history of this puzzling tradition. The past being just as peculiar as the holiday. Remnants of the past practices still shine through in the modern spin of what most of us celebrate. Halloween is a widely loved and celebrated tradition that most look forward to all year round.

Spooky Ghost Stories For Halloween

By David Romero
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As the leaves change colors and the air turns crisp, Halloween night brings with it a sense of magic and mystery. It's the time of year when the veil between the living and the dead is said to be at its thinnest, making it the perfect occasion to gather around a crackling fire and share spine-tingling ghost stories.

Shirley Jackson's classic novel, *The Haunting of Hill House,* has long been a go-to source for spine-chilling tales. It tells the story of a group of individuals who come to investigate the mysterious occurrences at the ominous Hill House. As they uncover the house's dark secrets, they find themselves entangled in a web of supernatural terror. This story will keep you guessing until the very end, making it a perfect choice for Halloween night.

The Legend of the Headless Horseman, Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" introduces us to the fearsome Headless Horseman, a ghostly figure that haunts the quiet village of Sleepy Hollow. This classic ghost story is not only a thrilling read but also a great reminder of the power of folklore and urban legends to send shivers down our spines.

Susan Hill's novella "The Woman in Black" is a modern ghost story that masterfully captures the essence of traditional Gothic horror. Arthur Kipps, a young solicitor, travels to a remote village to settle the estate of a deceased client. What he encounters there is a terrifying specter that holds a dark and tragic secret. This tale is a must-read for those who enjoy ghost stories with a hauntingly atmospheric setting.

Edgar Allan Poe was a master of macabre storytelling, and "The Tell-Tale Heart" is a prime example of his talent. This short story explores the disturbing psyche of the narrator, who insists on their sanity while describing a gruesome murder they've committed. The relentless beating of a hidden heart serves as a haunting reminder that some ghosts are not external, but rather the product of a disturbed mind.

Henry James' "The Turn of the Screw" is a ghost story layered with psychological complexity. The tale follows a governess hired to care for two orphaned children at a remote estate. As she begins to see ghostly apparitions and strange occurrences, she becomes increasingly uncertain whether the ghosts are real or manifestations of her own imagination. This ambiguity adds an extra layer of terror to the narrative, making it a perfect Halloween read.

The journey into the world of spooky ghost stories continues with the chilling tale of the Bell Witch Haunting. This American folklore recounts the terrifying events that plagued the Bell family in the early 19th century. Explore the malevolent spirit that tormented them and the enduring legacy of this haunting.

Edgar Allan Poe makes a return in our exploration with "The Masque of the Red Death." Step into a lavish and decadent masquerade ball held within a sealed abbey, hosted by a wealthy prince trying to avoid a deadly plague. Discover the symbolism and dread that lurk behind the festivities in this macabre masterpiece.

Turn to the urban legend of Bloody Mary. This spine-chilling story involves summoning a vengeful spirit by chanting her name in front of a mirror. Explore the variations of this terrifying ritual and the consequences that daredevils face when trying to invoke her presence.

Halloween night is the ideal time to indulge in the thrill of spooky ghost stories that keep you on the edge of your seat. Whether you prefer the classic tales of haunted houses, the folklore-inspired legends, or the psychological depth of modern ghost stories, there's something for everyone to enjoy during this eerie season.

So, gather your friends and family, dim the lights, and let these tales of the supernatural transport you to a world where the line between the living and the dead blurs, and the unknown becomes the stuff of nightmares.

Happy Halloween!

Easy Costumes

By Allen Kramer
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With Halloween quickly approaching, you're rushed with the panic of not having a costume. Now this is a delicate situation, this could completely not resonate with you, maybe you're one of the few that has had a costume planned since last year, but for the rest of us that don't, here are three great last minute Halloween costumes that are easy to put together and setup, minutes before going out to enjoy the wonderful, spooky, October night.

Anybody a fan of Legos? One of the easiest costumes to make involves only a few items, a simple cardboard box, maybe a marker, some simple primary color paint, and a box cutter. If put together correctly, you can look as spiffy as the classic Lego brick October 31st. Take your cardboard box that you stole from the back alley of a grocery store, make some cuts at the top for your head to fit through, the sides for your arms, and draw some studs on the front of the box. Make sure you use a big enough cardboard box to where it can sit snugly around you the whole time searching for the full size candy bars. Your commitment to the visual aesthetic (or the ironic lack thereof) will sell this one!

This next one is similar to the last, but still unique. A flower pot! We've all had our phases of gardening here and there. I'm sure if that is the case you have an unused pot lying around. With this one do almost the same thing to the pot as done with the cardboard box previously, cut holes in the sides for your arms, some on the bottom for your legs and step right in. In minutes you can have a costume to easily put on and call it a night. With this one, the worse it will look the better, really play into the fact that there wasn't much time or effort spent, in other words be honest because you're not fooling anyone with that giant cut up piece of plastic from the gardening section of your local hardware store.

Any fans of the 1993 classic movie *The Sandlot*? The film pitches up great costumes for Halloween. Because most of the characters in the film just wear casual clothes that can be easily found in most household wardrobes. Even if you don't have those clothes, that's nothing a quick run to the thrift store can't fix! Just throw on a T-shirt, jeans, a pair of converse, flannel, a baseball cap, and that baseball mitt that's been collecting dust in your closet since 2009, and start calling yourself Smalls. Truly, what will sell this one is your commitment to the character. This is probably the most important part of the costume, there is a fine line between looking like your character and looking like someone stuck wearing clothes from the mid 20th century.

Halloween is a great holiday that allows for those who want to really express themselves to do so but also for a huge amount of room for error.

Maybe you've already given in to the holiday spirit and are already fully dressed up or maybe you are just reading this article to see what you as a fully prepared Halloween candy connoisseur will be competing with, who knows?

But if not prepared Halloween can be extremely stressful when deciding on what/who to dress up as or even if you should dress up. This article should have provided you with a few easy options on what to wear in a pinch. Have fun however you end up spending it. Happy Halloween!

Trick or Treat Treasure Hunt

By Jake Scozzola
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Los Angeles happens to be a fantastic place to celebrate Halloween. With its fun neighborhoods and creative spirit, the City of Angels offers some of the best trick-or-treating experiences in the country. Whether you're searching for family-friendly neighborhoods or spooky hotspots for older kids and adults, Los Angeles has it all. Here are the top places to trick or treat in the city.

One great place to visit is Brentwood, located on the city's west side, Brentwood boasts charming streets lined with beautifully decorated homes. The neighborhood's affluence ensures ample high-quality candy, and residents often go all out with elaborate decorations. San Vicente Boulevard is particularly popular, with houses competing to be the spookiest.

Next we have Toluca Lake, known for its celebrity residents, Toluca Lake offers a warm and inviting atmosphere for trick-or-treaters. The streets around Toluca Lake itself are well-lit and feature spooky decorations. Be on the lookout for the best treats and celebrity sightings.

Another great place to go trick or treating is Griffith Park, for those who prefer a spooky adventure over traditional trick-or-treating, Griffith Park hosts haunted hayrides and haunted trails that provide thrills and chills for Halloween enthusiasts.

Finally, we have Studio City, this San Fernando Valley neighborhood offers a mix of residential and commercial trick-or-treating opportunities. Venture down Ventura Boulevard, where many businesses join in the Halloween fun, offering treats to costumed visitors.

When it comes to Halloween, Los Angeles doesn't disappoint. Whether you're exploring historic neighborhoods or reveling in the celebrity sightings of Tinseltown, there's a trick-or-treating adventure waiting for everyone in the City of Angels. Grab your costume, a goodie bag, and get ready to enjoy some spooktacular fun in one of the most exciting cities in the world!

Funny Costumes

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October is finally here, and Halloween enthusiasts are putting their creativity to the test. While some opt for the eerie and spine-chilling, others are taking a lighter approach, proving that humor can be the real treat on Halloween night. From punny plays on words to clever pop culture references, this year's funniest Halloween costumes are as creative as ever.

Coming first we have the "The Unemployed Minion" Minions from the Despicable Me franchise are no strangers to Halloween, but this year, one creative costume stood out. A clever individual transformed themselves into a "fired" Minion, complete with a pink slip and a tiny "Unemployed" sign. It was a humorous take on the ups and downs of employment in the minion world.

Next we have an "All My Exes" Group Costume. Inspired by a George Strait song, one group of friends had the hilarious idea of dressing up one guy and four girls that are all wearing the same clothes to do a unique idea for a costume. Whether you're going trick or treating or going to a party, everyone will love this one.

Next we have "The Social Distancing Ghosts," a costume inspired by our times, these ghosts are all wearing masks and maintaining a strict six-foot radius. It's a spooky yet relatable take on the current pandemic situation. Everyone will get a good laugh out of that one.

Finally we have "Butter Cow," pay homage to the Iowa State Fair's long-standing tradition with this cheeky take on a butter cow sculpture. Start with a stick of butter costume and pair it with a cow mask or cow headband. Everyone loves butter and everyone loves cows, that costume is nothing short of perfect.

Halloween Themed Desserts

By Taryn Vickers
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As the air gets crisp and leaves start to fall, spooky season creeps upon us all. With Halloween being one of America's largest holidays, the means of throwing a spook-tacular party are tradition for most. Whether it's the passion for blood orange punch or grooving to Thriller, no boo-bash is complete without the perfect sweet treats. From candy apples to edible blood bags well be taking a look at the top ten Halloween themed desserts to sink your fangs into.

First off we have Layered Candy Corn Pie, a sweet treat for those who love a fruity twist on a classic Halloween candy flavor. The colorful layers of the pie are tinted naturally with lemon juice, fresh mango and coconut milk so the finished dessert has a pleasantly tropical flavor. Keeping it original, it looks just like the beloved Halloween candy without having the candy corn flavor. The pie is piled high with fluffy meringue, toasted with a kitchen torch until browned and extra delicious and then decorated with pieces of candy corn for a dessert that's sure to keep your guests spellbound.

Next up we have Red Velvet Vampire Cupcakes, which bring a fun and spooky mouthful of flavor. What looks like a gory encounter with the Count himself is just raspberry jam brightened with a drop of red food coloring. And if you dare sink your own teeth into them, you'll find that more raspberry jam and chocolate await in the center. Topped with vanilla buttercream frosting, the signature fang bites on the side of the top bring the spooky vamp effect to life.

Another spooky sweet is Spiderweb Dirt Cups. These Halloween-themed pudding "dirt" cups have the spooky addition of black cocoa whipped cream plus white spiderwebs. The spiderwebs are fairly easy to create. You pipe them over a crushed-ice bath so they set almost immediately. For the best results, be sure to flatten the surface of the crushed ice as much as possible before piping the webs. Little "spiders" made from sugar-coated gummy bears complete the eerie effect.

A spooky movie fan favorite are the *Hocus Pocus* Buns, featured in a Disney cult classic, *Hocus Pocus*. These are a gooey and sticky treat that features a mouthful of marshmallow and sweet breading on the outside. Since these are served warm, the inner mallow filling will soften up and melt, "disappearing" just like magic! Another equally delicious take on these is replacing the mallow filling with whipping cream and berries, adding a refreshingly sweet flavor alternatively.

Next on the list are the famous candy apples everyone knows and loves…with a haunting twist. For these scary apples you'll dip them in a red dyed sugar melt and set them aside so they can cool. Once cooled you'll melt down some white chocolate and drizzle stripes all over and across the apple to give it a mummified appearance. Then the last step is to sprinkle crushed Oreo cookies over the white chocolate to give it a "rugged" appearance, and create the ultimate fall treat with a mummifying twist on it.

Nothing sounds more deviously delicious as a Halloween Oreo Roll. This Swiss roll style sweet features a spooky take on the evergreen cookies and cream we all crave when thinking of Oreos. This easy roll cake starts with a package of chocolate wafer cookies that becomes a Halloween dessert centerpiece. Decorating the cake with gummy spiders on a "web" made from melted marshmallows gives the cake a scary touch that'll frighten your folks. Next color the marshmallow with orange food coloring but feel free to change it to green or whatever color you like. When ready to serve, slice through the marshmallow webbing and scary spiders to serve up a delicious plate of scary fun.

A frightfully fun and delightful candy treat, Melting Witches Bark is a creative and easy way to make an intricate and marvelous snack for your fellow witches. Gently melting candy wafers on a lined baking sheet in the oven instead of melting them on the stovetop or in a microwave makes this bark fairly easy to pull together. Place a few easy decorations to place on top and you'll have a wickedly good bark for Halloween parties or your favorite horror film marathons. To spice it up, feel free to add your favorite candy to personalize its flavor.

Thirsty and want a sweet and spooky drink to warm you up? Halloween Hot Cocoa Bombs are a simple and chocolaty way to relax and cozy up while watching your favorite frightening film. Using a good quality bitter-sweet chocolate with 70% cacao will give you the best tasting results. After putting your sweetened cocoa mix in your made chocolate shell, to give a spider web effect, drizzled a little melted white chocolate in a zigzag motion. Make sure you keep these in a cool environment so they don't melt and misshapen until they hit the warm milk!

Want a bit of a healthier treat option that's delicious for everyone? Banana mummies and a great scary treat for those who want to create something quick and easy and still have a yummy sweet to eat. By simply placing peeled bananas in a sealed container in the freezer, you'll already have achieved the first step of this simple recipe. Next, melt down some chocolate and skewer the bananas on a popsicle stick, dipping them into the chocolate melt then placing them back into the freezer to harden. Once the chocolate coat was set, you can then melt down your white chocolate and drizzle zig zag across the banana, achieve a spider web design, giving you your mummy-nanas. Tip, place mini marshmallows to act as eyes when the chocolate is warm so they'll stick when it sets!

Last but surely not least, a creepy and creamy delight, White Chocolate Eyeball Cakes are a fun and spooky indulgence, and a personal favorite for me. As fun as it is to eat, it also makes a spooky craft for kids to create in the kitchen as a fun Halloween activity. White chocolate domes are filled with vanilla pudding, then sealed in with a delicate layer of sponge cake. Breaking into each dome reveals a pocket of oozing jam that gives a delightfully scary flavor as well as chilling goosebumps. White red colored jam is more traditional, any jam with food coloring will work as well. Make sure to store these cakes in the fridge as well so that the eyeball design and the chocolate ball dome doesn't melt or deflate.

After looking at all these chillingly delicious sweet treats, your Halloween sweet tooth is sure to be satisfied. With the top 10 Halloween desserts, parties, hangouts and sleepovers this spooky season are sure to be jam packed with plenty of delicious bites. Whether you choose to dress up as your favorite comic book character or you wear a white sheet with cut eye holes, you're sure to create the perfect dessert to match your costume theme as well as your tastebuds. From candied apples to candy corn pie, different fall flavor classics are paired with scary themes to get you ready for the spooky fun that's sure to come, so don't be lame and pick your brain to create a special treat for you and your ghouls this Halloween season!

Halloween Songs

By Elizabeth Browngardt
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Halloween is not complete without the charm of Halloween songs. Halloween songs are a perfect way to set the spooky mood during this season. These melodies bring all different people together and share experiences that make this holiday so special and create a bond among us.

One iconic Halloween song is "Thriller" by Michael Jackson. Released in November of 1982, this song has become relates with Halloween. The song uses sound effects, catchy beats, and cool dance moves. The song has been around for a while and resonates with the feel of Halloween and the fear people face in their everyday lives.

Another timeless Halloween classic is "Monster Mash" by Bobby Pickett. This song, released in 1962, tells the story of a mad scientist's monster party. The song´s sound was achieved by using sound effects such as bubbling cauldrons and creaking doors. It reached the number one spot on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1962 and with its memorable chorus and lyrics, it's a great Halloween song and makes people feel joyful and excited.

If you're looking for a song that combines Halloween with humor, "*Ghostbusters*" by Ray Parker Jr. is the perfect choice. This theme song from the 1984 movie has become an anthem for Halloween. The song started when Ivan Reitman wanted a song at the beginning of *Ghostbusters*. It was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Song in 1985. It's a song that will have everyone singing and dancing along.

Another favorite is "Somebody's Watching Me'' by Rockwell with vocals from Michael Jackson. The song was released in 1984 and tells a story about someone who's constantly paranoid and feels like they're being watched. The hit single reached number two on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1984 and reached top of the charts in several other countries.

Moving into more recent hits, "This Is Halloween" from the movie *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is a haunting song that captures the essence of Halloween. It was written by the composer Danny Elfman, who also provided the singing voice for the character Jack Skellington in the film. The combination of Tim Burton's unique visuals and Danny Elfman's enchanting music make this song a Halloween favorite to many. The song showcases the unique world of HalloweenTown and a lively musical arrangement.

A classic is "Spooky, Scary Skeletons," written and recorded by Andrew Gold. In 1996 when it was released the song wasn't very popular and it gained more popularity these past years from remixes and internet memes. The main idea of the song is getting into the Halloween spirit in an energetic way.

A fun song related to Halloween is "Disturbia" released in 2008 by Rihanna. The song talks about feeling trapped in a dark and twisted world. It makes people feel empowered and has a dark vibe that makes the song super popular and continues to be played frequently on Halloween.

"Calling All the Monsters" is an upbeat song released in 2011 by China Anna McClain. It became popular through the Disney Channel movie "Monstober" where she starred as the lead. The song encourages people to embrace their inner monsters and have a great time during Halloween.

It's clear that these spooky songs have a way of lightening our moods and adding extra excitement to the scary season. They help Americans everywhere get into the holiday spirit and set the tone for spooky fun.

Best Halloween Movies

By Eve Wild
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As the breezy winds of October blow, and the vibe becomes cozy, it's time to gather around the screen and binge watch all of the best Halloween movies. From classics that have stood the test of time to modern masterpieces that push the boundaries of fear, here is a list of the best cinematic films to elevate the spooky season.

To begin with everyone's favorite, *Coraline* (2009), directed by Henry Selick, is an enchanting stop-motion film that takes you on a mesmerizing ride of the dark and beautiful "other world." This film strikes a great balance between spooky and alluring, making it a must-watch for Halloween lovers of all ages. Featuring the unforgettable door that transports Coraline into the other world where she meets her Other Mother, everything seems too good to be true. With its haunting visuals, eerie atmosphere, and captivating storyline, Coraline perfectly captures the essence of Halloween.

Moving along, *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (1993), created by Tim Burton, is one the most beloved stop-motion films of all time. The film weaves a tale that is an exciting mix of Halloween and Christmas. Sally and Jack Skeleton are some of the most iconic and powerful couples. With its dark and outstanding visuals, nostalgic songs, and heartwarming narrative, it has become an essential part of the holiday season.

Next, *Beetlejuice* (1988), once again created by Tim Burton, steps into the strange and supernatural world of "Beetlejuice," with Micheal Keaton's portrayal of the mischievous "bio-exorcist." This dark comedy takes viewers on a whimsical and wild journey throughout the afterlife.

Also, *The Conjuring* (2013), created by Chad Hayes and Carey W. Hayes, is made for those who are seeking spine-chilling scares. Based on real-life paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren, who were known for their work in investigating supernatural cases. It's about a family who moves into a creepy farmhouse and experiences spooky incidents. The Conjuring delivers suspenseful scenes, and great acting, and explores themes of faith and family. A modern horror classic!

In recent years, *Us* (2019), created by Jordan Peele, a psychological masterpiece that will keep you on the edge of your seat, with its turns and twists. The eerie doppelgangers' phenomenal performance by Lupita Nyong'o will guarantee chills. The movie even features deeper themes of identity and societal fears that add to the psychological effects. The movie is constantly playing with the viewer's mind, keeping us guessing and questioning the character's motives and perceptions. It's a roller coaster that will leave everyone pondering long after the movie finishes.

Halloween by John Carpenter (1978), is the ultimate classic horror movie! It's a chilling tale of terror that follows the iconic killer, Michal Myers, as he stalks and terrorizes the residents of Haddonfield on Halloween night. The haunting soundtracks and the relentless pursuit of Laurie Strode make Halloween a true masterpiece in the horror genre.

These are just a few examples of the diverse and amazing Halloween movies that have left a mark throughout the decades.

Whether you prefer blood-curdling scares, supernatural encounters, or family fun, these Halloween movies offer something for everyone.

Best Halloween Costumes For 2023

By Jaylyn Barjolo
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Hello JBHS students, this year there have been many iconic moments that have set the tone for our upcoming Halloween costumes!

Furthermore, Barbie and Ken have been trending all over social media. Back in July, Warner Bros announced the new Barbie movie starring Margot Robbie and Co Star Ryan Gosling. This movie was a hit over the summer, with people dressing up as different characters from the movie, like President, Weird, and Mermaid Barbie.

In the same way, Beyonce and Blue Ivy have been a recognizable duo in the industry. Beyonce has been hitting the charts recently because of her Renaissance World Tour. With her daughter Blue Ivy appearing on stage and giving us an amazing dance performance during the song "MY POWER." Putting everyone in shock by how much she has grown not only as a person, but as the younger version of Beyonce.

In addition, during this year's 2023 Super Bowl Rihanna had her iconic halftime performance, since her six year hiatus from the industry. People on all social media platforms have been recreating this production, with Rihanna and what they call dancing marshmallows.

On the other hand, Jenna Ortega has made her new star debut in the new spin-off Wednesday, based on the original television series The Addams Family. Which is why it is such an inclusive costume choice for both adults, teens, and kids each generation has grown up with their own version of the show.

Taylor Swift is currently on her ongoing Eras tour and has created the perfect opportunity for you and all the Swifties to dress up as moments of time, from her music videos, album, and red carpets. You could draw on a white t-shirt and recreate the junior jewels shirt from the "You Belong With Me" music video.

This summer Marvel released the second movie to Spider-Man: Miles Morales, *Spider-Man Into The Spider-Verse*. This introduces you to many variations of the MCU character Spider-Man, compared to the ones we all know and love, like Spider-Punk, and Spider-Man Noir. You could dress up with a leather vest, a guitar, or a black trench coat and hat.

The Little Mermaid starring Halle Bailey has created an inspiration to our past and current generations because of the fact that shes the first Ariel of color.

Moreover, here are some costume ideas for the upcoming holiday. Enjoy your Halloween, Bears!

Pumpkin Spice

By Josie Robinson
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Besides the obvious festivities that come with Halloween such as pumpkin carving, haunted houses, and trick or treating, nothing truly compares to the long-awaited fall food items that arrive on our grocery store shelves and coffee shop walls. While certain items have been interchangeable throughout the years, there are always reliable fan favorites every fall season. Starting off with coffee shops, while there are the obvious choices available at Starbucks, such as the Pumpkin Spice Latte and the Pumpkin Cream Cold Brew, other coffee shops such GroundWork Coffee and Romancing the Bean provide equally good if not better options, as small businesses.

GroundWork Coffee provides an incredible, gluten free homemade pumpkin and cinnamon loaf with pumpkin seeds sprinkled on top.

Romancing has an array of baked goods both gluten free and not, such as bundt cakes, and chocolate/raspberry muffins. These sweet treats accompanied by a hot drink sets the perfect mood as the weather gets colder; however, one could always get a drink from Starbucks and a treat from Romancing for the best of both worlds.

Yet, no one truly compares to Trader Joes, the ultimate source for all things fall. Trader Joes has a variety of different foods for people with all different kinds of allergies or preferences, making it one of my favorite stores to go to. One such item being, arguably one of their best, is the pumpkin cream cheese, which is just the right amount of sweetness as a topping to a toasted bagel, gluten free or not. Even so, you could resort to easy and more well-known fall delicacies like pumpkin bread, carrot cake muffins, and apple cinnamon coffee cakes. You could even make your own loaf of pumpkin bread, which is seemingly better than the pre-prepared loaf. For a hot drink at home, the apple cider is one to die for. The drink can be heated up over the stove, and be served in a mug just as is. The drink is sweet, but not too sweet, and it produces a level of nostalgia within every cup. You can take it anywhere, in a thermos on the way to class or to a camping trip! As for a cold drink, you could have your own Chai latte in your home with Trader Joe's Chai Latte mix. A life-changing item, in my own opinion.

Still, if you want to save some money, there are many treats you can make in your very own home. The ultimate easy fall snack is roasted pumpkin seeds. You can make them sweet with a sprinkle of cinnamon and sugar, or have them be savory with just sprinkling a bit of salt or whatever seasoning of your choosing. You can always bake a fresh batch of cookies, like chocolate chip, snickerdoodles, or oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. Something that has always been a favorite of mine are cinnamon rolls, perfectly accompanied by a warm cup of coffee or tea. There are so many food and drink options to choose from for fall, and it's always good to treat yourself to comforting foods as the days get colder, and the leaves change. However, nothing is better, and more accomplishing, than a full bag of Halloween candy to accompany you through the remaining days of fall.

The Best Group Costumes Of 2023

By Lilly Landau
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Are you thinking about doing a group costume with your friends, here are the best group costumes of 2023. If you're thinking of doing a group of two whether its couples or friends here is a list of the best group costumes.

This year the new movie *The Super Mario Bros Movie* debuted. A good group of two costumes would be Mario and Luigi. Even without the new movie it's been a very popular group costume the past years.

Another popular group costume is *Subway Surfers* Tricky and Jake. This costume could also work as a couples costume or just as a friend's costume.

A good costume for couples is Spider-Man and Spider-Woman, it would also be good if a couple wore matching Spider-Man onesies.

If you have a big group of friends and you want to find a good group costume to go with these. For girl costume ideas coming in first is *Mean Girls* it's easy to put together and there are many different ways to be them and there are a lot of characters from the iconic movie. You don't need to by a costume because there is a good chance that you'd have something at home in your wardrobe that you could put together.

The next costume group for girls are the *Winx Club*. There are a lot of fairies and there are many options for you all. This could be a very fun costume idea.

Burbank Haunted House Haunts Again

By Evelyn McNally
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This Halloween season would not be complete without the charming Burbank attractions that go up every fall. One in particular being, Rotten Apple 907 on N. California St.

This Haunt has been a popular Halloween attraction for many years, stretching as far back as the early 2000's. Past themes have taken you through fearsome manors, forests, toy-shops and more. It's safe to say that Rotten Apple 907 has deemed itself a place in the hearts of local Burbank residents who love a good scare.

This year's theme is "Lets go to the Movies." It's a haunted twist on your average cinema experience. The haunted house is known for its unique and charismatic bone chilling elements and its precise attention to detail. Expect to be immersed in the thrilling tale that's told annually in this Burbank haunted house.

Rotten Apple 907 does not charge an admission fee, but donations are highly appreciated. The construction on the fun horror event starts in September, and is always finished just in time for the Halloween season. Lots of hard work is put into the house, as every year is very different from the one before.

If you are planning to go, it's recommended that you get there a bit before it starts, as a line accumulates almost every night that sometimes stretches all the way down the street. Try and aim to get there right when it starts at 7PM.

Rotten Apple 907 is open from October 21st to the 31st, and goes to 10PM every night. This haunt is a charming Halloween treat that's bound to make you scream. If you're looking for a fun thrill in the heart of Burbank, Rotten Apple 907 on California Street is the place to be!



Photo Roundup Of Local Haunted Houses



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