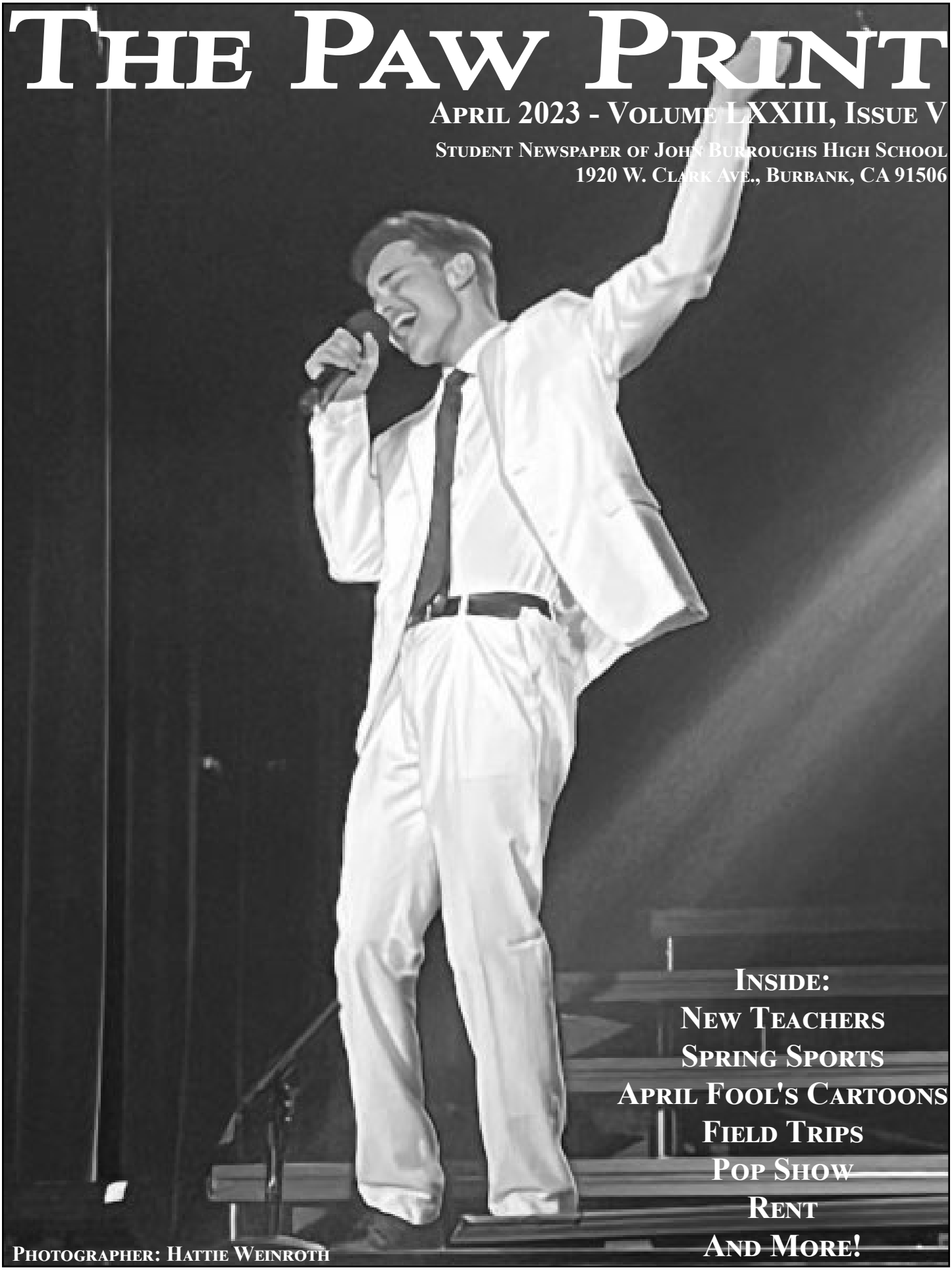
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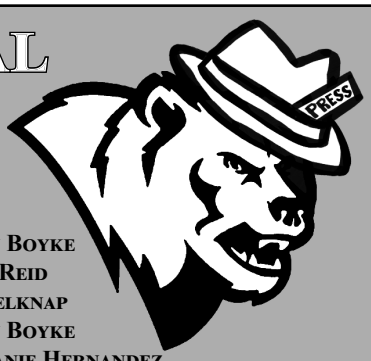
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Pop Show 44: You Make My Dreams Come True

By Chloe Barthelemy
Lin Goldenberg and
Leila Munoz
Cub Reporters

The JBHS VMA put on their 44th Pop Show with the theme "You Make My Dreams Come True" on the weekend of February 24th, 25th, and 26th. Pop Show was truly a spectacular performance this year and VMA Director Brendan Jennings says "this is one of the best Pop Shows I've ever seen."

Starting off the show, Powerhouse and Sound Sensations performed "You Make My Dreams Come True" by Hall & Oates. After that, Sophomores Eli Romsa, Rafael Garcia, and Athena Pichardo performed "The Middle" by Jimmy Eat World. They were running around the audience having a blast. After that, Seniors Chloe Barthelemy, Aria Gunn, and Junior Amelia Cucuzza performed "In The Kitchen" by Reneé Rapp, leaving the audience in tears, followed by Seniors Kaylor Toronto and Riley Dowers performing "A Lovely Night" from the movie La La Land.

Decibelles, our intermediate women's choir, performed their set: Solid Gold. It follows the choir of adventurers stumbling into a cave and finding gold with a "golden queen," Megan Harkins, a Junior in Decibelles who portrays the queen, explains. "They try to protect the gold from these villains and in the end everybody is happy and they learn that friendship is more important than wealth." Megan's favorite song to perform in the set is "Are You Gonna Be My Gold," a version of Jet's classic "Are You Gonna Be My Girl."

Afterward, Senior Alexa Ruiz performed No Doubt's "Sunday Morning" with background dancers and singers. After that, a bunch of boys from Powerhouse performed "Fly As Me" by Bruno Mars and Silk Sonic. Senior Nayan Ramakrishnan, who has been in choir for six years, and is the VMA Vice President, states that "We all just loved Silk Sonic and we thought it would be really fun to do with all the Powerhouse boys." One of Nayan's favorite parts about the act was junior Noah Castiel yo-yo-ing during the act.



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Muses, the advanced treble a capella group, performed an arrangement of "Killing Me Softly With His Song," by Fugees and Ms. Lauryn Hill. Their outfits were a dreamy combination of orange, purple, and pink. The soloists include Raquel Brogmus, Sam Figueroa, and Emerson Riley.

After Muses, Senior Linoyuh Goldenberg performed Ariana Grande's version of a Jason Robert Brown original called "Getting Out."

"I have always wanted to perform Getting Out for a show ever since I was in eighth grade and I'm so happy I finally had the opportunity to perform it," says Lin. One of Lin's favorite moments of her act was having her friends background dance in it. The audience loved Lin's riffs and high notes.

After "Getting Out," Senior Kyle Daou and Junior Cruz Martin duetted "Bless The Broken Road" by Rascal Flatts, which was a beautiful duet, followed by "Record Player" by Daisy the Great performed by Seniors Kaylor Toronto, Kyle Daou, Chloe Barthelemy, Mae Roth, Sorsha Khitikian, and Junior Emma Kata.

Sound Waves performed their set: Captain EO, based on the short film starring Michael Jackson. The set includes inspired characters, with Rebecca Giedt portraying The Supreme Leader, Reeve Bennett as Hooter, Silas Schulz as Major Domo, Sienna and Savana Lay as Geex and Idee, and Nick Joven portraying Captain EO.

"I like how high energy the set is," Freshman in Sound Waves Zoe Belknap says. "The second we get on stage there is a lot of excitement and it's so much fun."

Later into the show, Junior Kelly Hagan with dancers, Seniors Kyle Daou and Olivia Goldstein choreographing their own contemporary dance, and background singers, Senior Lucas Holt, and Juniors Danielle Bax and Luke Pirruccello performed "Movies" by Conan Gray followed by Sophomores Cierra Arroyo, Lana Dadekian, and Jhanessa Equila performing a mashup of two rock songs; "Edge of Seventeen" and

Pop Show 44 (*Continued*)

"Midnight" by Stevie Nicks and Miley Cyrus.

The advanced mixed a capella group Neo Chromatics then performed "Start a Fire" from La La Land, with soloist Kaylor Toronto. The audience loved how much energy and passion Neo Chromatics showed. Neo Chromatics is going to compete soon in an a capella competition, so wish good luck to them!

Following up, Maria Stefani performed a beautiful rendition of “Too Close” by Sir Chloe and wowed everyone with their stage presence and strut across the stage. Next with a taste of swing and rock music, Danny Schwadron performed “Zoot Suit Riot” by Cherry Poppin’ Daddies, along with an ensemble of fellow dancers who help capture the vibe of the song.

Keeping up with themes of love in several of the previous acts, Brooke Bailey performed an outstanding number of Christina Aguilera’s, “Bound To You” that left the audience speechless.

To end the first act, the advanced treble choir Sound Sensations performed their set: "Wheels Up!" The group represents flight attendants who take a night off to party in Ibiza. Senior Elena Spickler details her favorite parts of the set: “Singing-wise, the a capella. It’s just so brilliantly and gorgeously arranged.” She adds, “As far as performing, the opener is so fun to dance to, especially the Beyoncé section.” The set had many standout moments, such as the kickline section, the incredible dance breaks, and a costume change solo, “Hello Sunshine,” by Aretha Franklin, sung by Emerson Riley.

Opening Act 2, Kaylor Toronto was back with a solo and dance performance with backup dancers and singers. The song, “Dangerous” by Big Data and Joywave was intense and had incredible dance breaks with lighting to match the ambiance, while Kaylor and the dancers set the story of a dark and mysterious group. To lighten up the mood, students Sorsha Khitikian, Bea Park, Danielle Bax, and Emma Kata gave their performance of “Every Summertime” by NIKI. They sang up and down the aisles of the auditorium while making it to the stage for their final verse.

The advanced men's choir Men @ Work performed a set inspired by the Barbie franchise by all portraying different Ken dolls; such as a chef, referee, and soda fountain worker. They fittingly began their set with the song “Barbie Girl” by Aqua. Toward the end, they changed into matching outfits representing the original Ken dolls, with junior Mauricio Lara having an impressive rip-off quick change on stage.

Returning to the stage, Aria Gunn and Brooke Bailey perform as an unstoppable duo with “That’s Life” by Frank Sinatra. With both of their spectacular voices together and their interpretation of the song, this was an unforgettable performance. Following the song about life experiences, we have “Share Your Address” by Ben Platt. The song follows the hopes of one day living with that special someone ,beautifully sung by senior Lucas Holt.



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The VMA’s Dance Ensemble debuted their set "Can’t Outrun," which tells a story of betrayal between two best friends who perform together. The protagonist, portrayed by Senior Riley Dowers, suddenly receives more external praise and recognition than the antagonist, portrayed by Senior Oliva Goldstein. Olivia discussed her character’s motivations and the story behind the set: “I [as the antagonist] find myself unable to handle the neglect from the crowd and thus seek vengeance, betraying Riley. Then, the witness is revealed and quickly makes it his duty to make me feel remorse for my actions by showing me the state I have put Riley in." She continued, “After being forced to see the consequences of my actions and attempting to make mends with Riley, I become certainly aware and deeply ashamed of my mistake. Coming to terms with my wrongdoing, I join the ensemble until I once again attempt to apologize to Riley again but am firmly denied.”

Olivia stated that her favorite part of the set is “getting to tell the audience a story just through the art of movement. In our set, there are no lines or spoken words to communicate the story to the audience verbally, so our challenge is to communicate through expression in movement which, although a challenge, is the most rewarding part.”

Next up, Jhanessa Equila and Sam Figueroa got the audience pumped up with their number, “No More Tears” by Barbra Streisand and Donna Summer. Jhanessa and Sam’s voices blended perfectly together to pull this one off. Right after followed Caleb Perez with “Saturday in the Park” accompanied by backup dancers to set the scene of “the fourth of July.” Next, with the stage all to herself, Senior Sophie Pollono gave the performance of a lifetime. Sophie sang the famous “It’s All Coming Back to Me Now” by Céline Dion, which ended with a standing ovation during Saturday night’s show.

Advanced mixed show choir Powerhouse was the final choir to perform, debuting their tribute set: To Dance on Sands. The set follows a true story of the ballerina and former Broadway performer Marta Becket, portrayed by Junior Vivian Johns. Marta goes to Death Valley and discovers an abandoned theater, where she meets Tom Wilget, portrayed by senior Kaylor Toronto. Together, they perform eccentric vaudeville numbers and bring a new life to the theatre, desert, and each other.

To close out the show, all choirs entered the stage and aisles to sing one last song. VMA President Kaylor Toronto led everyone into the closer, “You Make My Dreams Come True.” The choirs acknowledged one another and took their bows, thanking Tech Crew, Choir Combo, volunteers, directors, and audience members who made this whole show possible. Our VMA is ready to take this show on the road as their competition season starts. Don’t forget to catch their final performance of the year at Spring Concert!

JBHS Drama Production: *Rent*


Photographer: Liz Bax

By Zoe Belknap
Business Manager and
Molly Boyke
Editor-In-Chief

On the weekend of February 10th, 11th, and 12th, the John Burroughs High School Drama Department put on an incredible production of Jonathan Larson's *Rent*, starring Lucas Holt as Mark, Kaylor Toronto as Roger, Chloe Barthelemy as Maureen, Brooke Bailey as Joanne, Mauricio Lara as Collins, and Emma Kata as Angel.

One of the longest-running shows on Broadway, *Rent* became a sensation for bringing rock music to musical theater and for its representation of HIV-positive individuals.

Writer Jonathan Larson based the show on Giacomo Pussini's opera La Bohème, setting its struggling young artists "amid poverty, homelessness, spunky gay life, drag queens and punk." In it, a group of friends in Lower Manhattan's East Village struggle to create a life.

Rent's mature content, powerful vocals, and complicated score make it an ambitious production for a high school to put on. First-time Drama teacher Ms. Meberg was up for the challenge, supported by a production team led by Associate Director Serena Raymond, Assistant Director Scour Purdy, Production Manager Max Meserve, and Assistant Production Managers Micaela Bowers and Mae Roth.

Lucas Holt's portrayal of Mark, an independent Jewish-American filmmaker, stood out as one of his most genuine and skillful performances as a student actor. The role suited him well, and he portrayed it with an authentic vitality that brought the entire show to life.


Photographer: Liz Bax

Kaylor Toronto's take on Roger, HIV-positive musician and ex-drug addict struggling to write "one great song," was remarkable. Because Toronto is known for playing hopeful and romantic characters, his mastery of this role shows his range as an actor and performer.

The casting of Chloe Barthelemy as Maureen, a bisexual performance artist, and Brooke Bailey as Joanne, her lesbian girlfriend working as a lawyer, was also excellent. The actresses stole the stage with their powerful vocals and incredible chemistry. Barthelemy's performance of "Over The Moon" is a particularly vibrant moment for both her and the ensemble.

Emma Kata, who excelled in their role as drag queen Angel Schunard, spoke about the show's historical significance: "Being in *Rent* was such an eye opening experience into the AIDS crisis at the time as well as Jonathan Larson's life. It's heartbreaking to know that this musical was inspired by circumstances that affected millions and still affects millions to this day. Playing Angel was tough, but at the end of the day [the role] solidified my identity as a trans non-binary person, and I would not have traded that for the world."

Mauricio Lara took the initiative in playing the role of Collins, a gay and anarchist professor that dreams of opening a restaurant: "I really enjoyed the experience, it was very refreshing to have the ability to take control over the art that we made. It made building a connection with the character much easier, as I was able to take initiative in scene analysis, staging, and much more."

Kyle Daou played Benny Coffin, the landlord that threatens the main characters with eviction, and took pride in *Rent*'s representation and impact. He said, "I'm so happy that I was able to be [a part] of such a great show with such a strong message. This musical was very impactful for the LGBTQIA+ community when it came out, and I just think it's amazing that Burroughs was able to put on this production and represent such a vast range of minority groups on stage."

Unlike previous JBHS productions, *Rent* was unique for having a large ensemble appearing in the background of various scenes. Lila Strobl, a member of the ensemble's bohemian group, mentioned, "As part of the ensemble, I was given creative freedom of my character.


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Rent (*Continued*)



Photographer: Liz Bax

stage. After everything was approved, Sarah and the rest of Tech got to work building the set and putting the show together.

Sarah recounts, “Working on *Rent* was a really great experience! I'm so happy I got to work with some very talented people in both Tech, Drama, and the VMA. I'm also very appreciative of the chance I had to design a set for the first time.”

Tech Crew teacher Katrina Villareal commented, "It was my first musical at Burroughs and doing something for the first time isn’t easy, *Rent* is definitely a hard show to pull off; and pull off well. And, I think we were able to do that which is really cool. To make this show happen it took a lot of early mornings and late nights and I would do every minute of it again to see their smiling faces at the end."

The production was a resounding success, allowing our talented student actors and singers to share their passion and skill with the community. We at the Paw Print look forward to JBHS Drama’s productions of *12 Angry Jurors* and *She Kills Monsters* later this year, as well as the JBHS VMA’s Spring Concert in May! Viva la vie bear-heme!



Photographer: Liz Bax

I created a backstory for her that helped drive the choices I made to portray my character.”

Bea Park, who played the character Alexi Darling and acted as part of the ensemble added, “*Rent* reminded me why the performing arts are so important. We put so much hard work in to inspire and uplift others, and it’s so fulfilling.”

A production wouldn’t be complete without its talented musicians. The complicated instrumentation of *Rent*’s rock score required a pit made almost entirely of adult musicians, but one student, Emily Garcia, played at a professional level.

Emily, a Sophomore bassist in the JBHS Jazz Band, said that being surrounded by professional musicians “was a little intimidating, but motivated me to be better. [Learning] the music was probably the hardest part, but with the help of Dan, [the VMA’s piano accompanist,] and Chris, the drummer for *Rent* who also happened to be a bass player, I was able to get through most of the music with little to no problems.”

None of the work these performers did would have been possible without the help of our wonderful Tech Crew here at JBHS. When technical difficulties halted opening night, Tech Crew jumped into action to ensure the show could go smoothly.

One member of Tech Crew worth highlighting is Sarah Bishoff, the designer of *Rent*’s set.

To prepare for this ambitious task, Sarah watched and rewatched all of the different versions of the production from over the years. She then made sketches that were converted into 3D models of our



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Medical Academy Field Trip: Hospital

By Molly Boyke
Editor-In-Chief

On Thursday, January 26th, students in the NAF Medical Academy had the opportunity to visit Providence St. Joseph Medical Center on a school field trip.

On the trip, students were able to meet and speak with multiple healthcare providers, including labor and delivery nurses, physical therapists, a laboratory scientist, an imaging technician, and a business administrator. Learning about the education paths, everyday roles, and the challenges of their jobs significantly expanded students' knowledge of the medical field.

After a brief lunch at the hospital, students were given the option of touring the NICU, the ICU, the emergency room's surgical rooms, the biotechnology rooms, the lab, and the rehab center. The procedures in each location were thoroughly explained and shown to students, including in the surgery prep room.

Students choosing to tour the surgery prep room were first provided with the proper dress, and then were able to see multiple patients getting ready for surgery. Being exposed to the working environment of the hospital in reality was an unforgettable experience for many students.

For Gabin Kim, a Senior in the Medical Academy, the trip was extremely impactful: "This experience really opened my eyes to the diverse array of careers available in healthcare, and hearing everyone's personal stories was very insightful."

In terms of what he learned on the trip, Senior Dominic DeSimone simply said, "Take a Biology major and a French literature minor in college. Don't ask questions, it's worth it for medical school."

The trip would not have been possible without the staff involved in the NAF Academies and the wonderful healthcare professionals working every day to keep everyone healthy and safe. It inspired many of our brilliant Burroughs Bears to follow in their footsteps and pursue careers in medicine that will benefit themselves and their communities.

Medical Academy Field Trip: UCLA

By Michelle Chavez
Cub Reporter

On Thursday, February 10th, the Junior class members of the Medical Academy went on a field trip to UCLA! The field trip was chaperoned by Mrs. Knoop and counselor Olivia Martinez, along with Alyson Edge, the Academy Coordinator.

Mrs. Knoop said, "This was a great experience for our junior Medical Academy Students. They get the feel of a University and speak to JBHS Alumni who are attending UCLA."

All the students went on a school bus, and because of heavy LA morning traffic, it took them an hour to get there, but it was worth it. The campus is like a city of its own, where there is a ¨mall¨ with stores and restaurants like Panda Express, Carl's Jr, and a Jamba Juice run by a robot.

There are also many buildings, apartments, park areas to study, many cafes, and road. They even have their own fire department! Anyone could fall in love with the UCLA campus and the friendly environment.

The field trip began with letting the students explore for themselves for about an hour, and then they met up to go on a tour.

The tour guides showed the students around the whole campus, providing them with knowledge and stories about each part.

For example, one of the buildings was the one where Elle Woods from *Legally Blonde* filmed her studying scene, the Harvard pillar is still there.

The tour ended back in the meeting spot where the students could now have time to explore and have lunch. Once the lunch ended, the students met back at the front of the main study/library building.

There were different stations with hands-on activities. The students separated into groups of five and took turns on each of these stations.

In one of them, a phlebotomy technician, someone who draws blood, explained to the students how to become a phlebotomist, and surprisingly, getting your license only takes about six months. There was a station where EMTs showed the students their ambulances and how everything inside works. In this station, the students were even let inside the ambulance.

The students then got to talk to many different types of doctors and UCLA alumni who explained their experience and provided them with recommendations and advice. There was also a station with last year's JBHS alumni.

For all of the aspiring UCLA students on this tour, hearing their stories and advice was really inspiring.

It is possible to get into UCLA immediately after high school, but it is not the only way. One of the tour guides explained that he went to Pasadena City College right after high school, got good grades, built a portfolio, and then transferred into UCLA.

This is possible for most 4-year universities, and some might even recommend doing this instead. The first two years of college or university, regardless of price, status or major, are general education courses that are worth the same credit.

The tour ended after the students went through all of the stations and said thank you to all of the helpful alumni, current students and doctors!

The tour was very informative and, for some students, even life-changing. It showed the students that there is no one path to success. Don't give up! There is always a way to accomplish your dreams.

Engineering Academy Field Trip: iFly

By Maria Stefani
Cub Reporter

That's right, folks, on February 16th, the NAF Engineering Academy was given an exclusive opportunity to explore the science behind flight technology at iFly and a behind the scenes tour of the mechanics involved in creating rides at Universal Studios Hollywood.

NAF Engineering is a special program at JBHS designed to further students' skills and interest in engineering practices. This program is open to students in 9th-12th grade with a passion for engineering.

The student's were chaperoned by Mr. Vezna, who stated, "I'm glad that I went, some field trips I dread as the year goes on but this class is great and I loved every minute. I really enjoyed watching all the students go and doing it myself was really fun."

Sam Owen, JBHS Senior and three-year member of the NAF Engineering Academy, experienced this unique opportunity firsthand.

He commented, "It was really cool seeing the robot arm for the Harry Potter ride and the different mechanisms it uses. And iFly was really fun, but it hurt my legs."

The Engineering Academy also took a behind-the-scenes look at the creation and running of the Waterworld attraction at Universal Studios. An iconic part of the park, Waterworld is a live show highlighting Universal's special effects department. Some highlights of the show are its use of pyrotechnics, water hydraulics, and even the launching of a prop plane.

This is just one example of the many activities that the NAF Engineering Academy takes part in. The program is available to anyone on campus interested in engineering, so consider it when choosing your classes next year!

Go join Engineering, Bears!

Mae Roth Receives BigFuture Scholarship

By Stephanie Hernandez
News Editor

Congratulations to Mae Roth, a current JBHS senior, for winning a BigFuture scholarship!

BigFuture is a free online resource that aids all students in making successful post-high school plans. Students immediately enter drawings for scholarships up to $40,000 when they accomplish particular tasks on their individual BigFuture dashboard.

Roth describes how she applied: "You just make an account with your email and complete little tasks like searching for colleges or different majors. Once you do these tasks you get added to a list, and you're automatically enrolled in scholarships. It's a really easy process, it took me less than ten minutes." It's important to note that the more tasks completed, the more chances of winning a scholarship. Tasks include taking a career test, completing the FAFSA, and building a college list.



Roth adds, "I definitely recommend starting early as well, in order to brainstorm career and major lists. To be honest, this website really helped me plan, in addition to its potential scholarships."

Along with BigFuture, Roth searched through Niche, a website that helps students connect to several scholarships automatically, as a way to lower potential college debt. "Both websites are really easy, and I highly recommend trying both. I didn't receive any scholarships through Niche, but the actual 'applying for scholarship process' was really simple, there were scholarships for over fifty thousand dollars on there," she adds.

Outside of her scholarship research, Mae is an avid member of the John Burroughs Choir, being a member all four years, and is currently in Powerhouse. In addition to Choir, she is also in Play Production. "I love Choir and Play Production. I'm able to work on school productions like *Hamlet* and *Rent*, but also things like Pop Show. Join Choir," she laughs, "it's a really fun experience."

After high school, Roth plans to move to New York and pursue musical theater. "Besides majoring in musical theater, I really want to work on my confidence and just explore different opportunities in college like I have at Burroughs. I am planning on attending Marymount Manhattan College, which is a private college known for acting, dance, things like that," Mae explains.

If students are unsure about the scholarship process, Roth urges them to speak to a College Peer Mentor. "I know that they do a lot of workshops and answer one-on-one questions with students. I know a lot of people who learned about different scholarships and opportunities from them. You can also just look up different scholarships, which is what I did."

Congratulations to Mae Roth on winning $100 through BigFuture, and best of luck in your future endeavors through college and beyond! Make sure to speak to a College Peer Mentor if you want to learn more about opportunities regarding scholarships or the college application process. Go Bears!

CTE Day

By John Anderegg
Cub Reporter

CTE Day took place on February 15th during 4th period. It gave students of all grades a chance to view local colleges and career choices such as many different branches of the United States Military, the Los Angeles Fire Department, the California Highway Patrol, different summer classes ranging from special effects to beauty, internships, and much more.

"I really liked getting to see all the different booths and career paths in one area. It was super cool to see so many options," says Freshman Annie Boyke, who attended the second CTE Day assembly.

Some students found the event more helpful than others.

According to another student, Sophia Porter, "There were way too many people for me to see anything... The stuff I was able to get around to didn't really interest me. It didn't really seem like an event for Freshmen, more like something for Juniors and Seniors."

Another student, Chloe Doermann says, "It was a good opportunity to be able to walk around and see available colleges and jobs to think about for the future."

Overall, CTE day proved to be a success for the majority of students, showcasing careers and colleges. We appreciate all the businesses and colleges who came to inform our bears about the opportunities in our community.

(*See picture on the back cover*)

Skills USA

By Alina Ruiz
Cub Reporter

Skills USA is a nation wide competition for many different fields, Culinary Arts, Carpentry, and Photography to name a few. Skills USA Culinary Arts is a competition divided into Regional, State, and Nationals. Their regional prompt was to fabricate a chicken and create broth to develop a final dish. Regional prompt was graded on safety and sanitation, consistency of knife cuts, ability to follow directions, memorization and knowledge of the anatomy of a chicken, and finally the ability to fully de-bone a chicken both correctly and aesthetically.

A Senior at John Burroughs, Owen Gersh ranked Bronze in the regional competition. "I was pretty impressed with myself that I got third place. I wasn't very confident at the start. Now going into State competitions I'm willing to put in more effort to accurately represent our culinary art program here at Burroughs; Shout out Mrs. Macias!"

Another Senior here at Burroughs ranked fourth place in the Regionals competition, Adira Fogelman. Adira states, "I am super excited to go to the State competition! There aren't many opportunities like this to show off your culinary skills competitively. The funkiest thing I've done is learn how to fabricate a chicken; its been such a cool experience."

These two as well as Seniors Deanna Aceves and Keith Burpee are heading off to State competitions to show off their Culinary Arts Skills in April at the Ontario Convention Center. They will be staying in Ontario, California for four days to experience the competition. Award recognitions will be given the last day, and we will be able to see if a student at John Burroughs is chosen to attend the National Skills USA level competitions. Good luck to our featured Culinary students who are attending State competitions in April, and congratulations to our peers representing Burroughs in different fields recognized by Skills USA.

Go Bears!

Link Crew's Freshman Palentine's Day

By Veronica Silva
Cub Reporter

This past February 9th Link Crew held their annual Palentine's event outside on the baseball field during lunch! After Link Crew leaders held games and caught up with their groups during AE, they headed outside for a lovely feast filled with lots of food and treats.

Freshman were greeted with loud music and given a raffle ticket during AE that served as an entrance to the event and a chance to win prizes. Many leaders brought yummy snacks and food like Domino's pizza, chips, cookies, and everyone's favorite Valentines sugar cookies, along with other Valentine's-themed treats to share with their groups during lunch. Some leaders even surprised their Freshmen with cute little Valentines grams to celebrate the special day.

While the weather was hot outside, that did not stop Leaders and their groups from enjoying fun!

Link Crew Leader Savannah Garcia expressed, "My experience at Palentine's was amazing! Most of my Freshmen came for the treats I brought. They sat and mingled with other nearby groups."

For Leader Kiran Desai, Palentines was a huge success. Desai shared that he has been in the Link Crew program for both of his upperclassmen years, and was incredibly proud of this year's Palentine's. "Palentine's day was a huge success for the Link Crew Program. We saw an outstanding turnout for the event. Multiple Freshmen students showed up to celebrate the occasion with their respective Link Crew groups. I enjoyed catching up with all of the students in my group, alongside asking them questions about their experience thus far at John Burroughs."

As the Leaders continued catching up with their groups, many Freshmen had fun sharing with their fellow peers and Leaders about how excited they are about starting sophomore year in a couple of months and picking their classes with counselors in the upcoming week as registration gets closer.

"I'm feeling pretty excited and confident for my Sophomore year because this year was pretty fun and smooth," Freshman Andrea Perez shares.

Towards the end of the event, all raffle tickets were collected and free Kit Kats were given out to all Freshmen and Leaders to conclude an incredible afternoon. On Valentine's day, the raffle winners were announced on Good Morning John Burroughs. Congratulations to Clementine Toronto and Alex Nikogosyan for winning this year's Palentine's raffle!

Team 980 Partnering With BUSD

By James Reid
Copy Editor

The 2022-2023 school year has been an exciting time for Burbank's very own Team 980 ThunderBots, a competitive robotics team participating in this year's FIRST Robotics Competition.

Not only have they increased their overall community involvement, they've also become an official member of the community, having recently entered into a partnership with Burbank High School and BUSD NAF to become Burbank Unified School District's official robotics team.

The partnership between these institutions is not a surprising one, as Team 980 has already been located on Burbank High School property for some time, thanks to the generous efforts of former Team 980 Captain (and Burbank High School alumnus) Brian Di Mascio. However, that is not to say that this partnership isn't important, as it opens the doors to so many more opportunities for all Burbank students and current Team 980 members.

One of the major impacts that this partnership will have is the creation of an official feeder program for the team, designed to prepare eager students to enter the world of competitive robotics. "We've been working for a long time to establish a pipeline in Burbank Unified



School District so that students start off at FIRST Lego League teams in elementary schools," said Yogini Vazirani, a Burbank High School Senior currently serving as Team 980's Business Lead. "Eventually, once they're in eighth grade or so, they can come and join us on Team 980."

Although the plan is not finalized yet, there are currently discussions of instituting a FIRST Lego League Team at every elementary school in Burbank Unified School District, so that all Burbank students have access to the opportunities and resources to excel as an eventual member of Team 980, and even as STEM professionals.

However, this partnership will have much more immediate impacts, too. Arguably the most notable of these impacts are the new requirements to become a member.

Previously, Team 980 was comprised of members from various cities and high schools in the Greater Los Angeles area.

Now, though, students must be enrolled in a Burbank Unified School District school to be eligible to join, characterizing Team 980's efforts to solidify their place as a uniquely Burbank robotics team.

At the time of publication, the ThunderBots will have just completed their first competition of the season, the Los Angeles Regional, which is being held at Da Vinci Schools in El Segundo from March 16th through March 19th. Shortly afterwards, the team will head to Eastside High School in Lancaster, and compete in the Aerospace Valley Regional from March 29th through April 1st.

For students interested in joining the team, visit Team980.com for more information. The team meets five days a week, meaning that becoming a member can be a fairly large commitment, but an undoubtedly worthwhile one.

"You might have some expectations joining a team, but I can promise you will never be able to predict the experiences and memories you will find on a FIRST," said Rylan Boyle, a Burroughs Junior currently serving as Team 980's Fabrications Lead.

We wish our Burbank ThunderBots the best of luck going into their competition season, and are so excited to formally welcome them to Burbank's ever-evolving education community. Go ThunderBots, and go Bears!

Ms. Berner

By Annie Torres
Cub Reporter

Hello Bears, please welcome one of our newest teachers on campus, Ms. Berner! She has taken the place of Ms. Freeman, who previously taught Health before her retirement. Up until now, Ms. Berner occasionally filled in as her substitute teacher.

Before becoming a full-time teacher here at Burroughs, Ms. Berner worked as a basketball coach for over thirty years! She got her credential in Sports Psychology and went on to coach Girls' Varsity Basketball for colleges.

When asked why she loves coaching, Ms. Berner described, "I have gotten some wonderful students to college, and there's probably no bigger reward. It's all about the education of the student athletes, and I've helped them find colleges that would enable them to have good careers while also allowing them to play basketball, and that is probably one of my biggest things I love about coaching."



She has even received a Coach of the Year Award in The Alma League of 2010. "We went undefeated in a League game and beat Mark Keppel for the first time in eighty games; they haven't lost a game in ten years," she said.

After using the basketball court as her classroom for a while, Ms. Berner sustained a knee injury and decided to go back to college at fifty, which is where she got her credentials in Sports Psychology and teaching.

Of her experience becoming a teacher, she said, "First, I did Physical Education, but then I started doing a lot of subbing for Lisa Freeman's Health class. I love Health, so I went back and got my credential to teach it. I did almost all of my subbing at Burroughs because I love it here. The Health department has always been amazing and very welcoming as a family."

Ms. Berner also described what she loves the most about teaching. "The best thing about being a teacher is the connection with the kids; I love working with students and teaching them that if you work hard, you can achieve anything, on or off the court."

Ms. Berner and her husband, Richard, have been married for thirty-eight years and have two wonderful sons named James and Michael. Her youngest son, Michael, who is now thirty-five, attended Burroughs during his high school years.

When Ms. Berner is not working, she loves to play with her new grandchild, and is expecting a second one in July!

After having explained her experiences leading up to being a teacher at John Burroughs, Ms. Berner expressed her gratitude for the people who helped her achieve this new role in her life: "Robyn Russon has been invaluable to me, helping me through this, along with Lisa Robertson and Coach Valle; they have just been so welcoming."

Ms. Berner also explained that her goal as a teacher is to continue teaching Health. In the same vein, she humorously said that her goal for the future is "to stay alive; I'm sixty-one."

Some advice Ms. Berner wants to share with students is to "be respectful, be proactive, be kind, and be tolerant." You Bears can get a start on it by kindly paying Ms. Berner a visit and welcoming her to our den!

Mrs. Keshishian

By Genesis Martinez
Cub Reporter

Many Seniors and Freshmen have a new teacher here at John Burroughs High School! English teacher Mrs. Keshishian is returning after one year of leave, and we are so happy to have her back!

First, we'd like to wish Mrs. Keshishian a happy belated birthday, as her birthday recently passed on February 6th! Originally, Mrs. Keshishian wanted to be a social worker, but decided she would rather work with kids in a more positive setting.

Mrs. Keshishian graduated from UCLA, obtaining multiple degrees, such as English and Sociology, later earning her Masters' in Education. Being an English lover and having a passion for helping kids, she found that becoming an English teacher would be the perfect fit!

Mrs. Keshishian also mentioned that something she may be known for is being very colorful,



which is one of the traits that make her such a great teacher.

One of Mrs. Keshishian's most influential teachers who significantly impacted her life was her ninth-grade Biology teacher at Burbank High School. As she mentioned, Mrs. Keshishian loves working with kids, which makes sense why her favorite part of being a teacher is the students. However, she doesn't share the same love for grading.

Though she is an avid supporter of her students, Mrs. Keshishian is baffled by the trend of Yeezy slides because she is not a fan and always sees many people wearing them.

Outside of work, Mrs. Keshishian enjoys crafts, camping, and hiking in her free time. However, she does have a four-year-old, so she doesn't tend to have much time to spare.

Some significant people in her life that she would like to mention are her husband, Arbi, and her son Atom, who she lives with in the La Crescenta area.

When asked to provide some advice to her students, Mrs. Keshishan said, "Don't worry so much about stuff that's not going to be important in a few years."

One of Mrs. Keshishian's goals for the year is to make her class enjoyable and finish the school year successfully since she joined late. In the future, Mrs. Keshishian wants to focus on learning new techniques for student collaboration. Outside of school, her goal is to get better with technology.

It is so great that Mrs. Keshishian has finally joined us again here at JBHS; we weren't the same without her! Anyone who has been fortunate enough to have her as a teacher knows firsthand how passionate she is about what she teaches and how she never fails to put 110% into everything she does.

If you ever find yourself in Mrs. Keshishian's English class, take it as a privilege, because you'll have an amazing year. Welcome back, Mrs. Keshishian!

Mr. Brown

By Judi Browngardt
Cub Reporter

This semester, we welcome Mr. Brown to JBHS! He teaches media arts and is the new Video Production teacher. Mr. Brown has many fun new ideas for the class. Burroughs is excited to have another staff member to join the Bears.

Mr. Brown's journey to teaching video production took a long time. He originally went to college to become a history teacher. Once he graduated he found out that history teachers are the one thing California will never have a shortage of.

Mr. Brown then went to graduate school, and later into the private sector. He had a few jobs where the pay was rewarding, but the jobs themselves were not fun.

At the time, he was coaching sports at the middle and high school level. He had a lot of teachers tell him that he should teach because of how good he is with the kids. He decided to try it and now he is in his sixth year of teaching.

Mr. Brown ended up working here at Burroughs when the position opened up after Mr. Carman's



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retirement. He jumped at the opportunity. "I was honest when I told the students this is a dream come true for a film teacher. I am blocks away from the studios that might actually buy one of my scripts," he expressed.

Mr. Brown is a screenwriter who studied film in college. He hopes next year JBHS can add a course in screenwriting and a course in advanced production where they will create a short film.

He graduated from San Diego State with a Bachelor's in History. Mr. Brown then went to graduate school at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) where he studied film and the Civil War. During the COVID pandemic and lockdown, he earned a certificate in Virtual Teaching from UC Irvine, a certificate in Business Leadership from the University of Michigan, a TESOL certificate from Arizona State and a Master's in Education from the University of San Diego.

For Mr. Brown, the best thing about being a teacher is sharing his passion for film and hoping his students enjoy it. "I am lucky because most people like movies, so teaching film studies and how to create a film is an interesting subject," he explains.

In Mr. Brown's free time he spends time with his wife and son. He also writes, works on models, and considers himself to be "a pretty good chef." If he was forced to choose one favorite movie, it would be *Casablanca*. "It is written almost perfectly, and as a writer, I enjoy scripts that are well-written," says Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown's goal within his job is to get as many of his students to not only enjoy what he teaches, but inspire them to go forth and become successful. He clarifies, "Not just monetarily successful, but as well-rounded human beings. That is one of the reasons I also include life and history lessons into my curriculum." Outside the job, he wants to finish the current script he is working on.

His motto as a coach is to work hard. Improve daily. Never quit! "WIN," it applies to every aspect of life. He also believes one should "treat every little thing they do in life as a competition; so try your best, and if you fail, inspire to do better next time."

GO BEARS!

Ms. Seymour

By Jaylyn Barjolo
Cub Reporter

Bears, please welcome Ms. Seymour, Burroughs' new English and ELD teacher, officially replacing Mrs. Carman after her retirement last semester.

She picked English as the subject she's teaching because it's one of the things she has always been good at and enjoyed.

Her biggest inspirations in teaching are NCTE Conferences (The National Council of Teachers in English). "Hearing speakers and getting ideas was a great inspiration, so going to trainings and conferences I find inspiring," she said.

She decided to become a teacher after discovering that she was good at it from a very young age, since she grew up around so many educators.

But the main reason why she decided to become a staff member



here at JBHS was because it would be the school that her kids would soon attend.

Ms. Seymour previously worked at other schools, such as Culver City, Palm Desert, and abroad at a boarding school in Switzerland.

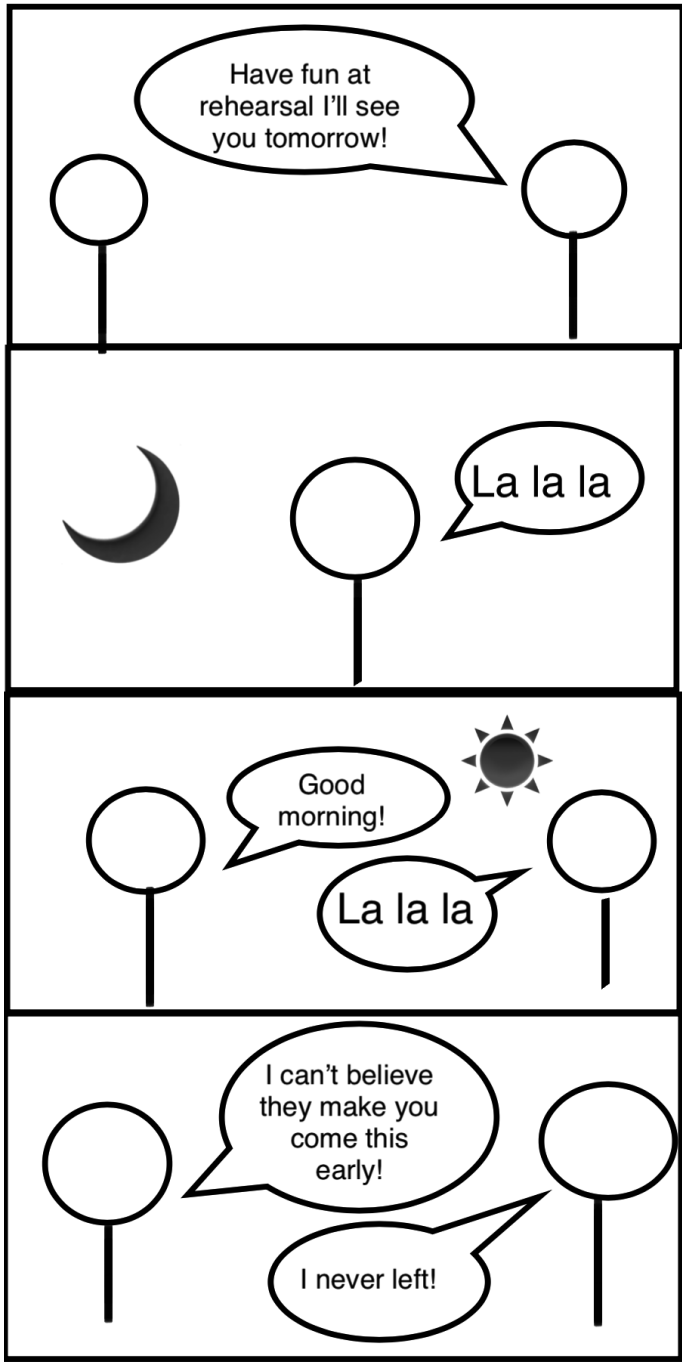
To Ms. Seymour, the best thing about being a teacher is working with students. "They are so fun, open-minded and creative," she said. The worst thing, according to Ms. Seymour, is that it has taken almost four years for her to get properly hired here at Burroughs, and the stress on her family during COVID didn't help. "It's just a popular place to be," she said. Some advice from Ms.. Seymour to students is to "talk to yourself nicely."

Before Seymour's time at JBHS, she lived in Northridge. She attended UCR (University of California Riverside) for her undergraduate degree in English and Pepperdine University for her Master's degree in American Studies. She also spent her Junior year studying abroad at the University of Sheffield.

Now that we've gone through Ms. Seymour's history, let's hear some cool facts about herself! If you ever catch Seymour in or outside of school, you'll notice that she is known for her vibrant pink hair.

Ms. Seymour is fifty-one years young, with her birthday being on December 23. In her free time, she likes to travel (going to places like Europe and Seattle), read, cook, garden, have people over, listen to music, and declutter.

Since her great arrival here at JBHS, Ms. Seymour has been an incredible asset to the school. We here at *The Paw Print* wish her the best of luck here in her new Den!



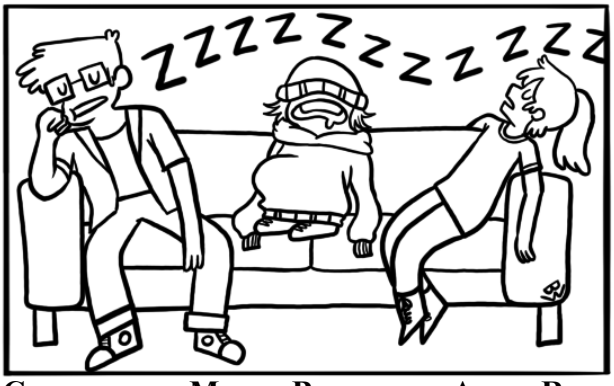
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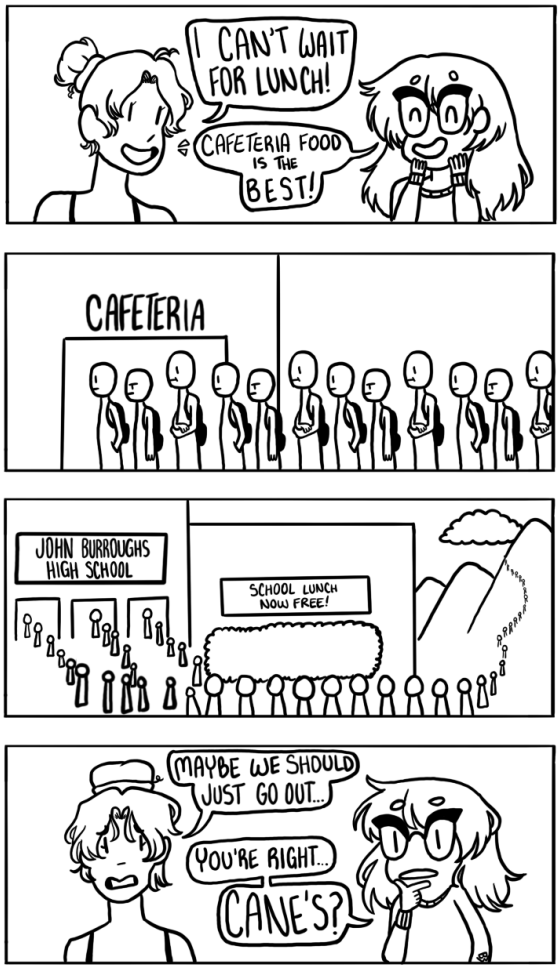
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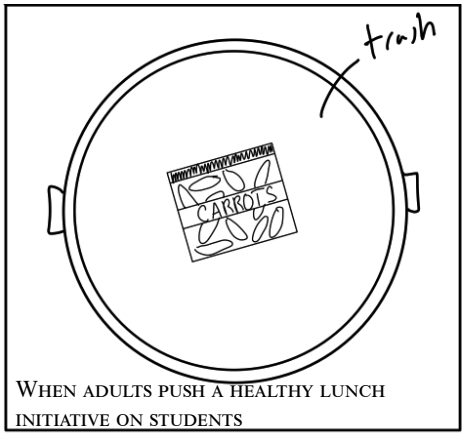
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Swim

By Allie Hunt
Cub Reporter

The spring sports are coming in fast here at JBHS and our fantastic Swim Team is busy revving up for their upcoming meets. Coaches Jacob Cook and Martin Ortega-Jennison are excited and have high hopes for the new 2023 season.

Coach Cook graduated from CSUN and has been coaching since he was around sixteen, "Aquatics has always been a part of my life," he states.

Cook says that his goals for the swim team are "to help our swimmers improve their times and to become better swimmers and stronger humans in every way by the end of the season."

The Aquatics program feels very strong about meeting their goals, thanks to their CIF win last season and the Girls' Water Polo team winning the League Championship for both Varsity and Junior Varsity.

To prepare for the upcoming season, the team has been training and conditioning in and out of the pool since December. Coach Cook stated, "We have a mostly young team this year, so I am going to be looking to develop them into swimmers that will do well this year and into the coming years," when asked about his expectations for the season.

Ryan Lee, the Boys' Swim Team Captain, hopes to "encourage and motivate my teammates and make the season fun and positive." Lee has been swimming for eight years and currently swims the freestyle and butterfly races. Last year Ryan Lee broke the school record for the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:46:08!

All members of both swim teams are very pumped for their relay races, Captain Lee wants to "get top three at the Pacific League Relay meet and first place in League in general, that would be wonderful."

Our Girls' Swim Team Captain, Abby Chetalyan's goals for the season are to make the CIF cuts which will be harder this year since they moved up two divisions after winning CIF last year. Chetalyan has been swimming competitively for six years and currently swims the 500 freestyle and 100 butterfly races.

One of the star swimmers and Seniors on the Swim Team this year is Nancy Baylor. Baylor did not competitively swim until high school, but she has been playing Water Polo for ten years. The 200 and 100 freestyle are Baylor's races. Similar to her teammates, Baylor's goal is to win League and since they are coming off of their CIF win she wants to continue to succeed.

After all their hard work the Swim teams had their very first meet of the season on Friday, March 3rd. The results for the meet have the Junior Varsity Girls coming in at 4th place and Varsity girls at 3rd with a combined place of 3rd. For the Boys teams, both JV and Varsity were 4th. Additionally, the Varsity girls had two first place relays for the 6x50 and 400 free relays.

The JBHS vs. Arcadia results from the meet on Tuesday, March 7th, are a 45-106 loss for the Boys and a 54-113 loss for the Girls.

No matter the loss, captain Ryan Lee got first place in the 500 freestyle which was only one second off of breaking the school record. We can't wait to see Lee come up against other school records in the upcoming meets!

Additionally, Abby Chatalyan placed first for both the 100 butterfly and 500 freestyle and Camilla Guillermo also placed first for the 50 freestyle.

At their most recent meet on Thursday, March 9th the JBHS Girls and Boys Swim Teams both pulled out fantastic wins against Pasadena. The Boys won 97-63 while the Girls won with 101-48. Congratulations Bears!

Come out to support the Swim team at their next meet on April 11th.

Good luck swimmers! Go Bears!

Girls Soccer In CIF

By Vivian Morse
Online Editor

As the second-semester sports commenced and months of intense training were put to use, the Girls Soccer Team had an exciting season.

The team played a total of twenty-one games: nine at home, ten away, and two neutral. The team scored 7-1-1 for their home games, 5-5 for their away games, and 1-1 neutrally.

The Captains of Varsity this year were Kelani Roy (12), Julia Narmore (12), and Nicole Jimenez (12). These players lead their team to victory in a fantastic match at Thatcher on February 6th. The Burroughs Bears defeated the Thatcher Toads, from Ojai, California, at a home game with a score of 4-1.

"I didn't know what to expect coming into the game," explained Rylee Stefanelli Wilson (12) on her emotions on the game. "Once the game was over, and we won, everyone's spirits were up."

The game at Thatcher filled the team with excitement as they were ready to play in the playoffs. The players felt that this was their most outstanding achievement of the season, as all of their hard work and hours devoted paid off.

On February 8th, following shortly after the win versus Thatcher, the team played an away game against the St. Genevieve Valiants. The Bears, however, were defeated in the match with a score of 2-1.

Even though their season ended with a defeat, the talent and ability of our team do not go unnoticed. As Burroughs concluded the season third in the Pacific League with a 9-4-1 record (13-7-1 overall), there is much to celebrate.

As the season came to an end, we cheered our Burroughs Bears on for their incredible teamwork, hard work, and dedication to their craft.

We cannot wait to see what they have in store for us next year!

Go Bears!



Boys Golf

By Sam Gonzales
Cub Reporter

This season's Boys Golf Team has been off to a great start. But, with weather issues all month, the Boys have only been able to compete in three matches, one of which was preseason.

They started off the preseason on March 6th against Providence High School at both teams home course, DeBell, and won.

They continued the next day with their first League match at Whittier Golf Course, March 7th, where they came in 2nd out of four teams.

Then just two days later, on March 9th, they had another League match, this time at Arcadia's home course, Santa Anita, where they placed 3rd out of four teams.

The Captain of our Boys' Golf team, Emilio Huerta, became captain by being inclusive, sharing his methods, and by valuing initiative and independence.

One of his goals is to break the league record of (-7). He explains he got ready for the season by practicing twenty hours a week and competing in many private tournaments. He's been wowing people across the nation with his gift for years. Of his success, he said, "I've always been more of an athlete-student rather than a student-athlete."

According to two athletes, the team is improving a lot. Junior Adriel Abaoag, stated "I'm looking forward to the rest of the season, I'm definitely seeing a lot of improvement coming from a lot of my teammates."

Junior Kai Benoit commented, "We are heading in the right direction to succeed."

Another athlete on the team, Junior Bailey Cervantes, stated, "Our new coaching staff is great and our matches are going pretty well, considering the weather conditions we have had."

Speaking of coaches, the Boys Golf team has relatively new coaches, John Ray Leary and Zach Allen. Both coaches attended USC, and are in search of knowledge about the game and wish to see it from newer perspectives.

For his coaching philosophy, Coach Zach Allen states, "You don't need to be the best, you just need to prove you're better."

Scores for their most recent match Thursday, March 30th, was not known at time of publication (assuming it wasn't canceled for weather).

As the weather clears up, we at the Paw Print look forward to what will certainly be an un-fore-gettable season for Boys' Golf!

Go Bears!





Softball

By Grace Barton
Cub Reporter

It's Softball season! The Softball team has ended a successful preseason with wins against Camarillo, Mark Keppel, Sierra Canyon, and more.

With coaches Doug Nicol, Sheila Osay, Bill Dunaway, and Laban Freeman, they kicked off their season with their first game against Hoover on Tuesday, March 7th at Olive Park at 3:30.

The Burroughs Varsity softball team defeated Hoover with a 15-0 win to start the 2023 season. Junior pitcher Emerson Coblentz had a perfect game with nine strikeouts in nine batters. Junior Gizelle Rangsiyawong hit a home run and Senior Rachel Little hit two back-to-back home runs to finish the game!

This puts them at second place in League standings as of now with one win and zero losses. Their next game was against Pasadena on March 8th at 3:30.

They won that League game as well, with a score of 17-2.

The next day, on March 9th, they continued their League season's winning streak, sweeping Glendale 18-0.

While this currently puts them in first place in League, their toughest opponents in previous seasons were Burbank, Cresenta Valley, and Arcadia High School, teams they still haven't met this season. Senior Varsity Captain Rachel Little said, "We compete really hard with them every year and they really challenge us as a team."

They beat CV once last season and fought hard during the tough losses against them as well. Rachel Little says, "Arcadia is a team that we get along with really well, we really enjoy playing them. They are very talented and always make us work hard during our games against them."

As for Burbank, Rachel Little adds, "They are our rivals for a reason. Sometimes the games get really intense but that's just what happens in those games."

Rachel Little plays catcher and is a three year Varsity player going into her Senior season as a Captain for the team. Her goals for the team this season include building a stronger bond as a team and beating the big teams like CV, Arcadia, and Burbank.

The team has been preparing for the season with a tight practice schedule, lots of games, and time in the weight room to keep them strong and ready. The non-League games were great opportunities to find out what works and what doesn't for the team together.

Senior Captain Laurel Piper plays left field and has high hopes for her last season here at Burroughs. Laurel says "I think we are going to be very successful this season, we have really strong hitters and our lineup is going to help us win a lot of our games. We are very close as a team and that chemistry will help us as well."

After playing three League games, the Bears spent the next two weeks playing non-League teams, losing to Camarillo 8-0 on March 13th, but then winning against Putnam (10-2) and Long Beach Poly (6-5).

Overall, the team is currently 11-2 as of March 30th.

As for stats in the preseason, Junior Pheobe Spangler is leading the team with a batting average of .526, Sophomore Chloe Centeno with 10 hits, and Junior Alyssa Rosales with a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Rachel Little thinks the whole team can agree that the coaches "support us through everything on and off the field and push us to be better everyday. We really appreciate everything they do for us."

Come out to support the Bears at their next League game, April 11th, against Arcadia here at home.

We can't wait to see all the hard work the softball program has put in and wish them all the best of luck this season!

Go bears!

Boys Tennis

By Montana Benz
Cub Reporter

To start off our spring season, we have Boys Tennis coming in strong! Our Boys' Tennis team is led by Coaches Roy Bernhardt and Gajan Fernando, followed by our leading Captains Vivek Bhakta and Karan Bates, who are both Seniors here at John Burroughs High School.

Vivek Bhakta spoke on the team's goals for the year: "A majority of the Varsity team this year are Seniors and we just hope to make our big last impression in the League before we're out of here." This goal has continued to hold true with the big wins from their past few games!

Currently, the team has won three of the four matches played. Hoover, Glendale, and Pasadena have been big wins, with a loss to Arcadia. Although the Arcadia loss of 5-1 was disappointing, Glendale turned it around with a 15-3 win and Pasadena with a 17-1 victory!

With these victories under their belts, they have the challenge of playing games against Burbank, Crescenta Valley, and Arcadia, which are all away games adding to the pressure.

But the hard work and training they have put in will be the foundation of their success. Captain Vivek says, "I've been conditioning with my team and developing new strategies with my doubles partner Kaian Bates, as well as training with my private coach and playing tennis at night."

The outlook for the season is looking promising for the athletes that make up the team.

Our singles line up is almost unbreakable with Bernard Woods (10th grade), Micheal Fraser (12th grade), and Paul Vu (9th grade), followed by two very promising Freshmen Jaden Chapman and Lulian Lundberg, who have been an excellent new addition to the team!

When asked about how our Captains feel about the season, they stated that they are "very optimistic about the rest of our season. We all have been working hard during practice and throughout our matches."

The season is looking bright for our JBHS Boys' Tennis team! Us Bears cannot wait to see how the duration of the season unfolds!

Go Bears!

Baseball

By Katie Baum
Sports Editor

After a slow start to the season that started with three consecutive losses, the Boys Varsity Baseball team stepped up their game just in time for League play by winning five of their last seven, bringing their season record to 5-5, but more importantly, are undefeated in League play at 4-0.

Their last four wins where they faced Hoover (twice), Muir, and Eastside, all ended in a 10-0 victory for the Bears. The pitching has been excellent over the stretch, with both Sebasitan Zamora and Zack Freck both tossing no-hitters. Zamora struck out 8 in his no-hitter while Freck fanned 13 against Muir. The aces have led the way in the team's four victories.

On offense, Nate Chapman, Dylan Conhanan, Zamora, Steen Suarez and Lucas Beltran have all contributed RBI in an 11-hit attack over Hoover. The offense showed it's depth in the win over Muir with Kyle Smith and Tommy Vournas knocking in runs along with Chapman and Conhanan in a big 6-run sixth inning.

The Bears have also been showing off their speed, swiping 9 bases in the win over Muir, with Chapman leading the way with three of his own.

Even though the Bears took a tough luck loss their last time out against Walnut, losing 1-0, the team has looked very strong in League play and hopes to continue that success towards another CIF championship. Go Bears!

Girls Basketball In CIF Playoffs

By Malia Harney
Cub Reporter

Following a strong season, the Burroughs Girls' Basketball team faced a tough opponent in the first round of the CIF Division IIAA Playoffs, and walked out with a loss. Although many players were heartbroken to see their playoff run fall short, they could agree that they gave it their all and were proud of both the amazing season they had, and the amount of growth they saw throughout the year they shared.

Division IIAA is one of the top divisions, but the Bears, who ended 18-11 overall and 12-2 in season, battled hard when they were given the opportunity.

They faced Paramount High School, who finished their season with an overall record of 16-8. Bears Head Coach, Vicky Oganyan, stated, "the last playoff game was tough. We were in a tough division to begin with, but I thought at times we competed really well and just having that learning experience will help us moving forward to next year." She adds that she has a big summer planned for the team, and she's hoping to continue to get the team better.

Unfortunately, leaving the team are four Seniors who were all four-year members of the Burroughs Girls' Basketball program. Kylie Indefenzo, Rachel Little, Ivana Razov, and Izzy Roderick helped lead the team throughout the year and displayed their love for the game as the season progressed.

Although the team will miss them next year, they all have bright futures ahead. Kylie is looking to attend CSUN for medical school to become a physician's assistant. Rachel is committed to Utica University in New York to continue her softball career and major in Sports Management. Ivana will also be attending CSUN to major in Kinesiology and even though Izzy remains undecided, she plans on staying in-state for college.

Despite being disappointed their Senior season has come to an end, they all agreed that they accomplished a lot as a team and were proud of how they played until the end.

One of the biggest highlights of the season was defeating the defending Pacific League Champions, Crescenta Valley. Ivana Razov shares, "one of my favorite games of the season was the first game against CV. I really enjoyed playing and coming back from being down and winning. That game was one of my best games I feel I played, and overall it was just really fun. It was also a big accomplishment to beat them."

Kylie Indefenzo agreed that the CV game was unquestionably one of the greatest highlights of the season. Sadly, the Bears had trouble following through in the second matchup against CV, but Coach V was still proud to see her team finish 12-2 in League.

Another big highlight of the season was beating our cross town rivals, Burbank. The Bears were able to do this twice and Rachel Little led the way in the first game with a career high of 24 points.

With the Seniors leaving, the Girls' Basketball team will have to step it up, but Coach V is excited to prepare for next season, so make sure to stop by next year to support the team!

Go Bears!

Boys Volleyball

By Brooke Bailey
Feature Editor

We're back, Bears! Now with updates from the Boys Varsity Volleyball Team: their season has just started out and they already had their first win to account for themselves.

This hardworking team of boys couldn't be where they are without their three Captains, Seniors Chris Lim, Carlos Tupua, and Sophomore Benji Ly.

Their very first game was Tuesday, February 21st, against Nordhoff High School. Each set ended in quite the win. The first set ended 25 - 13, the second set with a two point lead of 25 - 23, and the final set also with a two point lead ending at 25 - 23.

Senior Captain Chris Lim wanted to give his insights on the game,"It felt great to come out on top for our first game of the season, especially after traveling an hour and a half for the game. I wish I could say I did something spectacular about leading the team and all that but in all honesty it was all a collective effort from all the guys to pull out that win. We all really led each other to this victory."

Chris is a four year Varsity player and is a very valuable asset to the team and on the court itself. There will most definitely be more to hear about and of course from him in this upcoming season.

Sophomore Captain Benji Ly also wanted to give his input on the game, he goes on to say, "I think we did some good things throughout the game. Felt like we executed the scouting report well and did a good job of spreading out the offense. So I think overall it was a good game. Personally, the win was pretty nice for me. Knowing it was the first game of the season I really wanted to win and we brought that mentality into the gym and took the dub. As a Captain, I gotta do a better job at making sure we reset point to point and don't let mistakes bleed into the next plays."

Senior Carlos Tupua also wanted to give his opinion of the game, "I thought the game went well. Started off a little rocky but we managed to work as a team and surpass adversity. I played very well, passing was on point and defense was solid."

What a great way to start off the season for our Bears. They couldn't be more excited for their games to begin and now with a big win under their belts, they can't wait for more. Not only did they have an incredible win against the Nordhoff Rangers, but they also took down the West Ranch Wildcats on Friday, March 3, 2023 at Home. Another great win to add to the boys stats! They could not have been more excited to keep racking in the wins that they 100% deserved.

They worked very hard for the outcome that they received and captain Benji Ly couldn't wait to share what he thought, "as a team we did really well. We were able to keep the pressure on them for basically the whole match. We played relaxed and executed a lot of things that we've been practicing throughout the week leading up to the game."

Our Bears beat the Wildcats in three straight sets. Their sets ended in a 17 point lead, 25 - 8. The second set was a 12 point lead ending in 25 - 13, and the last set ending with a 11 point lead at 25 - 14. Three exciting sets to watch and all were big wins for our Bears.

Captain Chris Lim also wanted to add some ideas, "I think we did really well! It was definitely a step up from our past few games and we've been starting to figure things out. I think as a group, we're starting to develop our chemistry and unique style of play that differs from past years. My favorite moment of the game has to be being subbed out in the third set for our other setter, a sophomore, Caiden, to get the chance to play and show everyone his skills as a setter. As a senior, it's always fun to watch the younger guys step up and show out on the court." Chris is very determined on and off the court as well as our third captain, Senior Dillon Barnes. He goes on to say, "We had a great week of practice that got us ready for West Ranch. We played great as a team, all of us were super excited to finally play at home. Me being one of the captains I believe that we need to stay focused on getting 2% better each day and playing unselfish volleyball." This is Dillon's first year on varsity and he is more than intent on making a name for himself considering it is his last year as well.

What a great way to start off the Boys Varsity Volleyball season. They have had two games and now two wins under their belt. And there is only more to come from that, the drive and determination this group has is unbreakable. Make sure to come check out the next games this season!

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Girls Water Polo In CIF Playoffs

By Meleyna Merino
Cub Reporter

This year, at John Burroughs, our Girls Varsity Water Polo team has had an extremely impressive season. They are setting new records and breaking the old ones. We here at The Paw Print want to congratulate the girls on all of their successes.

At the start of the season, the girls had very high hopes on how their season would play out. Olivia Dominguez (sophomore) states, "into the league season all the girls and I had very high expectations."

They had a very positive outlook after they started their season off with a bang after their first official league game where they won 17-6 vs. Hoover and continued their winning streak all season.

Going into League Championships, they were undefeated. At League Prelims, they went up against Glendale where they won 15-5, leading the girls to league finals.

They were all very nervous for the game because Arcadia is a tough team to beat. They have, however, beaten them twice already. The girls put up a strong fight but ended up losing to Arcadia.

They ended off the season on a high note, though, because they ended up being League Co-champions with Arcadia.

The Girls Varsity Water Polo team made us here at Burroughs very proud and they have worked very hard for all of their successes.

Congratulations to the girls, and we can't wait for the next season!

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Track And Field

By Andrea Perez
Cub Reporter

Track and Field is one of the many beloved sports that John Burroughs High School has to offer and has continued to show its true talents and spirit through the many years.

Since the beginning of the semester, all Track and Field students have been practicing and working hard every day and it has surely paid off. One athlete said, "we have a strong team this year and we have shown positive results in the last meets."

They have continued to prove that nothing can stop them from achieving the results they want, not even the recent cold weather and rain.

The first official track meet of the season was on February 18th, and we were lucky enough to host a Backwards Track Meet on our very own Memorial Field. Burroughs, Burbank, Providence, and many other schools raced against each other.

Our top stand-out member was Senior long jumper, Dilan Webster, who jumped 23 feet, 1 inch, which turned out to be his personal best. "This season has been going great so far. Our 4x100 team has a lot of potential," said Webster.

The Burroughs´s Men Frosh/Soph team won first place in team rankings against the other schools with a one-point difference (202-201) against Burbank High.

Girls Varsity took first place in the team ranking with a whopping 143 points and a 45-point difference against second place Burbank High.

In the Girls' 100 and 200 Meter Dash, fellow Burroughs students Quiana Laughlin and Jailyn Turner secured first and second place with a time of 13.41. Fellow Sophomore Isabella Galustians, earned her first-place spot in the Girl's 1600-meter run with a total time of 5.31. Senior Lindsey Mazarei got first place in Girls' 100 and 300-meter hurdles. In the Girls, 4x100 Meter Relay runners Kayla Arculeta, Quiana Laughlin, Jailyn Turner, and Lindsey Mazarei won first place.

In the Girls' High Jump Varsity Laughlin got first place and Turner got first place in the Girls' Long Jump Varsity.

Senior Otelia Lighthill also got first place in the Girls' Discus Throw.

To start us off with Girls' Frosh/Soph results, Zoe Ben-Yair also claimed her spot in first place in the 100-meter dash. In the Girls' 800-meter run, Anya Kallianpur and Amy Harkins made Burroughs proud by securing first and second place. In the 4x100 meter relay runners Audrey Contreras, Li´yah Holloway, Isabel Asturias, and Stella Solis won first place. Holloway also won first place in the Girls' Long Jump. Way to go girls!

Dilan Webster and Darius Howland got first and second place in the Boys' Varsity 100-meter dash and Jaelin Smith got first place in the 200-meter dash.

Next, in the 110 meter hurdles Nicholas Gonzalez and Frank Beckett claimed first and second place. Beckett also placed first in the 300-meter-hurdles.

In Boys' High Jump Burroughs students Jacob Johnson, Jarrod Dilig, and Mickey Dighero all showed who was best after winning the top three spots.

In the Boys' Frosh/Soph 100 meter dash Bruno Trujillo got first place with a time of 12.96.

In the 200 meter dash Andrew Cox, Alexander Jeronimo, Joseph Camacho, and Ethan Riveras all managed to claim the top four spots.

Burroughs also took the next top four spots in the 400 meter dash and claimed the top three spots in the 1600-meter-run.

And just when you thought our Bears couldn't get any better, they also managed to claim the first seven spots in the 3200 meter run and t first place in the 4x400 meter relay!

To top it all off, Alexander Jeronimo and Blayne Smith claimed first and second place in Boys' high jump.

On February 23, our fellow bears competed in their first tri-meet since the pandemic and they absolutely crushed it! They claimed first place in sixteen different events!

Their next meet was against Crescenta Valley High on Wednesday, March 1st and they absolutely dominated it. We are very proud that both of our Varsity teams earned first place in team rankings with total scores of 74-46 (Girls Varsity) and 82-53 (Boys Varsity)!

The most outstanding performance of this meet was Otelia Lighthill's discus throw of 110'7", which tied the school record! Congragulations!

Their next track meet was on March 9th, once again a tri meet, this time with Glendale and Muir High School. Both teams took first place, and athletes took first place in a majority of the events as well.

The last few weeks only had invitationals, of which only some athletes participated.

Highlights from the Maurice Greene Invitational, which took place on March 18th, were Quiana Laughlin, 3rd in High Jump (5'), Li'yah Holloway, 2nd in Triple Jump (31'8.5"), and Dilan Webster, 1st in Long Jump (22'10").

The next week, at the Simi Valley Invitational, on the 24th and 25th of March, Lana Arana got 2nd in Shot Put (27'2), and Frank Beckett got 3rd in the 300 Hurdles (43.99).

Who are some of our top athletes? Coach Palma says,"This year seniors Dilan Webster with sprints and jumps, Vivi Canon with the distance team, Lindsey Mazarei with hurdles, and Otelia Lighthill in the discus throw. Notable mentions are returning juniors Jailyn Turner and Jaelin Smith for sprints and jumps, and sophomores Quiana Laughlin, Alexander Jeronimo, and Isabella Galustians."

So who is to thank for these outstanding scores? Well Jailyn Turner says, "If I were to thank anyone it would have to be Coach Palma and my friend Quiana for being my motivation."

"Everyone there is so supportive and helpful so I am really thankful for that," said fellow member Tony Martinez. And we can't forget to mention the amazing Coach Peebles and Coach Decarro!

This season is truly in favor for our fellow Bears, and we wish them luck with their upcoming meets!

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Ursa Major Horoscopes

Aries (Mar.21- Apr.19) - Happy B-day y'all! Relationships will be harmonious, you will be spending a lot of time with your loved ones. For your romantic relationships to work, you have to be more attentive to your partner's emotions and be more dedicated.
Taurus (Apr.20- May 20) - Previous months' troubles will vanish, you will feel relief and happiness this month. You will shine in poise and commitment. Because you are letting go of so much this month, explore new ventures. You will excel in whatever you choose to do.
Gemini (May 21- Jun.20) - Positive influences will give you steady progress this month. Don't run from your problems. It's better to face your challenges head-on and sort them out. Consult the right people and don't let the wrong people influence your decisions.
Cancer (Jun.21- Jul.22) -This month you will feel free from worries and necessary actions in life. Your environment will be helpful in your efforts. There will be times of contentment and joy. Keep a calm mind in the workplace; do things peacefully.
Leo (Jul.23- Aug.22) - March will provide you with new openings for progress in your relationship and friendships. The vibe of this month is very cheerful, with accepting and loving energy. You will have good communication this month with you partners.
Virgo (Aug.23- Sept.22) - Face your conflicts boldly. There will be difficult circumstances you will have to face. Watch out for details that might slip your attention. Remain focused and you will find solutions to your problems. Make efforts to find answers for the sake of getting along.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct.22) - This is your time to focus and hit the books. Keep up the hard work, and you will see big life changes!
Scorpio (Oct.23- Nov.21) - Any relationship problems will be fully solved by the end of April. This month brings a sense of rejuvenation. Try some new relaxation methods this month. Expect to see your family a lot this month, it will help improve harmony.
Sagittarius (Nov.22- Dec.21) - Don't let things keep you from experiencing life and keeping you from making progress. Stick to your plans and targets. It will make your dreams come true. Be genuine with people.
Capricorn (Dec.22- Jan. 19) - Don't feel pressured to make decisions by anyone. Keep your focus on your progress, and not the things keeping you down. The right people will help you see the sunshine.
Aquarius (Jan.20- Feb.18) - Your creativity will blossom this month. You will see others being very friendly and kind to you. This will give you the motivation to get things done. It's up to you how you use things at your disposal.
Pisces (Feb.19- Mar.20) - Take last month's burst of snow as a sign that things are going to improve. Improvement in you capabilities and acknowledgment. You will have contact with the right people. This month with be full of encouragement. Make a wish, miracles are in the air.

-Anita Hernandez, Cub Astrologer

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