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PTSA Reflections Winners

Reflections Winner - Lucia Grajales

By James Reid
Sports Editor

This year, the PTSA held their annual Reflections contest. Reflections challenges students of all ages across the United States to creatively address a prompt through the mediums of visual arts, literature, and music. Lucia Grajales, a Freshman here at JBHS, placed first in literature this year for the Burbank competition with her poem "Giants."

This year's prompt was centered around growth and thriving as an individual. Ms. Grajales, who is heavily involved in the performing arts programs of BUSD, wrote her poem as a testament to the inspiring JBHS performers who had come before her, and who she aspires to be like in her coming years. "I just wanted to give off the same happiness that [JBHS performers] gave to me," she said.

The diction of the poem utilizes phrases and terminology from the world of performing. For instance, readers will note the use of phrases such as "C Minor harmony" and "curtain's call" which add a distinct touch of authenticity to the already marvelous imagery depicted in the writing.

While these phrases are familiar to most of us, these allusions will provide an especially deeper connection to the poem for other performing arts students. While many people have been on stage at some point in their life, the pure adoration for performing demonstrated here through the written word makes this poem truly special.

Although she is now a member of the JBHS Performing Arts Department, Ms. Grajales originally started out in the Dolores Huerta Middle School choir. There, she first felt the joy of performing, and first saw Burroughs' own Powerhouse perform. "In middle school, I always looked up to the performing arts programs at Burroughs, and I saw some of the programs when I was in middle school, and I remember watching them, and they changed me," she said. "...I wrote this poem and now I'm in some of those programs, like choir, and I didn't think it could change me that much, but it did, and then I realized that I wanted to do that too."

Outside of performing and writing, Ms. Grajales is involved in many campus organizations. "I'm on the Burbank Student Mental Health Board, which is similar to a club, but there's extra steps to get in, because there are other schools that are involved…," she said. "I'm also in Student Congress [as] one of the Freshman representatives for Burroughs, and I'm in Eco Club." Although these are all big commitments, she always goes the extra mile to advocate for her fellow students.

With such a busy schedule, it's always important to make time to relax and decompress. In her free time, Ms. Grajales enjoys participating in primarily creative and artistic hobbies, especially reading and baking. "Lately I've been getting into a lot of older books and older pieces of literature, because I think it's interesting to know where the foundation of modern day writing came from, and I also really like to bake. I bake all the time," she said.



These are excellent ways to both relax and express yourself, which fit perfectly with Ms. Grajales' outgoing personality.

We are all so proud of Lucia Grajales. Her poem, "Giants," was a phenomenal, ardent ballad that earned first place in the Reflections contest this year. We are so happy for Ms. Grajales, and so glad that she is a strong member of the Burroughs family. She is extremely talented, passionate, and motivated, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for her, especially in the arts.

Congratulations Ms. Grajales! Go Bears!

Reflections Winner - Nana Bhambi

By Maya Merino
Copy Editor

Nana Bhambi, a Sophomore at JBHS, won second place in the PTSA Reflections contest. She participates in many clubs, a couple being the JBHS Eco Club which she is the co-founder and president, co-chair of JBHS EDI Committee, Student Mental Health Board and JBHS Key Club Executive Assistant.

She made a winning art piece on the theme: How I will change the world. She is very proud of her hard work and very appreciative as being a reflection winner.

She went to Walt Disney Elementary School and Dolores Huerta Middle School.

As of right now, her favorite classes are AP Calculus AB and Global Health and her favorite teachers are Ms. Russon and Mr. Peebles.

In her free time she loves to read and work on her art hoping to improve it. She also loves playing with her younger brother. Her biggest role models are her parents, she has always looked up to them and is extremely grateful for all they have done for her.

She loves her family and they are very supportive of her. They are always there for her and she is really thankful to have them in her life.

Some goals Nana wants to achieve this year are maintaining good grades and keeping up her good work ethic so she is able to get into a good college and move forward in life. She really wants to become a doctor in the future and help out her community.

In 10 years she hopes that she either has or is really close to achieving her goal as a doctor. Although she is not sure yet she hopes to attend a good college and work on getting her degree.

In regards to being a Reflections winner, she was really able to see what she truly wanted to pursue and how she can make an impact on the world by her efforts through the theme that the PTSA Reflections chose this year!



Photographer: Sammy Solomons

Nana is really hoping to achieve the same effect someday and leave her mark on this planet.

The staff at *The Paw Print* congratulate Nana, and wish her the best!

Reflections Winner - Maya Cash Whitton

By Laurelei Johnson
Cub Reporter

Out of the many students who enter their artwork in the Reflections competition each year, there are many shining examples of serious and heartfelt pieces. One such example is the photo "We're Open" by Maya Cash Whitton, which was awarded second place in this year's competition. Cash, who goes by her middle name, is a Sophomore at JBHS who stated that she had entered the Reflections competition when she was younger, but stopped after entering middle school, because she was "too nervous to be unapologetically myself."

Despite their struggles in middle school, Cash described how they would take a camera on trips with their family to photograph anything they found, saying that taking photos "felt so freeing." In ninth grade, Cash decided to take a photography class in school. They enjoyed it, but wanted more of a challenge, so they decided to take Advanced Photography this year. Eventually Cash felt confident enough in her photography that she decided to stop holding back and enter a piece in the competition, adding "and I got second place, so what does that say?"

Cash's photo, "We're Open" shows a man standing at the order window of an ice cream shop, his arms stretched out wide. The blue lights reflect off the dark blue building, and the light coming through the posters that cover the windows silhouettes the man wearing all black. A sign in the window reads "We're open."

Cash tells the story behind the picture, describing how she had been driving around her old neighborhood at the end of a long day of taking photos. "I… remember being frustrated that day because my camera was low on battery and my SD card was… full, so the whole day I had been deleting old [messed up] pictures, just to take a new one." Cash hadn't taken anything they really liked that day and had been feeling disappointed, until "we came to a stop at a red light while I was putting all my camera equipment away in the car. It was such a surreal moment watching this man walk up to the front of my childhood ice cream shop and stretch his arms so wide like he was opening up to the entire world."

Cash had enough room on their SD card for just one more picture, and they knew it had to be this one. Before the light turned green, they got the shot through the front windshield of the car.

The theme of this year's Reflections competition was "I will change the world by," which Cash liked, because she already knew her answer. "'You can't change the world if you can't find the change that's needed in you' was the last sentence I wrote in my description," Cash said. "Being open with myself is the reason… I stopped developing such hatred and anger for myself. For the longest time, I wished I was normal, but I realized that when good people surrounded me, I just wanted to be me. Not angry, not 'normal,' not scared. Just me."

Cash also had an answer ready when asked what they want people to see in their art. "One of my favorite people helped me realize that when you look at art, you should be able to feel a story spilling from it. It doesn't matter how much that story changes, but you should always be able to truly feel something when you see it. For me, this photo only has one story… but only because I know the true meaning behind it. When people see my art, I want them to feel anything. It shouldn't have any boundaries… because art itself can't cross any."



Photographer: Sammy Solomons

Clearly Cash's art has made people feel something, and it is well-deserving of recognition in the competition. Cash says she wants to keep doing photography in the future, but her real love is music, which makes her feel more than photography ever could, she says. A person with so many talents and so much passion will surely create some amazing things. No matter what Cash does in the future, it is certain they will be creating deeply felt pieces that tell stories the audience can feel, perhaps without ever using words. Congratulations, Cash, and keep creating!

Arabella Ishkhanian

By Judi Browngardt
Cub Reporter

Arabella Ishkhanian is an outstanding Senior here at Burroughs who recently made history as the first-ever Armenian female scout in the United States who has earned both the Eagle rank and Gold Award. On October 28, 2021, she was awarded Eagle Scout, and on March 10, 2021, she received her Gold Award. Arabella is in Girl Scout Troop 636 and Boy Scout Troop 127. 4% of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank and 5.4% of Girl Scouts get the Gold award.

In recent years, the Boy Scouts of America underwent an unexpected transformation to allow girls to partake in the program. Arabella had the privilege of being among the first group of girls to be a part of the Scouts BSA.

"I was thrilled to be a small part of the movement that broke down decades of antiquated thinking; I wanted to embrace the possibilities of a future where boys and girls could benefit from the leadership opportunities Scouts offered," Arabella expressed.

As an Armenian woman, becoming a Scout and tearing down the gender disparity in scouts was extremely important to Arabella. However, she knew that her dream would be an uphill battle. One of her scout advisors discouraged her from joining Scouts BSA. Many of the boys in her troop dropped out because they did not want to share their organization with a "girl." However, Arabella's negative experiences did not discourage her from achieving the ultimate goal of earning the Eagle Scout Rank and Gold Award, the two highest honors bestowed by each organization. Achieving these goals has been one of her proudest moments.

Now that Arabella is an Eagle Scout, she wants to give back and be a leader for girls who want to join Scouts and remind them that anything is possible. Even though she had to overcome a challenging environment, becoming the first-ever Armenian female scout in the United States who has earned both the Eagle rank and Gold Award was a testament to her brilliance. Arabella's leadership role within Scouts BSA has allowed her to create a more inclusive environment not only for girls in the Armenian community but also for girls everywhere.

"Scouts have given me a platform to carve a path for all of the girls struggling to exercise their voices and have also given me the leadership experience I need to succeed in the next chapters of my life," the Eagle Scout explained.

Inside JBHS, Arabella is just as hardworking and persistent as she is in the Scouts. As a woman interested in pursuing a career in the S.T.E.M. fields, She wanted to participate in programs or clubs at Burroughs that educates students about S.T.E.M. careers. She co-founded a club here at JBHS called Woman in S.T.E.M. The club's mission is to help break the gender stigma and provide resources to women who are interested in pursuing S.T.E.M. careers. Over the past year, they have hosted various events, including Science Week, Workshop Week, and Celebration of the History of Women in S.T.E.M., to raise awareness of women's achievements in the S.T.E.M. fields.

Not only is Arabella the co-chair for the club, but she is the Vice President of the Medical Academy and Vice President of the National Honors Society here in JBHS. Outside of school, she is involved with Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and club basketball. She additionally is the president of ACYO (Armenian Church Youth Organization), and an intern at Charles J. Maseredjian Dental Office.

In Arabella's free time she enjoys working out and spending time with her family, who supports her through everything. She currently works out at Erin's Fitness Club in Burbank and is training for a marathon. She is aiming to continue to stay healthy and work hard in school.

In the future, she sees herself helping animals at UC Davis, her dream school, or at her own clinic. She hopes to become a veterinarian and is working towards her goals every day.



Sorsha Khitikian

By Molly Boyke
Editor-In-Chief

If you've been to any Choir or Drama production this year, you've probably seen JBHS Junior Sorsha Khitikian doing her all! As a talented soloist and actress, Sorsha gives her 100% to everything she does, but she's involved in more than just the performing arts.

Outside of Powerhouse and Play Production, Sorsha is also dedicated to CSF, Teen Court, and Girl Scouts. Sorsha is a natural leader, having run and been elected Vice President of her Girl Scout troop as well as the Treasurer of JBHS VMA. This year, her school schedule is packed, taking Powerhouse, being a TA for Mr. Hatch, Pre-Calc, APUSH, AP Psych, Play Pro, and AP Lang and Spanish online. She's been enjoying her classes so far this year, and said of her teachers, "Right now I love Frankenbush, and he's super funny, and I loved having Tobin my Freshman year, she was amazing."

Sorsha hopes to keep her academics and aspirations in check while maintaining a good work-life dynamic, a desire shared by many of her choir and drama colleagues. "[My goal is] balancing my school [curriculum] and extracurriculars because I'm usually really stressed out with everything I'm doing, just finding a balance."

Many students may remember Sorsha from her role in *Puffs* as Susie Bones. Some could say that onstage, she and co-star Max Purdy made hiss-tory: "From *Puffs* this year, backstage there was this snake that we had to do, and so my friend Max Purdy and I had the snake, and we had to go on and I had to wiggle [the snake's] tail, but every single time he would either knock right into me or into the pole, and that was really funny."

Sorsha's goals for the future are simple: "Get into college, just get into college, baby!" she exclaimed. She wants to "get in, get degrees, and be happy." She spoke of wanting to go to Boston University, and her reach school is Harvard. In ten years, she sees herself being "Hopefully a lawyer, definitely something to do with the law or psychology."

If she could pick any musical for JBHS Drama to pick up, she'd pick "probably *Anything Goes*, there's a lot of tap dancing and belting and it's just so fun. Plus Sutton Foster, we love Sutton Foster." If she could pick any solo to do for choir, she decided, "one of them is 'Dead Girl Walking' from *Heathers*, because it's so difficult and I would love to be able to perform it, and the other is 'Music In The Mirror' from *A Chorus Line,* the dancing captures everything that I feel about performing, just needing to be onstage."

Her favorite food is tortellini (ravioli just doesn't have that perfect filling-to-pasta ratio, she says) and her favorite restaurant is Elena's, a local Greek-Armenian restaurant in Glendale. In her free time, she loves to read. "Right now I'm re-reading *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot because I got it for my birthday last year."

We here at *The Paw Print* appreciate Sorsha's hard work and can't wait to see what she does next! If you see her in the hallway, make sure to say hello and wish her good luck on her next performance!



Mr. Brown

By Arianna Hart
Cub Reporter

Mr. Brown is our newest Digital Media and Broadcast Journalism teacher at Burroughs. With his interest in film, he teaches Video Production, and has shared his experience about working in the film industry alongside raising his daughter, which made him find a passion to teach. "I was working in the entertainment industry for over 20 years and once my daughter was born, I didn't want to be away from her. The long hours and location shoots made time with her impossible," Mr. Brown states. "My wife is a teacher and athletics director and she suggested that I try teaching. When I first went to college, I was interested in teaching but decided to choose film instead. So now I get to meld my two passions together."

Mr. Brown has always found a unique admiration for films. "Since childhood, I have always loved and had a fascination with movies and how they were made."

Mr. Brown has also found inspiration through his interest in movies, saying, "Roger Corman is my inspiration. He is a world-famous producer and director." Mr. Brown also said that history is his favorite subject, "We can learn so much from it."

Throughout his life, Mr. Brown attended Pima Community College, Columbia, and Arizona State University, in which he is now finishing with a Master's Degree in Film. Since then, Mr. Brown has achieved some goals in his life, like having his name in on-screen credits!

In terms of his teaching career, Mr. Brown wants to bring interest and inspiration for his students. "The best thing about being a teacher is I get to teach the next generation [of] filmmakers," Mr. Brown explained.

Outside of school, Mr. Brown in his free time likes to be with his family and chase his six year old daughter, Moira, who has just started Kindergarten. "My daughter, Moira, is just starting kindergarten and it is exciting to watch her start her educational journey."

A very warm welcome to Mr. Brown, we're so glad you're at JBHS!

Valentine's Grams

I hope that we're coming back again next year, this was fun. I always go to all of y'all for advice on random topics that barely make any sense,but that's the best part. Thank you to Ainsley for fixing all of my empty spaces, Lord knows I had a lot. You're also my favorite soccer player. (Sorry D&I) Stephanie is the best feature editor out there, no error can get past you.

To James, my favorite sports editor, thanks for fixing all of my mistakes on my article.

To Judi, who always listens to my random nonsense, and gives the funniest advice.

To Joseph, who's the newest member, but gives the best advice and constantly makes us laugh.

Jon stole all the trefoils, B was off the hook.

And to all of the Binda sightings we've had.

-Kat

Sup brothas. You guys are awesome. Quick shoutouts to Ashley, Penny, Lilly (My #1 Shawty,) Jerry, Betsy, Ainsley, Jon, Judi, James, and the newest member, Joseph. Also also, Rose, Charm, Elle, Corvette, Daniella, Makayla, Taryn, and everyone else I forgot to mention here. Shout out to my fellow Moi$t Boyz too. Also my mom. Big Guy out.- Stephanie

I love you Gigi! You're my best friend and don't forget it. I am so proud of you Lillian! You are so bright, and brave and smart.
To my best guy friend, Diego. A giant thank you for all the homework answers, I would not have survived without them.
Diana, the craziest of them all. Let's go to 7-11 one day.
I'll always be here Mars!
Seriously, ya'll. I love you.
-Kat

Crossword

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Across

1. Cher's catchphrase, "__ if!"
3. Text signoff after a entire Valentine's Day gone well
5. Half of what a train says
6. Where to get help for a drinking problem
7. "__ fleek!"
8. Great Valentine's breakfast idea
9. Company that sends students on tours of the world

Down

2. Tswifts motivation
3. A company that sells $60 stickers
4. How many students Mr. Peebles forgets
6. Mr. Everhart's best score on a hole

-By Lincoln Melcher

Angie Ferrante and Dylan Loomis

By Sammy Solomons
Cub Reporter

Angie Ferrante, a Senior at JBHS, and her boyfriend Dylan Loomis, who graduated from JBHS last year, are the absolute cutest couple ever to exist. Let's get a peek into their relationship and how they came to be an item.

Angie Ferrante is well known for her talents in the JBHS Choir and her leadership as President of the Film Club. She is also known for her pet chinchillas.

Dylan, who graduated from Burroughs last year, enjoys spending time with his dog, tutoring Angie's brother, and plants trees every weekend.

Together, this duo makes the perfect couple; they even have cute nicknames for each other. Angie calls Dylan Water Buffalo, and Dylan calls her Baby Rhino Foot.

The couple met at an apple-picking orchard in Oak Glen, California, where they realized they both went to the same school. They got to chatting and realized that neither of them was at the orchard to pick apples, but they were both there to buy Oak Glen's famous apple jam. After spending some time at the orchard and getting lost together, Dylan decided to ask Angie out on a date.



After their first encounter, Angie thought that Dylan was a sweet boy who seemed to share a love for apple jam. Dylan thought that Angie was a little weird, but he ended up asking her out anyways, which led them to their first date at Sky Zone Trampoline Park. They described their date as "extremely sweaty but very joyous," and they both happened to solidify their liking for each other on this date. Angie states, "When I saw Dylan jumping into the foam pit over and over again I loved his childlike nature and knew we could have so many silly experiences together."

On the other hand, Dylan stated that "I knew I liked Angie after she put up with me not leaving the foam pit for an hour."

This date was a success as the amazing couple has been dating for over a year now, and their anniversary is on August 3. They have found many other common interests that they share through their relationship, aside from their love for apple jam; both Dylan and Angie love cooking, watching rugby and have an unexplainable interest in Mr. Clean Magic Erasers.

They also enjoy dressing up and going to Dylan's church on the weekends to sing to the kids-they sing kid-friendly renditions of popular songs such as "Levitating" by Dua Lipa.

Dylan says that he loves Angie's resilience as she never stops trying to smell nice, and Angie loves Dylan's silliness.

Like most couples, they have a special song that they sing together: "The Traitor" mixed with "Happier Than Ever Remix." This song played as they danced together one night, and they knew that it would be their song forever.

Both Angie and Dylan have good relationships with each other's families and friends. On their first date, Angie created a strong bond with Dylan's mom when she drove them to Sky Zone.

Dylan bonds with Angie's family as they chat during dinner for hours. They like each other's friends because they can get to know each other better through their relationship with others and because they like to give each other's friends new, fun nicknames.

Dylan and Angie are a lovely couple and are incredible individuals. Go Bears!

Sierra Dyer and Jayden Farber

By Cate Triphon
Cub Reporter

Nothing says high school like adorable star crossed lovers!

Sierra Dyer and Jayden Farber are two of Burroughs' most fun and quirky, and one of JBHS' favorite Senior couples! Sierra and Jayden are both dancing queens, young and sweet and only seventeen. However, they will both be turning eighteen at the beginning of this year.

The loving couple made it official during a home game right here at Burroughs on September 10, 2021.

Before these two got to know each other better, Sierra's first impression of Jayden was that he was great at giving big hugs. On the other hand, Jayden found that she was much different from other people, in a good way of course.

In Sierra and Jayden's friend group, their dating was highly anticipated. Knowing this, Sierra told her friends that she bluntly refused to be his significant other. The look of utter shock on everyone's faces was enough for Sierra and Jayden to share a good laugh together before revealing the truth.

Their first date was taking a trip to the arcade in the Burbank mall, achieving high scores in Alien Armageddon together.

Jayden realized that he was head over heels for her when they shared their first kiss. Sierra found herself feeling the same while they bonded and became closer in the Wellness Center.

The two enjoy playing video games such as GTA and Red Dead Redemption together. They both also love cats.

Sierra's favorite thing about Jayden is how understanding he is as a person. Jayden's favorite thing about Sierra is her fun and loving personality.

Sierra and Jayden have been happy together for five months now. With all of the events that have been happening over the last couple of years, it is incredibly outstanding to see love bloom out of a whole pandemic.

Alexis Lopez and Ian Dellosa

By Daniela Lopez
Cub Reporter

Alexis Lopez: eighteen years old, part of CSF, has plans to major in English. Ian Dellosa, seventeen years old, in culinary arts, enjoys cooking for others and goes into programming and computer science. They have known each other for six years and have been dating for four.

Ian and Alexis met in sixth grade, but got closer when they were seated next to each other in seventh-grade science class. Ian's first impression of Alexis was that she was sweet and fun to joke with, and Alexis thought he was funny since she remembered when he was nicknamed "pancake" by their sixth-grade science teacher.

He asked her out a year after knowing her and a month after confessing his feelings for her.

"First date we went to a mini-golf place and I was really bad at it, and she was just beating me at every course, but it was really fun, and we sat in the grass and talked a lot, it was really nice," Ian said as he looked back on their first date.

Alexis also looks back fondly on their first date, especially because she "won every course in a landslide, even though we were not even keeping score." Their anniversary is the Fourth of July, 2017.

What attracted Alexis to Ian was his humorous personality and intelligence. Ian was attracted to her interesting conversation, "She was just so likable, and everything we talked about, we found a common interest in, and we would talk for hours about our interest too. I also really like making her laugh." Their favorite thing to do together is watching movies or shows, playing video games, and going on picnics.

Alexis's favorite thing about Ian is how kind, funny, and supportive he is. Ian said his favorite thing about Alexis was that she is super easy to talk to and gets lost in conversation with her, even about stupid things.

In terms of what they have in common, Alexis says, "literally everything, I've lost count of how many times we've said the same thing at the same time, we're weirdly in sync." Ian said, "We like a lot of the same music, shows, movies, and games." Their songs are "Fly Me To The Moon," and "La Vie En Rose."

When asked what it was like to meet Ian's family for the first time, Alexis said she was scared because she wanted to make a good first impression. However, it all ended well, and she has nothing but great things to say about his family members, especially his mom and brother. Ian said he was extremely nervous, but Alexis' family was super kind and welcoming, so meeting her family went well.

As for their friends, Ian said, "her friends are very chaotic, but they are good friends, and I know they have her back." Alexis said, "I like some of Ian's friends and am definitely closer to some more than others."

After almost five years together, it is clear that Alexis and Ian still thoroughly enjoy each other's company and make a great couple!



Elizabeth and JP



By Corvette Brown-Henry
Cub Reporter

Love is in the air for love birds Elizabeth and JP. They are both seventeen years old. Elizabeth is currently a Link Crew Leader.

She loves to do art and paint in his mazes. JP likes to build mazes and he currently works at Universal Studios. They like to play soccer together on Saturdays.

They met during Sophomore orientation. She and her friends met up and there he was.

Her first impression of him was that she thought he was a cool, friendly, funny guy. He always makes people laugh around him. His impression of her was that she's a pretty, sweet, and friendly girl.

That day they had lots of fun but didn't get to really know each other until Holiday in the Park at Magnolia. He wanted to get to know Elizabeth better and started asking his good friend if they all could start hanging out with each other more, just so he could get to know her better.

After hanging out and getting to know each other, he asked her out first with the help of a friend. Their first date was Holiday Spectacular. They got to know each other more while they were waiting in line to enter.

At the show they ate a lot of snacks and he introduced her to more of his friends. They talked about their dreams and goals in the future.

From the beginning, they both felt a spark, it was the first day they met that made them have feelings for each other, Holiday in the Park.

She was having a nice time with her friends but most started to leave early, so they spent some extra time with each other. She thought, why not get to know him better.

From then on they had feelings for each other, and it wasn't long until they confessed. Their anniversary date is 12/6/2019. They've been together for 2 years.

Disneyland and Universal are their favorite places to go to with each other. They hang out there to eat food and ride rides. She likes to help him out and support him in his mazes while he encourages her to keep going in school.

They also love to go to the movies and eat breakfast or dinner at a fancy restaurant.

Elizabeth states, "I love so many things about him, he works hard to reach his goals in life and I know for sure one day he'll get far in life. I love how he manages to make people laugh around him. He manages to put a smile on my face when I'm sad and cares so much for me. He's not only my boyfriend but also my best friend."

JP states, "my favorite thing about you is that you're always there for me, especially when I need you the most. I just love the amount of support you provide for me. Aside from that, there's a countless amount of things I love about you!"

They don't have much in common, opposites attract is true in this case, but they still do have some things in common like loving to go to Disneyland, watching the show "Cobra Kai," and eating pizza.

Eventually they met each other's families, both families were nice, friendly and accepting.

Elizabeth said she was very nervous when she was going to meet them, so she dressed up nicely for the occasion. We all know once you start dating someone the friends get to be cool too, and according to Elizabeth they are just that, pretty chill, friendly and funny.

She says "They're fun to talk to eventually, when I got to know them." JP thinks her friends can be weird but in a good way. "They're outgoing and fun to talk to as well. This couple is one of a kind.

They support each other, love each other above and beyond, and they match each other's energy. You won't find many like JP and Elizabeth.

Kaynan Chrysnikos and Mason Medina

By Georgie Hallbach
News Editor

Kaynan and Mason are an absolutely iconic Senior couple that have been dating for over two years now. Catch Kaynan and Mason going out at lunch, riding in Mason's big white truck and you are sure to go, "Awww-ww!" They are just too cute!

The two met in Sophomore year in Mr. Hochberg's World History class, coincidentally put in the same period. Despite their history class meet-cute, the two actually have a longer history outside of school.

The two have been friends since they were small because their parents are family friends. This made getting to know each other and spending time together easy. They were able to slide from the friend zone to being in a relationship quickly and with a strong connection.

Kaynan says that the first thing she noticed about Mason was that he was "super sweet and a little shy."

They're not too shy now, though, walk down the halls and you'll spot them in a sweet embrace before going their separate ways to the next class.

Mason says that he thought Kaynan was "outgoing and fun to talk to." Kaynan is known as one of the most bubbly and kind people out there, always paying people compliments. He commented of her gregarious nature, "She was willing to make conversation with me and was very genuine."

After some time getting to know each other, Mason asked Kaynan out on a date to dinner and a movie. A classic date!

The two celebrated their anniversary on November 22nd and have been dating for two years and three months.

Kaynan says she knew she liked Mason because he is "a really nice guy and super fun to be around."

For them, similarities attract; they are both athletes. Kaynan is on Varsity Softball and Mason is on Varsity Baseball. They also are both adventurous.

Kaynan's favorite thing about Mason is that he is "super funny and really caring." For Mason, his favorite thing about Kaynan is that she is "very dependable and has a great personality."

They both love to go out and adventure, they are definitely not homebodies! Kaynan says that their favorite pastimes are "going on car drives, going to the beach and trying out different food places together."

If you're ever out and about in Burbank, you may see the two in Mason's truck driving by, smiling and laughing. So cute!

Their relationship is going strong and has created some fun friendships along the way; Kaynan says that they both like each other's friends and have "kind of morphed friend groups over the years."

For some, meeting parents can be a super nerve-wracking event, but for Mason and Kaynan, who have known each other their whole lives, meeting each other's parents as a couple was totally natural.

The staff at the JBHS *Paw Print* congratulate Kaynan and Mason on their beautiful relationship and wish them the best of luck in the future.

Love!

Carson and Brynn

By Genesis Martinez
Cub Reporter

This school year we have many great Senior couples but one of the kindest and warmhearted couples here at JBHS would have to be Carson Peltier and Brynn Merson. Carson is a seventeen year old Senior who is currently on the JBHS Varsity Volleyball team. Brynn also known as "Brynny" or "Brynnypoo" is a sixteen year old Junior. She is an ASB member and Link Crew Leader.



Brynn and Carson met through friends during this rough quarantine season.

Carson's first impression of Brynn was that she is a sensitive person and Brynn's first impression of Carson was that he was quiet and kind of nerdy.

Brynn and Carson's ideas of how their first date went about are a little different, Carson says that he asked her out on a date but Brynn believes that one day they just decided to hang out and ended up calling it a date.

They first started dating August 4th, 2021 and have been dating for seven months now. They had their first date at the Burbank mall, where they hung out, went bowling, and to the arcade.

Carson stated that he knew he first liked her when he started to hangout with her more and figured out that they had good chemistry.

Brynn said that she first knew she liked him when she started caring about his thoughts and opinions on her.

Carson said that they like to listen to Taylor Swift and watch basketball together and Brynn said that they usually go to his house, eat food, and watch basketball together.

Carson's favorite thing about Brynn is that she likes to try the things that he likes to do. Brynn's favorite thing about Carson is his sweet and caring personality.

Brynn says that something they have in common is they're both short and they both agreed that they like listening to Taylor Swift but Carson also added that they like listening to Zach LaVine. They stated that their song is "The Other Side of the Door" by Taylor Swift.

When it comes to meeting Carson's family for the first time she says that she didn't really talk to them very much because she is scared to but she thinks his family is cool. Carson said that he enjoyed meeting her family and that they were very nice.

Brynn and Carson are a great part a of our Burroughs student body. They both play great roles whether it be in sports or in ASB and Link Crew. It is nice to hear that they are so close and enjoying their high school experiences together.

Angelo and Olivia

By Jae Meline
Cub Reporter

Angelo Toscano and Olivia Bender are this year's cutest couple. They first met in Mr. Barco's classroom in Spanish all the way back in their Freshman year. Although, they began to get close during the end of their Junior year.

He knew he liked her because she was "really cute and fun to be around." Bender also thought he was pretty cute and had a fun time with him. On their first date Bender says he took her to Kopan Ramen where their love story continued on from there.

He finally decided to ask her to make it official on March 12 when Toscano asked her on one of their dates. He prepared by asking advice from some of his close friends about what a good idea for a date would be.

Eventually he decided he would take her to California Pizza Kitchen and then to the Universal Overlook, where he asked her to be his girlfriend.

They've now been together for ten months and going on strong. Both claim that they like being around each other. They knew that they first had a crush on one another by the strong inkling to always be near the other one. Bender says that she especially knew she liked him from his sense of humor and smile. And his dog, Zeus, of course. As well, Toscano says that he just likes to be her best friend and thinks she's absolutely beautiful.

Now, they spend their time watching Anime together, which just so happens to be both of their favorite activities to do together. They also spend some of their dates at new restaurants to try new foods. Though they still maintain to hang out as a group with their friend group.

When they first met each other's parents, Toscano said that it was "super chill" and Bender's dad, "King Don" as Toscano refers to him, was "super swag." According to Toscano, Bender's sister liked him as well. When Bender met Toscano's mom it was pretty nerve-wracking but now she can happily say that she texts Bender "baby pics and videos of his dog."

Their song is "Brightside" by The Killers, which always remind each other of the other.

The couple is truly one of the cutest Burroughs has ever seen.

May they have a happy Valentine's Day.

Blaine Austin and Evelyn Bresee

By Montana Benz
Cub Reporter

With couples all around this time of year, it's a perfect time to recognize some of the cutest Senior couples we have on campus. Blaine Austin and Evelyn Bresee really do take the crown. With a relationship full of compassion, they will definitely steal your hearts.

Let's start off by getting to know the couple. Evelyn Bresee is a Senior here at John Burroughs and is seventeen years old. She really enjoys spending her time doing art, and loves to pass the time listening to music. Blaine Austin, her boyfriend, is eighteen years old and also a Senior here at Burroughs. He enjoys spending his time reading comic books and playing tournament fighting games. And for these two, their love story started off in Drama class while they were in the 10th grade.

For most couples the first impressions of one another are always an important moment, and theirs are the absolutely the cutest.

Blaine's first impression is the cutest, when meeting her at first he thought she was extremely talented and so sweet. He always wanted to get to know her more, and thought she was absolutely gorgeous.

The same could be said for Evelyn, at first she always thought that Blaine was really quiet, but he was extremely funny, and she always wanted to get to know him more. However, she always found herself being too nervous to say anything to him.

After the first impressions, the first date is always an exhilarating and nerve-racking experience for many couples. For Evelyn and Blaine's first date the planning was pretty mutual, as Blaine decided to ask Evelyn to hang out, so they decided to go to get a sweet treat together.

While eating ice cream, they found out how much they really got along, and how much they actually had in common. Blaine thought it was adorable how they were eating ice cream for their first date. After that, they decided to go home and watch "Loki" together. Now the two of them have been together since June 26th, or eight months and counting as of now.

Let's get an inside look at how much they care for each other. Evelyn's favorite thing about Blaine will always be his humor; she was always amazed about how awesome of a job he would do in every drama scene, and it was always a plus when they could talk about DC, Marvel, and Star Wars together.

Blaine will always treasure how accepting Evelyn is of his flaws, and he loves that she likes him for who he is, not for his looks, and how honest they were with each other about their feelings early on. This made their story together flow much smoother and super sweet.

Blaine's favorite thing about Evelyn is "[How] talented she is, she is the most powerful and capable person I know, and she always makes me proud, she is so kind and loving, she always knows how to make me feel better no matter what."

They really have so much in common, including similar views on topics such as gender equality and the importance of personal feelings. In addition to that, they also both show the same love for their "boring" arthouse movies. And you can't forget that they have almost identical music taste!

When they are together, they can't even pick a favorite way to pass the time, they both enjoy just being present with each other.

Most couples have their special song together, and Blaine and Evelyn really do take the cutest with "I've Got You Under My Skin" by Frank Sinatra. It's such a cute, warming, jazzy song, and it really is the cutest for the both of them.

As you can see. Evelyn and Blaine together really do make just the cutest couple.

Throughout everything, it's crystal clear how much love and compassion they have for each other, and they do take the cake as one of the cutest Senior couples here at John Burroughs.

For These Tennis Players, It's Love-Love

By Lincoln Melcher
Cub Reporter

A global pandemic. A statewide lockdown. Nearly eighteen months of high school by Zoom. These things hardly seem like the prescription for romance. But Covid-19 played Cupid for Seniors Kyle Lester and Vanessa Muga, transforming them from "just friends" into one of the cutest couples on campus.

Both Kyle and Vanessa were reluctant to share details about their courtship. "We like to keep a low profile," Kyle jokes.

The two had been friends since middle school. They both play Varsity Tennis and often got together to practice. They are also high achievers academically, boasting impressive GPAs and hoping to attend competitive colleges. They say, during their Sophomore year, study dates with friends allowed them to become closer to each other and they continued to spend time together when school shut down.

The fact that their relationship developed from a long friendship is something the couple says accounts for their strong bond, although some of their friends were surprised at the change in their relationship status.

"When we got back to school, I found myself explaining — oh, yeah, we're a couple now," laughed Vanessa.

Having a friend who is more than a friend has made Senior year less stressful, the couple agree.

"It's nice to be able to de-stress with someone who knows exactly what you're going through," said Vanessa "And who understands the responsibilities of school and after school activities."

"Oh my God, you're making us sound so nerdy," said Kyle.

Luke Duguay and Micaela Buller-Rodrigo

By Molly Boyke
Editor-In-Chief

Luke Duguay and Micaela Buller-Rodrigo are one of the cutest Senior couples at JBHS. Having known each other since their Freshman year, they remained friends through thick and thin and have been dating since September.

Luke, a member of Play Pro who recently starred as Dumbledore in JBHS' production of *Puffs*, plans to be an actor in the future and is considering attending CalArts. In his free time, he enjoys drawing. Micaela, an avid thrift shopper and writer, wants to go to San Francisco after high school. She is currently attempting to learn the bassoon.

The beginning of their friendship in their Freshman year was off to a rocky start, as Micaela explained to Luke, "I thought you were cool, but I thought that all of my friends liked you more than me, and so I was a little bit jealous of you, and I thought that if I became friends with you it would just be easier." She then joked, "You were a pawn in my game."

Luke found her comment amusing, and said of his first impression, "My first impression was that she was very cute and I thought that [she] talked about things that were more interesting than standard small talk." Luke also noted that he had a crush on her during his Sophomore year. Micaela replied, "I thought you were really interesting, my opinion has changed (jokingly) … I thought you were really smart, I liked your hair, and I remember thinking that you were generally more mature than other teenage guys." Micaela stated that she had a crush on Luke during her Freshman year.

Despite the complications of the pandemic, Micaela and Luke grew closer in their Junior year, when they both had an AP Lang class taught by Mr. Kuglen over Zoom. Luke commented, "Over the pandemic was when it was certainly like, 'I would very much like to date this person!' so probably halfway over the pandemic."

Their first date was actually the 2021 JBHS Talent show in September, which they attended together. Luke recounted how the conversation went, "So yeah, we both wanted to go to the talent show… and she went over to my house and we grabbed snacks and when we were walking there, it was a question from her about, like, 'How do you feel about dating?' and then me asking 'Do you want to date?' and then the answer was yes from the both of us." Micaela added, "Before the talent show started, we were officially dating, so we watched that as a couple."

Since then, Luke and Micaela have engaged in many activities together, including thrift shopping and watching movies. Luke explained, "She takes me thrift shopping, she's gotten me slightly into it, although I'm still very much…" Micaela replied, "You're a newbie at it. You'll get better." She then added, "We watch a lot of movies." Luke said, "We do, actually, yeah, every time she's over we manage to watch at least one movie, and during the pandemic we would watch movies via Discord."

They also enjoy comparing music tastes, as Luke commented that Micaela has "gotten Bob Dylan in [my] playlists," and Micaela laughed as she recounted Luke's quest to get her to listen to Pink Floyd. Their song is "Girl" by The Beatles.

Maren Alff, a Senior in the Burroughs IMA and longtime friend of Micaela's, knows the couple well and describes them as "the definition of a good relationship. They are very trusting and empathetic towards each other, and it makes me so happy that my oldest friend has found someone so perfect for her."

The two have good relationships with each other's parents. Luke said of Micaela's parents, "Her parents would be very good characters in a story… they're fun!" He noted that her mom has the "best texts," to Micaela's amusement. Micaela said, "I think that to Luke's parents, I'm like their honorary child," with Luke explaining that because he lives close to JBHS, she's at his house after school all the time.

Although Luke and Micaela get along very well, they don't agree on everything, "I don't like the same movies as her, I don't like all the same music as her," Luke mused. Micaela replied, "I think our characters are different but the way we handle life is the same. Like, we're both kind of shy but also we like people." Luke agreed, saying, "That's a good way of putting it. [Also,] our shared difficulty in online learning." Micaela continued, "It's like, I think we both have this desire to improve ourselves and be good people and I think we're really working on that together."

Throughout their relationship, their mutual respect and admiration has remained constant. Luke states that he has always appreciated Micaela's company and found her conversation lively and interesting. Micaela commented that she appreciates Luke's patience and the balanced way he handles situations.

Be sure to wish Luke and Micaela a happy Valentine's Day if you see them in the halls around JBHS! These two are very sweet on each other and *The Paw Print* wishes them the very best!


Photographer: Molly Boyke

Cate Dobson and Diana Mankikyan

By Marty Coha
Opinion Editor

Seniors Cate Dobson and Diana Mankikyan are a beautiful and happy power couple at JBHS! Cate declared, "We rule the school." These two Seniors have known each other for four years now and have been obsessed with each other since.

They met in Mrs. Weiner's 9h grade Honors English class. Luckily for these lovebirds, they were perfectly placed besides one another. The first thing Cate noticed about Diana was, "she was wearing Golf Wang by Tyler, The Creator merch. But it was the Drew and Enya merch that I liked." As for Diana, Cate grabbed her eye because of her "vibrant personality." Diana also thought it was very interesting that Cate changed her hair color often.

Their relationship blossomed with a friendship that was deep and strong in connection. Some of their favorite things to do when with each other are "eat sushi and watch movies." Cate and Diana have always been shipped. According to their good friend, Senior Dorian Farr, "They are so cute together. I ship hard."

As time passes in their friendship, their bond has developed into a strong relationship full of love and tender feelings. They help each other with silly little tasks like homework and mental health. Cate likes "to read to her and feed her hot porridge when her stomach is a mess." In return, Diana gets "her ready for bed. This includes combing her hair, applying her face masks with a bamboo handled brush, and finally tucking her in with her favorite stuffed animal, Olaf."


Photographer: Sammy Solomons

Their first actual date was going to Universal Studios on November 11, 2021, but their anniversary is November 19th, 2021. Cate said, "We spent the whole day together and shared a milkshake. It was very cute." Their favorite ride to go on was the Mummy because it was fast and they had watched the *Mummy* movie together. To set the mood, they went on the studio tour at sunset, and said of the experience, "it was a romantic vibe."

Some fun facts about this OTP is that their song is "Across the Universe" by Fiona Apple and their favorite place to eat is Wokcano in Downtown Burbank (Cate loves the "spicy tuna rolls and cream cheese wontons." Diana likes to order "the crunchy roll.") Some of Cate's pet names for Diana are, "my lovely lady wife, babe and my love." Diana refers to Cate as her "pretty, babe, and pocket wife."

Their plan for Valentine's Day is "a picnic at the Huntington Library where we roam around the rose gardens and admire the art (and each other.)" This is freshly off their Holiday Break of watching festive films, celebrating Diana's birthday, and ice skating.

Diana's plans after this year are "going to college, doing my studies in Art History, and traveling the seven seas on a small inflatable row boat in the quest of Italy." Following a similar route, Cate's plans are, "to study Anthropology in college and become an Archaeologist." They will also remain in a romantic partnership post-high school and continue to grow as individuals at the same college.

In conclusion, Diana Mankikyan and Cate Dobson are a heavenly couple because when two divine individuals form a partnership, cherubs sing. What started as a happy and successful friendship has taken mold into a promising new relationship that is single handedly pioneering the LGBTQIA+ community.

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Josh Duran and Kimberly Ramirez

By Betsy Lepley
Cub Reporter

Here at Burroughs, there are many Senior couples. The cutest by far has to be Josh Duran and Kimberly Ramirez. They are both seventeen years old.

After they graduate, they both plan on going to the same community college for a couple years and then later on, transfer into a university.

"Freshman year, we met walking to a place… from the front entrance of the school. We were walking over to this guy's [Josh] new apartment… I was invited along with him and a friend of ours." Kimberly said, remembering how they had first met.

Ironically enough, Josh's new apartment was the same one Kimberly had used to live in. Josh also wanted to add, "She also lived right down the street from me."

She had thought that Josh was a really humorous guy, that he always made lots of jokes and had a very bright personality.

Josh's first thought of her was that she was very cute, super kind and was a really sweet person.

Josh said that Kimberly asked him out first and Kimberly said that he did. Kimberly had told him that she had feelings for him and Josh was the one who officially asked her out.

He asked her out on his birthday and she said yes, so their anniversary date is also Josh's birthday, May 20th. Currently, they've been dating for a year and almost nine months.

Their first date took place at Josh's house and unfortunately, Josh was sick with a fever so while he was recovering, they decided to watch the movie *Waves*.

"I first realized [that I first liked him] that when, I forget when exactly this was, but we were on a phone call and he was telling me how he moved and his entire backstory, and then from that point on I was just, oh my goodness…" she said.

All Josh had to say was, "She didn't have to do anything I just-when I saw her, I knew it immediately."

Some fun activities that the couple likes to do together include watching movies together, and she enjoys watching him play video games. They also share a strong love for pickles as well as ramen.

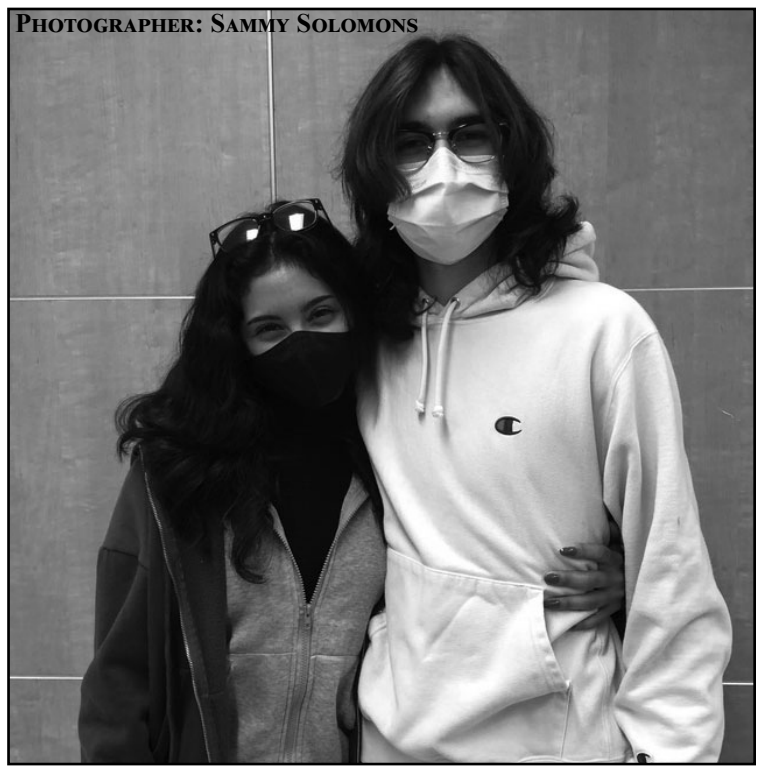
Kimberly said that her favorite thing about Josh was definitely his eyes and his laugh. Josh said his favorite thing was her cute giggle.

"We have pretty much everything in common." The couple said in unison which is why they work so well together. The couple's go-to song to listen to is the song "Magma" by Chicano Batman.

When meeting Josh's parents, Kimberly recalls being very nervous to meet them, but also incredibly excited as well. Josh was also very anxious to meet her parents, but there was a bit of a language barrier because her parents couldn't speak much English, but even though he couldn't say much to them, it really wasn't that bad.

Generally, they have the same friend group, they're all friends with everyone. They had also met through their friend group.

They both have so much in common and have so much affection for each other, it's clear to see that they are Burrough's cutest Senior couple, and a lot of people can agree to that.


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Mrs. Knoop and Coach Knoop

By Judi Browngardt
Cub Reporter

Julie and Keith Knoop are one of the few couples here at John Burroughs High School that are both teachers. Mrs. Knoop teaches Anatomy and Physiology, while Coach Knoop is a Physical Education teacher, athletic director, and a Physical Education Department Chair. The couple met at Burroughs during a Faculty Meeting when Mrs. Knoop first became a teacher around twenty-six years ago.

She was first intrigued by his good looks and when they met, the two had instant chemistry. Coach Knoop recalls feeling all tingly when he was around her. He wrote many notes and put them in her teacher's mailbox at school trying to get her to go to lunch with him.

The couple's first date was lunch at Viva Fresh, a Mexican restaurant, where they hit it off immediately. Later, they shared their first kiss during their second date at a place called Caboots.

The two have been together for twenty-five years and married since July 10, 1999, twenty-two and a half years ago. Mrs. Knoop first knew she liked him when she realized how sweet, extremely funny, and an amazing cook he is. When they met, she was immediately hooked and knew they would be together. Coach Knoop just simply knew and was positive that she was the one from the start of their relationship.

One thing that the couple enjoys doing together is traveling, which resulted in Coach Knoop proposing during a trip to Switzerland. They have also taken two wonderful anniversary trips to New Zealand. Together, they enjoy watching *Jeopardy!*, eating, and exploring the great outdoors while camping, hiking, fishing, and hunting with each other.

According to Mrs. Knoop, Coach Knoop is kind and generous, and his sense of humor is his wife's favorite thing about him. Coach Knoop loves everything about Mrs. Knoop, but most of all he loves her intelligence, the way she likes to laugh, and her strong determination.

The two teachers both share similar goals and philosophies of life. When they're not teaching, they both love to share a laugh and enjoy comedy together. The Knoops also love the outdoors and practically every outdoor activity.

Their song is "Crash Into Me" by the American rock group Dave Matthews Band. The special song is a love-themed rock song that was released in 1996 in the album Crash.

The Knoops both have a lot of love for each other's friends and family. Coach Knoop's mother was incredibly pleased to see her son so happy with Mrs. Knoop. Furthermore, when Coach Knoop met Mrs. Knoop's parents for the first time everything went extraordinarily well.

According to Coach Knoop, his friends are a little crazy and Mrs. Knoop had to get used to that. However, they think each other's friends are great overall.

With twenty-two years of mutual admiration and education, the Knoops are a great pair of bears!



Judith Marando and Maddie Svab

By Joseph Stull
Creative Director

With love in the air, how could *The Paw Print* not highlight one of the cutest Senior couples on the John Burroughs High School campus: Judith Marando and Maddie Svab!

Judith, seventeen years old and a Senior, has been playing clarinet for seven years, "I'm the drum major in Marching Band, and I'm on Band Council. For my future plans I intend to become a psychiatrist and work with adolescents with mental/behavioral disorders."

Maddie, a seventeen year old Senior as well, is the IMA's President and involved in Burroughs' SAGA club. The two met through Band, which developed into their eventual relationship.

The pair both first met in sixth grade and started out as friends. Playing the same instrument in Band, they bonded through their passion for music and the band program. Maddie was the one to ask Judith on the first date.

In the winter break of their Sophomore year, their first date was a picnic at a park where they gave each other Christmas presents. They consider that date on December 21st, 2019 to be their anniversary.

Judith remembers when she first became attracted to Maddie, Sophomore year: "I started spending more time around [Maddie] as Band slowly became a bigger part of our daily lives. The best part of my mornings was when I was begrudgingly putting my instrument together at 8AM and I'd see Maddie walking down the stairs and my heart would just jump. I remember sitting next to Maddie, listening to music, and I had never felt happier in my life."

In their spare time, the two like to listen to music together, watch movies, play Minecraft together, or go on fun dates.

Often, the couple will go on dates like going shopping together or going out to dinner in Burbank.

Judith admires Maddie's resilience, passion about the things they love, and their willingness to help those in need.

The two both love listening to music, playing D&D, witchcraft, and astrology. They also both love nature and have lots of plants and succulents.

Although they have different music tastes, Maddie and Judith both associate the music the other listens to with each other, admitting,"We aren't that particular about it."

Judith and Maddie's parents were mutual friends before their relationship, so meeting each other's parents was an easy process.

Hanging out with each other's friends also turned out well, as Judith explains: "We both love each other's friends! I didn't know [Maddie's] other friends before we started dating, but after spending more time with them over the years, I feel like we've always been good friends. Maddie would say the same thing."

As long-lasting relationships can be a rarity in high school, Judith and Maddie's two-year-long relationship is a testament to how good of a couple they are.

As everyone on campus who knows Judith and Maddie can attest, there is no better pair to lead the IMA in the aftermath of the distanced year. 2021-2022 band is in good hands!

As always, GO BEARS (and go Maddie and Judith!)

Valentine's Horoscopes

It's been a difficult time throughout the past Venus and Mercury retrograde. Most of our favorite things to do and financial statuses haven't been at their best. We've all been facing a lack of communication as well, but we are finally coming back to ourselves. Use the difficulties you faced during these tough times as inspiration for the oncoming great weeks.

Leo: Your new true love is coming at the beginning of this month. Be prepared to find a new person coming into your life.
Cancer: Someone from your past love life is coming back. Many of your exes miss you beyond compare. Beware of whether or not they're truly worthy of your trust.
Taurus: It has been a rocky time for you, since the Mercury retrograde may have caused you to focus inward. You are about to find a love within yourself that reminds you of your worth and beauty that will set your standards for love onto new grounds.
Aries: You are known for being bold. Use your strengths to impress your crush.
Capricorn: You are already with your love. Though sometimes they may not make it so obvious, they are right before your very eyes.
Sagittarius: The relationships you have hold more power than you can grasp. Your love may be closer to you than you think.
Scorpio: Someone is missing you dearly and hoping they can undo the mistakes they've made to you. They're still trying to find a way to gain your forgiveness. Trust yourself to decide whether or not they're worthy of a love like yours.
Virgo: Lonely times are no more. You are about to see everyone see the beauty in you that you already see in yourself.
Pisces: Don't cry, your true love is on its way. If not this month, then another day.
Libra: Someone you would have never expected is about to come into your love life. Get ready to experience a love of great heights and risks.
Gemini: Your mind has always been too quick for others to keep up but someone with a clear head on their shoulders is coming to bring you back down to earth. Get ready for a mind altering love to come around.
Aquarius: It's been a difficult time for you, but good times are on their way. You're about to come across an old friend who may turn into something more. Don't take them for granted.

-Jae Meline, Staff Astrologer

Girls Soccer

By Ainsley Ghaman
Cub Reporter

The John Burroughs High School Girls Soccer team got their season off to a great start at the end of November, after defeating their first opponent, Hoover High School, by a commanding margin of four goals.

After focusing on the necessary improvements determined by the coaches following the first game of the season, the girls were connecting at higher levels both on and off the field and were ready to face the rest of the season along with its respective challenges.

The coaches stated that "honing their technicals skills, reinforcing good player habits on the pitch, and teaching them the team tactics utilized in the Burroughs style of play" are aspects of training that will be stressed during practice and recovery sessions. "It also involves persuading players to buy into the overall team culture," added Junior Varsity head Coach Robert Sanchez.

Following the match against Hoover, the girls moved on to face Glendale High School in their first home game of the season. Right from the start, Burroughs took control of the game, with two goals coming from Senior Megan Schmidt, and Juniors Kelani Roy and Julia Naramore each scoring an additional goal. With such dynamic teamwork at hand, the Bears defeated the Nitros 4-0.

It seemed as if the team would have no real competition this season, but the team's next matchup would be against Crescenta Valley, and as stated at the start of the season by Coaches Brady Riggs, Robert Sanchez, and Lara Black Sage, the "physical game brought by CV" and their "history of talent and strong possession play" coupled with the "caliber of coaching" showcased by Crescenta Valley is not to be underestimated.

Ready to face the fiercest competition in the division, the JBHS Girls Soccer team trained especially hard in anticipation of the game. Despite the team's efforts throughout the match, the Bears were unable to come away with the win.

The loss to Crescenta Valley was the team's first of the season, and after a long bus ride home, coaches reinforced that "embracing the process of improvement is key to reaching one's full potential," indicating that the loss was merely a setback and would eventually lead to improvement.

Bouncing back after the tough game against CV, the Bears prepared for their game against Muir High School, the last before the season would be put on hold for winter break. Balancing finals and in-season high school sports can be difficult, but due to the past success of the Burroughs program when facing Muir, it was an easy decision for coaches to limit practice and allow players to focus on academics.

On Thursday, December 16, 2022, Burroughs faced off against Muir, and once again dominated the match. The midfield was controlled by the Bears for most of the game, and the defense had no trouble keeping Muir players from finding the back of the net. The victory against Muir found the team entering the break with a record of 3-1, an overall great start to the season.

Upon returning from the break, the team resumed the season with a home game victory against Pasadena High School, followed by a long-awaited away game against Burbank High. JBHS and BHS have always been competitive when it comes to athletics, and most recently, the JBHS Girls Soccer team went head to head with the Bulldogs.

A variety of factors made preparing for the game a challenge for both teams, as the uncertainty surrounding the recent COVID-19 outbreak meant waiting until the last minute to find out if the game would be postponed, or proceed as planned. Both teams followed strict testing schedules to ensure the players and coaching staff were kept safe. Agreeing to follow all guidelines, both teams were ready to play the game as planned.

Burroughs kicked the game off with a fantastic start, and Senior Megan Schmidt received a pass from Junior Julia Narmore to score the first goal of the match only two minutes into the game, giving the Bears an early lead. The early score from Schmidt set the tone for the rest of the match, as Burroughs continued to dominate, and vastly outplayed the Bulldogs for the remainder of the half. In the thirty-fifth minute, Sophomore Gracie Gomez was able to slide the ball past the Burbank keeper, giving Burroughs a 2-0 lead going into halftime.

The second half resumed just where the first had left off, with Burroughs in complete control of the game. However, about fifteen minutes in, Burroughs still hadn't found a way to penetrate the Bulldogs' defense, and was struggling to maintain the pressure. Burbank striker Aleyna Doche took this opportunity to make a deep run through Burroughs territory, and score one for the Bulldogs.

With the Burroughs lead now cut in half, players were eager to score again and add some cushion to their lead. An opportunity arose quickly, and less than ten minutes after Burbank finally found the net, Burroughs had scored again. A pass from Sophomore Jailyn Turner found its way to a perfectly positioned Megan Schmidt, who nailed one in for her second score of the game.

From there, things escalated quickly, and as the thought of vanquishing the rival school by a large margin settled in the players minds, there was nothing that could be done to suppress their attacks on Burbank's net.

Julia Narmore scored five minutes after the second goal from Schmidt, making it a 4-1 score in favor of Burroughs. Two minutes later, Junior Sofia Samuelson scored a fifth goal for the Bears in the sixty-eighth minute. The game was rapidly slipping away from the Bulldogs, and they struggled to put a stop to the Bears' quick offense.

Before the match was over, Senior Samantha Valencia scored from near midfield with a mind bogglingly perfect shot. This added yet another goal to the Bears' now five point lead. To put the game away, Sophomore Nadia Aguilar scored a seventh goal for Burroughs, leaving the final score to stand 7-1, Burroughs.

The hard work and dedication shown by all players and coaches is visible every time the team takes the field, and the continued success of the group will be celebrated fondly by all JBHS students and staff. The rest of the schedule is still undetermined, as the League continues to assess the Omicron variant and the challenges it poses to the safety of all involved with school sports.

With a loss to Arcadia the next week with a score of 3-1 at home, Girls Soccer ended their Pacific League season 5-2 on January 25th, giving them good position advancing to CIF playoffs, something the players and coaches have been eying since the start of the season. "Our goal is for Varsity to finish in the first tier of the new regular season format, and run as deep into the playoffs as we can," stated Coach Robert Sanchez.

Their playoff game against Highland was away on February 10th. The score was unknown at time of publication.

All are encouraged to support our amazing Girls' Soccer team. Good luck to all players, and go Bears!

Boys Basketball

By Brooke Bailey
Cub Reporter

The long-awaited Burroughs versus Burbank Varsity Basketball rival game has arrived! The Burroughs Varsity Basketball team beat the Burbank Bulldogs on Thursday January 20, 2022 at 7:00PM at Home. This game was definitely one for the books although due to current COVID-19 circumstances, no fans were allowed to watch the game. We are getting real insight on the game through the players' eyes. Not only did our Bears beat the Bulldogs in a fascinating 61-48 blowout, you now get to experience what was going on with our players.

To give their first look through the game would be the Varsity Bears fearless leader, Coach Ellis. With the loss of Assistant Coach Brodie, Coach Ellis had a lot on his plate for this game. Not only was it a rival game, but also an of honor to Coach Brodie too.

Coach Ellis goes on to talk about how he felt about the boys execution of the game and how he did as a coach. "I made sure that the guys were prepared and we were able to execute the defensive game plan and offensive game plan. That's pretty much what I try to do before every game, to make sure that the guys are ready to play and they were ready to play. We executed during the game. So I thought I did a pretty good job. It was great to defeat Burbank, I was really really happy for the team. They had a couple games where they were struggling and they have turned it around and bounced back. Their effort defensively was phenomenal and I am just really, really proud of the guys. I know that they really wanted to win that game, so they did everything that they could to make sure that they won. GO BEARS!"

Next to give their input will be Senior guard/forward Desean Robinson. Desean is a new transfer to Burroughs and it was his first Burroughs vs. Burbank rivalry game. He was excited to play. He goes on to say, "It felt great, especially since Burbank is our rival team. It felt good to get those bragging rights." Desean is a valuable new addition to the team and he is a very determined player. Desean says, "I think I played decently and did what I had to do and contribute to our win. I think I can work on helping my teammates on the rotation on defense and being our anchor when it comes to that side of the floor."

On top of it being Desean's first rival game, he tells us exactly how it felt to have no fans at the game. "The vibe was a lot different but it was easier to communicate because it isn't as loud." Memories as well are just as important as winning the game. "I think a core memory during the game was when we had a couple defense stops back to back and we gained a lot of momentum." Though it is Desean's last year here, we will be hearing a lot more amazing things about this athlete.

Following that, would be another amazing Senior, point guard, Jeilon Jackson. Jeilon is also a new transfer to Burroughs and is ready to make a name for himself. He goes on to say, "It felt amazing to win since they're a rival school. I think I played decently. But of course as a player, I can work on my defense."

Jeilon, being a new student-athlete got to experience his first Burroughs vs. Burbank rival game and tells his memories. "A memory I'll remember is everyone celebrating in the locker room." This won't be the last of Jeilon Jackson.

Another valuable player to the team who will be giving their first look on the game is Junior, TiJuan Lumpkin Jr., known as TJ. It's ironic that his position is the small forward, but he is the tallest on the team. TJ is a very dedicated person on and off the court. He goes on to say, "I think I played okay. I know I had an impact on the game defensively and just being out there. As a player, of course I need to continue and work on my game, but I just need to become more confident." With TJ being a Junior, we will definitely be hearing about the great things he has to bring to this team and the rest of their season.

Our Varsity Bears had to overcome many obstacles through the first semester of school. Having one of their biggest games get pushed back and having no fans was very hard on them. Not only did they not get the satisfaction of having the crowd cheer them on, their coach, Coach Brodie, left mid-season. The team took it very deeply and having to play without him was hard on them. But they pushed through and in the end they took a smashing win.

Nothing can stop this team from overcoming the hardest obstacles and being the best that they can be.

GO BEARS!

DeBell Reopens

By Lincoln Melcher
Cub Reporter

The driving range at DeBell Golf Course, the home course for both the Burbank and Burroughs golf teams, has reopened just in time for the Boys Golf season. It shut down for renovations on November 15th.

Hundreds gathered for the January 9th ceremony which marked the reopening and featured performances by a former guitarist for "The Doors" and an *American Idol* finalist. Improvements included leveling the entire range to improve drainage, realigning the tee boxes and adding almost three acres of sod.

Junior Emilio Huerta of the Varsity Golf team is excited about the new development.

"The new grass and targets at the range make practice a lot more fun. It is nice to see that the quality of the course is improving and the Bears will definitely utilize the new developments in practicing for our upcoming season."

The price of range balls increased slightly this year. Hitting a medium bucket will now set a golfer back $12. However, DeBell is unique among local courses in allowing junior golfers to play the course for free. It also offers low-cost lessons through the Parks & Recreation Department.

Having access to a driving range is essential for the Burroughs golf teams. Players use the facility to work on their golf swings and warm up before competitions. Boys' Golf took home the Pacific League Championship last Spring for the first time in fifty years. Their first League match is scheduled for March 3rd.

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Girls Water Polo - Pacific League Champions!

By Daniela Lopez and Alexis Lopez
Cub Reporters

As the Girls' Water Polo season continues into the second semester, the team is giving their all in order to roar that Burroughs Bear pride!

Their third game was held on December 9 against Notre Dame High School. It was an away, non-League game and resulted in a 12-17 loss. Jacob Cook, the head coach, says it was "a close game" and that it may have just been an off day for the players.

The fourth game against El Dorado High School was also a loss. Taking place here at John Burroughs High School, the tournament ended in a 11-16 loss. Another close game for the girls.

Fifth game and it's a win against Temecula Valley High School! The neutral tournament game was on December 11 and the score was 25-5.

Coach Cook speaks highly of the girls regardless of the losses they may face, saying, "we have a very balanced offense with goals able to be scored from anywhere," staying positive for their following games.

On January 14 the team went against Pacifica High School for their sixth game. They ended up winning the neutral tournament game, 13-5!

The team looks back at their losses as great experience that helped them secure this win, saying it had put them "in a strong position for League play."

For their seventh game, they went up against Saint Francis Community High School a few hours after their first January 14 game. It was another neutral tournament game, but they lost 11-13.

The eighth game, held on January 15, was a home tournament game against Santiago High School. It was incredibly close, but the score ended at a 9-10 loss.

Later that day, they went against La Habra High School in an away tournament game. However, it seems like the team found their groove and won, 12-10!

Star players Nancy Baylor, Clarisa Robles, and Makenna Palamara really stood out in this game, scoring time and time again, securing a win. Their practice has been paying off greatly.

On January 18, they played against Pasadena High School and won 23-5! It was a League game played here at Burroughs.

They have been practicing since June to prepare for the season. It's clear how much effort was put into training for the season with this win.

The eleventh game, on January 19, was a 16-8 win against Crescenta Valley High School! Held here at Burroughs, Coach Cook credits their win entirely to the girl's passion and talent.

Coach Cook said, "I see this season going well and ending very well. It is looking like we will win the League Championship for the first time in the school's history if all goes well."

Their twelfth game, on January 20, was a Pacific League game played away against Arcadia High School. It was their fourth win in a row, with a score of 12-5!

They kept up the winning streak for two more blowout games, one against Muir, 25-6 at home, then the other against our rival Burbank High, in a huge 23-6 victory!

Sadly they ended the six game winning streak with a very close loss to Hoover (16-15) at home on January 27th.

But recently they're on another winning streak, beating Glendale in a close 11-10 match, and defeating Hoover 23-5, more than making up for the 1 point loss the week before.

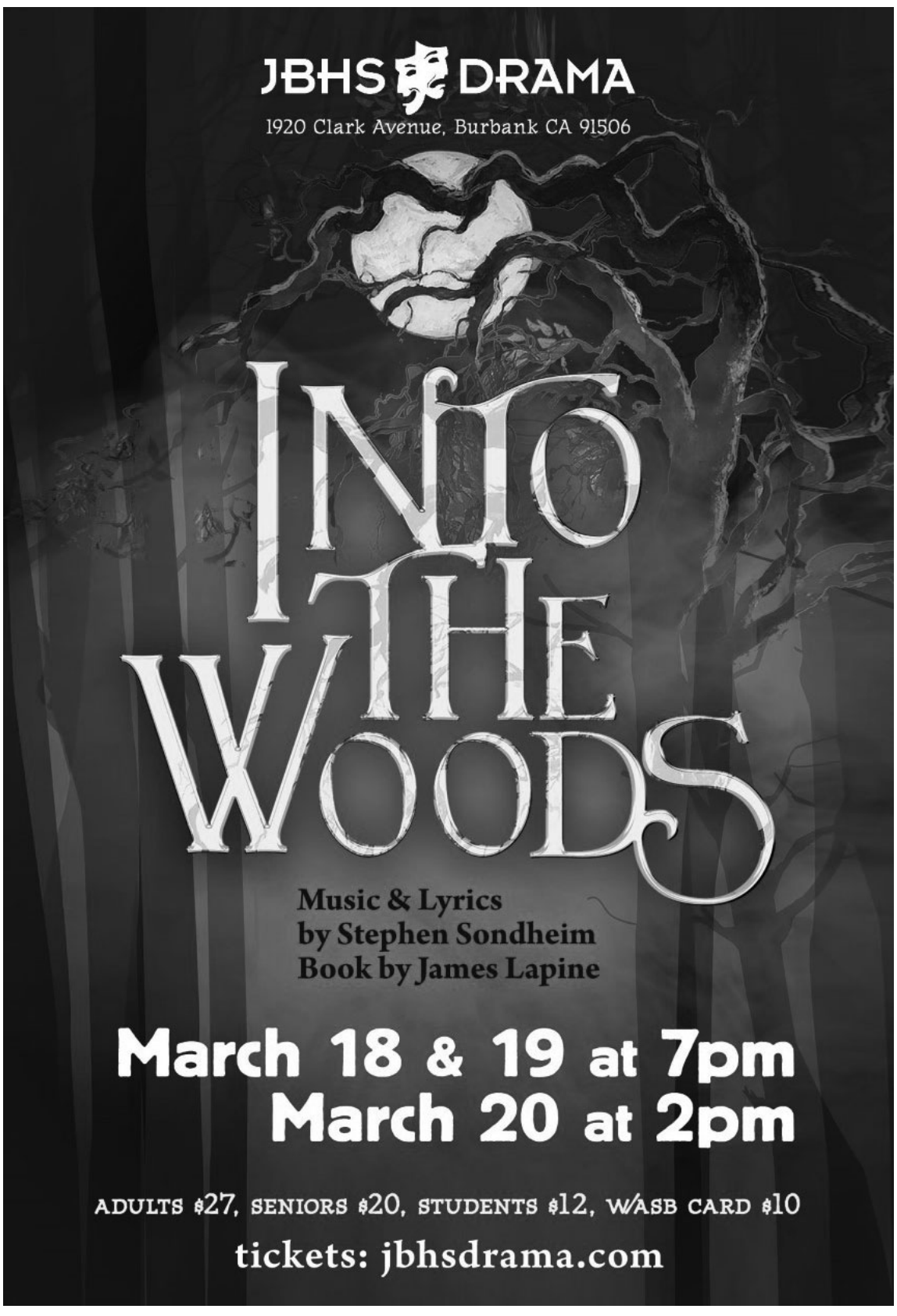
Coach Cook also proudly stated, "We look very good. Lots of talent and a great group of very supportive girls. It has been a pleasure to coach and I'm excited to see how well we are doing after having to take a year off."

The team is doing very well, with an overall score of 12-5 and a League record score of 7-1.

This puts the Girls Water Polo team in 1st place in the Pacific League, giving them a Championship!

Their playoff games were not known at the time of this writing, but they're sure to do well.

Go Bears!



Girls Basketball

By Katie Baum
Cub Reporter

With the Girls' Varsity Basketball having a strong season, it's time to get to know the team and coaches more in depth. The team is led by Head Coach Victoria Oganyan. Coach Oganyan, who hails from Glendale and went to Glendale High and CSUN has been coaching since she graduated high school at age seventeen. She has been the Varsity Coach at Burroughs since 2004. She stated, "Basketball is my passion and the next best thing to playing is coaching."

Her star player is Senior and Captain Noor Fahs. Fahs plays guard, is a four-year Varsity starter and led the team to the semifinals in both 2020 and 2021. Coach Oganyan states that, "Fahs is also a scholar athlete with a 4.5 GPA."

In addition to Fahs are returning Juniors Izzy Roderick, who was a starter last year on the semifinal team, and Ivana Razov, who is a three-year varsity player. Izzy Roderick and Noor Fahs are leading the way in scoring and rebounds.

Though the girls are playing strong, Coach Oganyan mentioned that "It has been a little different transition going from the pandemic year into this school year and athletic year. We played some summer games but we are just now slowly trying to get to where we used to be with workouts pre-pandemic." But still optimistically claiming that "we have a young team and we are getting better everyday."

Coach Oganyan has Bill Dunaway and Art Sullivan on the court with her as assistant coaches, with Coach Sullivan also serving as JV coach. Strength Coach Rick Lucero rounds out her staff as they look to once again have a successful season and deep run into the playoffs.

So far the girls are 21-5, and 6-1 in League, putting them in 2nd place overall.

In their most recent League games, they've beaten Pasadena (59-49, away February 1st), Arcadia (44-20, away January 25th), our crosstown rival Burbank (54-43, home on January 7th), Muir (in a 44-14 blowout, December 16th) Hoover (48-36 on December 8th) and Glendale (59-47, on December 7th).

Their only Pacific League loss was on December 10th, against Crescenta Valley.

Even with the loss the girls are looking towards CIF Playoffs at the end of their regular season, and with an overall record of 21-5, look to go far. Go Bears!

Boys Soccer

By Montana Benz and Hattie Weinroth
Cub Reporters

Our John Burroughs Varsity Soccer Team is striving for excellence this season and will definitely be hitting it. They have a winning lineup of athletes that are ready to work and practice every day to be the best they can be.

Our soccer team this season is led by two absolutely amazing coaches: Michael Solano and Andres Aguilar.

Both coaches set goals in the beginning of the season to win League, and the team pulled through and took third place. They are also aiming for the team to win CIF, and Boys Soccer is currently climbing their way up to this goal and have even made it to the playoffs.

The team Captains this year are Zach Levy and Jaden Vasquez, and they've been on our soccer team all four years. Jaden Vasques started off his high school soccer career in Frosh, and Zack Levy joined JV for his Freshman year. By Sophomore year both Jaden and Zach made it onto the Varsity team.

Preparing for the season is no easy task for Varsity Soccer. During this off season they pushed with everything they got, and did it to meet their goals. While at their daily practices they are working as hard as they can, making sure they are staying clean. And they take every game they play as seriously as possible. According to Mario Herrera, a Junior on the Varsity team, "This season has been a pretty decent season."

Throughout their season they have had a few top scorers with Dominic Quijada with 7, Mario Herrera with 5, and Alex Loera with 2. And this year Varsity soccer is no joke bringing home the 2-1 at Arcadia, 4-1 at Pasadena, and 2-1 from Burbank.

The team's goal is to keep working as hard as possible so they can bring home the wins and achieve their title. So far in the season they are guaranteed one more game, and if they win they are sent straight to playoffs, so a quick good luck to our boys Varsity Soccer for their upcoming games!

Upcoming Dates

Monday, February 14th	Valentine's Day!
Monday, February 14th	Lincoln Holiday - School Closed
Monday, February 21st	President's Day - School Closed
March 9th	Open House CANCELED
March 18th-20th	Into The Woods (Spring Musical)
March 21st-25th	Spring Break!

HOMEMADE VS. STORE-BOUGHT VALENTINE'S DAY GIFTS

By Sammy Solomons
Photographer

I have interviewed two different John Burroughs Students - asking them their opinions on whether store-bought gifts or homemade gifts are better, specifically for Valentine's Day. Two students, Lincoln Melcher and Brooke Bailey, have differing opinions and they have debated on the matter.

Lincoln Melcher, Senior and competitive golfer, debates on the side of store-bought gifts as he states, "Personally, I think store-bought gifts are better simply because homemade gifts are always made extremely poorly. When you are given a store-bought gift you always know what the quality of the product is going to be, and it's likely going to be more useful than a single faceted object that you can make yourself. Unless you are skilled in carpentry then there's no point in trying to make some gift. Additionally, store-bought gifts might be more expensive than making something but you would be wasting time making a gift - time that can be spent with that person rather than away from them just to give them a tangible gift. The gift of company is far more meaningful than that of something materialistic. Finally, I have never enjoyed any homemade gift that I have ever been given because they break and also because I love capitalism."

On the other hand Brooke Bailey, Junior and Show Choir Performer, believes that homemade gifts are the way to go: here is her reasoning, "A homemade gift is literally just that: it is made to feel like home, because home is not a place but a feeling. So when you make a homemade gift it's made from the heart - you gather materials in order to create something that is so much more meaningful than a store-bought gift. When you buy a present, it highlights one's laziness, because everyone would rather have a gift given to them that has been made specifically for them by a special person in their life. Money can't buy happiness - so just because it's more expensive does not mean that it is more meaningful. Homemade gifts are the way to go because they come from the heart, not the wallet."

After hearing from both sides of the debate each student was given the opportunity to rebuttal and question each other's arguments in order to further their respective stances on said debate.

Lincoln Melcher asks Brooke Bailey what her stance is when it comes to people in the relationship showing their love by giving gifts. Brooke responds, "It doesn't have to be store bought; I think the overall point is that someone expresses their lives by giving meaningful gifts, which can be homemade as well."

Brooke Bailey follows up by asking Lincoln, "Why would you spend time at a store looking for expensive and meaningless gifts when you can make something that means so much more?" Lincoln responds, "I don't know who told you that scientifically homemade gifts are more meaningful because I would argue that they are less so. I would like to prompt the readers to reflect on a time where they were given a poorly made homemade gift and they wished that it had just been store bought."

After hearing strong debates from two very passionate students there seems to be various pros and cons to each side.

Which do you prefer: Homemade or Store-bought gifts?

THE BEST LOCAL VALENTINE'S DAY DATE LOCATIONS

By Ainsley Ghaman
Cub Reporter

Valentine's Day has been celebrated in America since the sixteenth century, but even after five hundred years, there is still debate over what the perfect Valentine's Day date should look like. If you're looking for a place to take your significant other for a fun and relaxing Valentine's Day experience, there are some awesome local options to consider.

For those who enjoy the sweeter aspects of the holiday, visiting an ice cream shop and sharing the latest scoop can be a fun and delicious way to spend time with a loved one. Burbank offers a great selection of creameries, but if you and your significant other enjoy sharing an especially sweet treat, Fosters Freeze is a classic and well established casual place to visit.

From a large variety of ice cream flavors, to banana splits and milkshakes, there is something for everyone on the Fosters Freeze menu. For a romantic experience, sharing one of the Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Chocolate Chip, Pineapple, Caramel, Banana, Hot Fudge, or Triple Berry flavored milkshakes can be a loving way to spend the holiday. If you and your date prefer something more unique, the Fosters Freeze menu offers the iconic Twisters, with flavors ranging from Oreo, M&M, Butterfinger, Reese's Cup, Snickers, and Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough.

If the idea of sharing some joy through a delicious milkshake doesn't entice you and your significant other, then a sentimental trip to Griffith Park for a romantic picnic date and enjoying some quiet time together could be just the thing to ensure you have a perfect Valentine's Day.

Visiting the scenic and beautiful Parks all around Burbank and enjoying dinner with your significant other is a wonderful experience that many highly recommend. If you decide to go with this option, consider surprising them with their favorite foods or beverages, and creating a playlist with all their favorite songs to set the mood and show how much you appreciate them.

If a relaxing day isn't something you and your date find appealing, visiting an arcade and seeing who can win the best prize for the other can be a more exhilarating and energetic experience that adds some flair to the evening.

Arcades have long been established as a way for couples to spend time playing nostalgic and often commonly endeared games together, all while providing a fun and energetic atmosphere. One of the most universally enjoyed arcades in Burbank is the Round1 video arcade center located in the Burbank Town Center. Round1 offers dozens of iconic arcade games, bowling, karaoke, and delicious food and drinks.

Even if none of these options seem intriguing, there are plenty of other local attractions that offer a chance for a great Valentine's Day date. Checking out horseback riding options at the Equestrian Center for a calm and intimate ride together is always a fantastic option. There are also a variety of outdoor activities including ice skating and scenic hikes that are located all around Burbank and neighboring areas of Los Angeles.

Valentine's Day is a great opportunity to express your love and appreciation for that special someone, and a memorable date is sure to make them feel loved. Local businesses and iconic places around Burbank provide residents with ample possibilities for finding the perfect Valentine's date destination, and make it a day to remember. However you celebrate this Valentine's Day, make sure to keep you and your significant other safe by adhering to all pandemic regulations.

BURROUGHS TEENS ON ROMANCE

By Joe Stull
Creative Director

A simple Google search of the differences between Generation Z and previous generations leads to an almost overwhelming storm of statistics pointing towards the optimistic progress of humanity and a brighter future than most could've hoped for. Among these numbers, however, is a surprising fact that seems almost worrying: Gen Z isn't getting into relationships nearly as much as previous generations.

Some attribute this to a newer lack of societal pressure to get married, have 2.5 children, and so on. Others worry that being raised on the internet has led to an inability to process and pursue intimacy.

However, the perspective that is often left out of these discussions are the children themselves.

Kenna Kassera, a Junior at John Burroughs High School, seems to agree with the latter. "The nature of the technology and media that we consume is based on things that are temporary and fleeting. I think that [young people] are either afraid or unable to engage in anything lasting or committed."

Peta Jolly, a Senior in a relationship at Burroughs, considers that "either way, romance and relationships come down to respect from both sides, respect for yourself and your values, not compromising what is important to you for temporary pleasure or others, and respect for the romantic partner involved. In that case, whether your romantic interactions are for fun or for longevity, you can navigate for success."

This sentiment can be found often in many young spaces. With the weight of the "rat race" for the nuclear family being slowly lifted away as society progresses, people are finally able to seriously think about what they want romantically and whether that is healthy for them.

In regards to Valentine's Day, Kenna has her reserves. "It's one day a year that people think they have to be kind and loving to their partners. It feels like a requirement to get your significant other gifts and candy and cheesy cards, or else you aren't a good person. I think people should be loving and grateful to their partners everyday."

Teenagers aren't just becoming adults. They are becoming consumers. Since the millennial generation, there has been a new mentality (and in some cases, a need for survival) to be mindful and reserved in what people purchase or place value on due to tradition. This combined with a semi-recent hyper-awareness of performative activism in politics and media has led younger people to have a distaste for the holiday or at the very least an indifference.

In many ways, Generation Z both is and isn't as romantically unsavvy as statistics have reported. People are learning to love smarter.

Our future isn't romantically doomed, like some say. Without the obligation of a relationship, young people are able to love in a healthy and uninhibited way that the world isn't used to yet.

VALENTINE'S CANDY

By Montana Benz
Cub Reporter

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching, and that means its Valentine' grams season. The Valentine's section often has loads to choose from, and often its hard to know where to start. Theres always an abundance of candies ranging from chocolates to sour hearts. But, which is the best to start with?

Starting off strong, with everyone's go to candy surprise, chocolate. Everyone is eager to receive the chocolatey, fudge, goodness on Valentines, but if you're the one gifting it, where would you even start? A classic family favorite would always be the assorted chocolates. And the strongest way to go for chocolate would always be a See's assorted chocolate box. See's supplies some of the richest chocolates, ranging from creamy to sweet, with nuts and chews. A sweet simple gift, would be a pleasant surprise to win over anyone's heart.

Sometimes chocolate isn't the way to go, allergies are often a factor many people need to avoid. And a classic way to touch someone's heart with a sweet treat would be Sweethearts Conversation Heart box. Though they are the tacky way to go it is never a miss. Though to some they might taste like chalk, these sweet and sour candies are the perfect treat to claim someones heart.

Now we have to mention the under dog in this situation. Every year in grade school we would always hand out little Valentine's grams, and every year everyone hopes that someone is going to pull out the heart lollie pops. These are a strong contender for the best Valentine's candies out there. They are always so sweet and always a great way to reminisce on the easier times. So a sweet lollie pop is never an options you want to miss out when typing to win someone specials heart.

And obviously we can't forget the classic Valentine's sweet snacks. Rice Crispy treats will always take the top for this. A quick sweet and crunchy snack that fills you up with wonderful marshmallow bliss. When picking out a neutral snack, or a safe bet for anyone Rice Crispy treats will always be great contender. It's a quick way into everyone's heart and a safe bet for all.

A sweet treat can make a big impact on anyone's heart, and Valentine's Day there is no wrong way top go. So go take that bet and give someone a special treat on a special day.

Mendocino Farms Sandwich Market: Eat Happy!

By Elise McMillen
Cub Reporter

Family-owned and locally sourced, Burbank's newest Restaurant, Mendocino Farms, was just recently opened on August 3, 2021.

It's located between Walt Disney Studios and Warner Brothers, in Toluca Lake. With it's charming blue cow as its mascot, and happy go lucky staff, It's just about the friendliest a sandwich place can be.

"At Mendo's, [it's] Chef-driven, Artisan, fresh-farm stuff," says one satisfied customer. They use produce from local farms, ever since their first location opened. Freshness of ingredients and support of local farms is part of their goal.

At this restaurant, the experience is just as important to the staff as the food.

Their slogan, "Sell Happy," is part of the culture of the place. When serving and managing, their staff make an extra effort to be friendly and remember names.

Mendocino Farms is so much more than just a place to get a sandwich. It is a gathering place for coworkers and friends, where each person who walks through the door is treated like family, with names remembered and conversations between the staff and customers.

Mendocino Farms has grown in popularity since its original storefront was opened in 2003. In recent years, it has opened over 40 locations, and has 3 locations currently under construction, across California.

What is most impressive about this wildly successful and growing family of restaurants, is that though they have expanded so vastly, They still live up to their "Eat Happy" mission, and feel anything but corporate.

Their menu includes seasonal items such as a Peruvian Steak Sandwich, Prosciutto and Chicken Potato Roll, and Pork Belly Banh Mi. They also have a classic menu and vegan/vegetarian options such as their "Unreal Reuben" Sandwich, and Impossible Burger.

Mendo's core values are people, passion, and purpose. The staff and management hold the communities they serve dear to their hearts. Viewing their sandwich shops as a community building tool helps them turn their restaurants into a resource.

The Mendocino family hopes that their guests leave with the feeling that they have not only satisfied their hunger, but also fueled their desire to come back for something more than just the food.

Community outreach is important to this family business. Hosting a digital "Give Back" fundraiser with Mendocino Farms is a fun and safe way to raise money for your non-profit school or 501c organization. Simply enter a code at checkout, and They will donate 20% of the sales generated by your group back to your cause!

An example of Mendo's community outreach programs, (which are a big part of the family aspect of the business), are teaming up with No Kid Hungry "because they have a plan to help feed kids — now and in the months to come." At Mendo, they're committed to giving back and "helping others EAT HAPPY"

Recently, The restaurant came out with the "My Mendo" App, which can be used to unlock greater convenience "for all things Mendo." Opt into emails to be the first to know about the local chefs' latest menu offerings, exclusive events, special offers, new locations and all Mendo happenings.

This location is also hiring. "Welcome to the Mendo family!" It says on the website. "Do you thrive on developing people? LOVE FOOD? Then this is the opportunity you have been waiting for!" Since this job is all about building community and serving the people of the location of the restaurant, Burroughs students should apply!

Mama Hong's

By Scarlett Acevedo
Cub Reporter

In desperate need of a savory bowl of noodles and broth? Then run don't walk to, Mama Hong's Vietnamese Kitchen on North San Fernando Rd. in Burbank. While pho isn't often considered high end eating, this restaurant makes your need for spicy soup more of a social event.

I was brought here by my die hard foodie friend who happens to cook amazing Thai food, so when she suggested we meet there, I knew it would not disappoint.

The neighborhood is predominantly restaurants on that end of street with quite a few good Asian fusion establishments such as Hawaiian, Japanese, and Chinese even but the exotic blend of Vietnamese savory and spice, is served up the way you like it.

We started with Summer rolls. Shrimp, basil and glass noodles inside of rice paper rolls. We dipped them in sweet Chile sauce.

We ordered the freshly made limeade with a tart quotient much higher than an ordinary American lemonade but just as thirst quenching. Get one to go as well, they're that enjoyable.

For my main course I went with the oxtail pho.

That pho is as much of a sport as it is a dish is not lost on me and is probably half the reason I find it so comforting.

There's a ritual to how you make your own personal bowl of pho.

I distribute the bean sprouts, most but not all of that they offer, rip up absolutely all of the basil, add just enough Sriracha to color the broth red and wake up my sinuses, but not too much where the end result are fire scorched taste buds.

I did that once. Never again.

You then stir it all up with your chopsticks.

My Mom used to work in Tokyo and taught me early on how to hold chopsticks. I'll never be as good as she is with them and I can hear her telling me now how higher class people in Asia hold their chopsticks much higher up than I do.

A pho steam facial is the best. The ox tail meat is tender and falls off the bone. And I have to say one of the most satisfying meals in town. A dish for all seasons.

Because we were starving, we also ordered the pork chop fried rice. The meat was well seasoned and the rice was not greasy. We had leftovers that would make a great snack later.

I enjoy Mama Hong's as much in the Summer, as I do in the Winter, and all food delivery apps service the restaurant.

We paid the bill and took Vietnamese iced coffees with us.

The wait staff is gracious and attentive.

The prices are reasonable and the portions generous, but the experience still feels like an event.

They're happy to make your order for pick-up as well if you find yourself in the area and want to take dinner home.

Parking isn't too much of a hassle unless you come during prime lunch and dinner hours, but even then there's public parking in the structures at either ends of the street.

So the next time you can't get the promise of flavorful Vietnamese soup out of your head, try Mama Hong's Vietnamese Kitchen in Burbank.

Hours of operation are Sun - Thurs: 11:00AM - 9:00PM and then Fri - Sat, 11:00AM-10:00PM.

Sweetgreen

By Genesis Martinez
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Go straight to Sweetgreen and get yourself a delicious healthy bowl for lunch! It's located at 4320 W Riverside Dr, Burbank, CA where the old "Boston Market" used to be it's perfect for you to go during school lunch and get a bite to eat. It has been open for about four months. It is open Monday through Sunday 10:30AM-10PM. When I first walked in, I was greeted with a warm welcome and once I got my food I sat down right away in my seat of choice.

The staff was very nice and attentive, the man that helped us was good at making conversation and answered any questions I had. Looking around the room, people are here with their family and friends, laughing while enjoying their food. I did notice that most of the customers that came in were there to pick up and not eat in the actual restaurant, which tells me it is a good on the go meal. There are many great choices when it comes to nutritious low calorie meals.

They have good prices, considering all the care they put into picking their ingredients and how environmentally conscious they are. According to their website, "We believe that climate change is the defining challenge of our generation" and "we're committed to becoming carbon neutral by the end of 2027." When companies make a point to become more eco friendly, it costs money to make these changes which raises the price of the product.

Because of the fact that this restaurant's main focus is for their food to be a quick bite to eat, they don't take much time to prepare your actual dish and don't take much time in presentation. They did take the time and effort to make sure the ingredients that are going into your dish looked fresh and presentable.

I ordered was their Chicken Pesto Parm salad bowl; the chicken came moist, well cooked, and properly seasoned. When I tried the food, it was exactly what I was expecting and more. When I took my first bite my immediate reaction was how much flavor the food had. I think that this place can definitely change the way people see nutritious, healthy food and can help people start into having a healthier lifestyle. For example, I love salads but hate spinach, so I saw them putting spinach in my bowl. I was a little freaked out but when I actually gave it a try it was delicious. It forever changed my views of spinach and is something that I will definitely be ordering again. In case of any allergies, though, you can always swap an ingredient for something else.

The salad had fresh lettuce, smelled good, and overall felt clean. As far as I can think of, I cannot compare it to anything I have ever tried before. This dish was unique. It was the first time I had ever seen someone put hot sauce in a salad which, surprisingly, fit. This dish was exciting due to the abundance of flavor and different textures. This dish was worth my money because it made me happy and fulfilled.

One of the first things I notice was that take out is more popular than dine-in.

The decor in the room was very minimalistic and simple with white walls and natural wood. It makes everything look clean and uncluttered, unlike other restaurants I've been to. The place smells normal with nothing out of the ordinary, it has a slight smell of food but nothing overpowering.

At Sweetgreen, they have tables that can fit four people and tables that can fit two people. If you ever can with more people, they would have no problem moving the tables together so everyone can fit. The tables had a small wooden sign that tells you if the table has been cleaned and sanitized or if it is still dirty. Once you are done eating your food, you flip the small sign so the workers know that the table needs to be cleaned.

Even though I had a predominantly good experience I'm sad to say that when I went into the restrooms there was no soap. This is extremely important and disappointing because of everything our world is going through right now. Washing your hands is so important to keep illnesses and viruses away and to keep others safe. Another concern of mine regarding the absence of soap in the restroom is where are the employees washing their hands? After they use the restroom do they just go on with their day serving people? Despite this, I would love to get the Chicken pesto Parm salad bowl again. The strongest aspect of this experience was 100% the food. I would love to go back and I recommend that everyone tries it at least once.

You should be Russian to Kalinka's!

By Scarlett Acevedo
Cub Reporter

Kalinka Restaurant of Russian Cuisine at 1714 Victory Blvd. in Glendale is a throwback to food cooked the old fashioned Russian Grandma way. The portions are generous to ridiculously large so bring friends to share and enjoy. The atmosphere is simple but cozy but never fussy.

The beef skewers are so delectable and tender and spiced just the way they are at Gorky Park's street venders in Moscow, my date told me that because I myself have never been to Russia.

The borscht is lovely even if you think you don't like beets. Something so cheery about a bright purple broth with vegetables and beef. The raw garlic is so strong make sure any loved one eats with you so as to not offend. What is Russian food without pelmeni? Have to have pelmeni. This is a satisfying meat filled dumpling that you will find yourself addicted to and coming back for more.

Another favorite is the beef stroganoff with fries. But once again the huge portion will begin tomorrow night's dinner as well.

The pickled salads are the right compliment to the heavy food. And the pork kebab is great too.

The music will have you believing you're in a tiny restaurant in St. Petersburg with the famous Vladimir Vysotsky the iconic bard singer rumbling his iconic cigarettes and whisky voice sung songs.

Known for lyrics so politically charged and filled with accusation and angsty artistry that got him exiled to France during the 70's.

His voice is so singular and I wouldn't know of him at all except I have Russian friends and they all think my Dad sounds like him. Without the singing. The waitstaff is friendly and serviceable without clucking over you.

You can order it delivered to your home through GrubHub and Foursquare. Or order for curbside pickup. The parking is plentiful out front and I've never been when it was a problem.

Open 12:00-10:00 every day.

Milano Cafe and Deli

By Judi Browngardt
Cub Reporter

Milano Cafe and Deli is a relatively new restaurant, deli, and market here in Burbank. The cafe is located at 269 E Palm Ave, Burbank, CA 91502. Its location is approximately seven minutes away from the school by car, so it would be possible to enjoy some authentic Italian cuisine during the lunch break. Milano Cafe and Deli is open from 8:30 AM through 7 PM on all days of the week except Sunday when they are closed entirely.

The restaurant and market had their grand opening on August 1, 2021, and they call themselves a cafe, deli, bakery, market, and juice bar. When inside the deli, the smell of tomato sauce fills the large market. They carry an assortment of imported Italian foods, along with essentials ranging from toothpaste to batteries. Everyone sitting inside seemed to have a pleasant time enjoying their food.

The decor inside the cafe was modern and minimalistic. Everything for sale was neatly displayed in the deli. When I ordered, the server was extremely helpful. He told me about the most popular items on the menu, along with his personal favorites. They have a wide variety of foods on their menu, with vegetarian, vegan, and dietary-restriction-friendly options. The prices were overall quite reasonable given the freshness and homemade feel of the cafe and deli.

I ordered takeout, however, there were plenty of outdoor or indoor seating options. The tables were big enough to enjoy meals with a larger group of people. The eggplant parmesan was the most popular dish, which I ordered, along with an Italian cake called torta della nonna.

For a beverage, they offered many juices and Italian sodas, which were made in the cafe. I decided to try a strawberry cream soda to pair with my meal.

While they prepared the food, I observed the atmosphere of Milano Cafe and Deli. My first impression was the size of the cafe itself. It was very spacious and there was a lot to look at. There were many types of unfamiliar food being sold, which I wanted to try.

The food took about ten minutes to be prepared. It looked pretty visually appealing, and the portions were a good size. I could see why the eggplant parmesan was the most popular dish on the menu. The texture and flavor of it were both good. However, I would have preferred it to be a little hotter than it was.

My favorite part of the meal was the dessert that I tried after the main dish. When I first took a bite, my immediate reaction was "wow." The cake differed from any other cake I have had before. They paired it with a sweet raspberry sauce that complimented the custard tart perfectly.

Some positives that stood out the most to me were the wide variety of things in the market. It reminded me somewhat of a fancy bodega. The prices of all the items were fair, and I even got a piece of focaccia bread with my takeout meal, which was a pleasant surprise.

The food was overall worth the price and my personal experience at Milano Cafe and Deli met my expectations. I am looking forward to going back and trying some more of the many options on their menu. In particular, I want to try one of their pasta dishes because I observed pasta makers in the back, and I am curious to try the fresh pasta.

Le French Rooster

By Judi Browngardt
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Le French Rooster is a French bakery and cafe that is extremely close to our Burroughs campus. It is located at 2221 W Olive Ave, Burbank, CA 91506. The cafe is open Tuesday to Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM. Le French Rooster has been open since June 19th, 2019. The restaurant is a perfect place to get good quality food during our lunch breaks at Burroughs. Given its location, one could order food, eat it, and be back on campus before the bell rings.

When I first arrived at Le French Rooster, I received a warm welcome from one of their owners. Indoor dining at the restaurant was not available, so I ordered to go. The cafe was quite small, but the interior was incredibly neat and well designed. There was an assortment of French candies and snacks for sale, along with the French cuisine.

The menu had a wide variety of sandwiches, quiches, pastries, salads, and crepes to choose from. There were options for vegetarians and pescatarians, but few options for vegan patrons. The prices were quite reasonable, taking into consideration that the cafe is a family-owned business. I ordered a tuna sandwich and a raspberry tart. I went to the cafe later in the day and they had already sold most pastries, so the chef made me the raspberry tart fresh.

I received the food about ten minutes after I had ordered it, which was quick considering the chef had to make my order fresh. The sandwich and raspberry tart looked amazing. The presentation of the food was very appetizing, even in the to-go box. I first ate the sandwich and as I bit into it, I first noticed the bread. The bread was a croissant style bread which was homemade in the restaurant; it was flakey, buttery, and really amped up the quality of the sandwich. It was a good portion of size and when I finished it, I felt full and satisfied. It probably was the best tuna sandwich I've had because of the freshness of the ingredients and the additional toppings on the sandwich.

Next, I tried the Raspberry tart. It tasted creamy and sweet with a tart layer of jam covering the bottom of the tart's crust. It was enjoyable, and the presentation made the first bite exciting. The custard was neatly piped, and the raspberries were placed generously on top of the tart. After I finished the sweet dessert, I wanted to go back to Le French Rooster and order more pastries to try.

Overall, the food was wonderful and worth the price. The decor and bright colors inside the cafe made for a positive ambiance. Although the inside was small, it didn't feel overwhelming or crowded. One of my favorite parts of the cafe was the smell of pastries that greeted me as I walked in.

The only negative feature I observed was the lack of seating options. The indoor seating was not available and there was no outdoor seating. However, it would make more sense to order the food-to-go because of the limited time we have during lunch.

Le French Rooster is family owned and one can feel the passion for cooking through their food. Everything in the restaurant is handmade with fresh products and it makes a difference. I am looking forward to the next time I go to Le French Rooster so I can try other things on the menu, including their coffee and crepes.

California Fish Grill Review

By Hattie Weinroth
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The California Fish Grill, which opened its doors on July 6, 2021, serves up a delicious variety of dishes, ranging from Fish & Chips to an Ahi Poké bowl. Located at 551 North Hollywood Way, CA Fish Grill has an open and inviting atmosphere, welcoming to anyone who wants a bite. It's a family friendly spot that has yummy kids meals, great seating, COVID-19 precautions, and much more.

The CA Fish grill is only a four minute drive from JBHS, with easy parking, so to any drivers with a lunch pass, it's a simple place to grab food and not have to worry about being late to fifth period. Food only takes around ten minutes to get out, so it's possible to leave school, get food, and come back to campus within twenty minutes. Too far to walk, so find a ride to try this tasty spot. Be sure to stop by anywhere between 11:00 AM-9:00 PM Sunday through Wednesday, and 11:00 AM-9:30 PM Thursday through Saturday.

This restaurant is a wonderful place to come to when looking for a great selection of seafood, with healthy options and delicious sides, all at an affordable price. The Dynamite Shrimp bowl is a tasty entree, and adding the side of Fire Roasted Street Corn was an amazing meal. The kids Grilled Salmon is a great choice, but there are other options on the kids menu seem just as good. Fish tacos are another great selection, and all the sides are tasty. For drinks, they offer Stubborn soda on the machine. The Pineapple Cream Soda is a great pick. They had run out of Ahi Poké when I went, which was slightly disappointing, but the replacement meal was still great. CA Fish Grill offers easy alternative options in meals, like switching white rice for brown or cauliflower rice. The menu has many great choices and offers meals that fit keto and vegan diets.

The pricing at CA Fish Grill is affordable, and you can get a fresh and healthy meal with a drink for around $15. For the selection of fresh fish they offer, everything is appropriately priced. They also offer family meals, which are great options that can feed up to six people.

The atmosphere of CA Fish Grill is nothing to complain about. The restaurant still feels new, and like they are settling in, but that's expected. They have a great outdoor seating option, with heaters going on the chilly nights and popular music playing on the speakers at all times.

The indoor seating is not too loud or hectic so enjoying a nice meal is a possibility here too. The workers are friendly and helpful, and will help with any questions that might arise, though they have just opened, and not all of the workers have become comfortable with the menu. The whole restaurant is kept clean, and they have hand sanitizer at the door for customers to use in these pandemic times. All workers are masked up, and following LA County guidelines, people are masked in the restaurant when they aren't eating.

They offer both pickup, curbside, and delivery options. While I haven't tried them out yet, it's hoped that the quality of food you receive will be the same as in restaurant dining.

The experience at California Fish Grill was very nice. The food was flavorful and tasted very fresh. I was disappointed that they had run out of poké, as it looked really good on the menu, but it seems to be a popular item so I will try next time. The employees were helpful, and while many seemed to still be learning, they put out the effort. The nice atmosphere, food, and employees are welcoming and worth a trip over. Be sure to check out California Fish Grill for a good new bite!

Burbank BagelBash

By Alexis Lopez
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As our first semester of the school year came to an end, the 2021-22 Journalism class took it upon ourselves to decide which location in Burbank has the best bagels. After much consideration, the four agreed upon stores that the bagels were to be purchased include Costco, Noah's NY Bagels, Western Bagel, and Hank's Bagels.

Using a 3 point system, the class rated each bagel based on appearance, color, flavor, texture, and palatability, while also taking into account price and the availability of certain types of bagels. Any incorrect orders were also taken into consideration.

A bit of information on each store to add some context for the scores: Noah's and Costco's bagels cost around $1 per bagel, while Western's and Hank's were more on the costly side, coming out to around $3 per bagel. Additionally, Hank's bagels have jalapenos in them, and they do not make Cheese Bagels. Costco and Western do not make Blueberry Bagels, while Noah's was out of stock when the class attempted to buy some.

With each student scoring the bagels out of 15 points, there are a total of 210 points available. It should also be noted that not everyone tried the exact same bagel, with the different flavors tested being an everything bagel, a cheese bagel, and a plain bagel.

Starting with the least popular, it looks like Hank's Bagels was not a fan favorite. Ending with just 56 points, these bagels did not impress the Journalism class. Scoring mostly 1's in each category, the general consensus was that these bagels looked a bit off, with an unsatisfactory taste and hard-as-a-brick texture. Laurelei Johnson, a student in Journalism, commented that the bagel was "covered in seasoning," and that you "can't see [the] bread" because of it. For such an expensive bagel, the results did not meet the class's expectations, and Hank's secured fourth place.

In third place is Western Bagel, with ninety-six point five points. Regardless of the flavor, it seemed like the bagels scored mostly 1's and 2's, seemingly nothing to write home about. Daniela Lopez, another Journalism student, simply states that the bagel had "a fair taste and texture," clearly having no strong reaction. Overall, it's clear Western's deserves the middle of the pack, third place.

In the battle for first place is Costco and Noah's, separated by one 3 points! Both bagels scored mostly 3's in each category, sporting a great appearance, crispy on the outside yet not too hard on the inside, and an excellent taste with a delectable aroma. But there can only be one winner, so the top bagel location in Burbank, determined by the Journalism class of 2021-22 is…

Noah's NY Bagels! Noah's hit the ball out of the park, scoring 137 points and leaving the Journalism class happy and with full stomachs. While not perfect, Noah's consistent high scores landed it the top spot as Burbank's best bagel spot.

Costco's bagels still put up a strong fight. Again, these bagels were just three points short of scoring first, with 134 points. Corvette Brown-Henry, another student in Journalism, believed that the Costco bagel "was so good" and that "the everything bagel wasn't overpowered with garlic, salt, [or] sesame seeds," making it clear that while Noah's is technically the real winner, Costco also provides a wonderful array of delicious bagels.

If you're ever in the mood for a bagel, Journalism recommends either Noah's or Costco! Both had overall positive reviews from the students and serve as great places to get a nice, solid bagel. But don't be afraid to give Hank's and Western a try as well and form your own bagel beliefs!

The Kebab Shop

By Cate Triphon
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The Kebab Shop is a brand new restaurant that recently opened in Burbank on 515 N Hollywood Way. The restaurant resides directly in front of a Starbucks, and is next to Jersey Mike's Subs. All of which inhabit a strip mall.

The Kabab Shop is currently open from 10:30AM to 9PM everyday. Masks are required upon entry, and are only allowed off if one chooses to eat there. They are open for dine-in, takeout, and delivery.

The interior of the restaurant has a very modern vibe to it. Large meat skewers with lamb and chicken gyro are clearly visible behind the counter. Should one choose to dine-in, there are simple tables to sit at across the soda and sauce machines.

There are six fountain drinks to choose from: Diet Coke, Fanta Orange, Minute Made Lemonade, Fuze, Sprite and Coca-Cola.

Next to the soda machine are four dipping sauces including garlic yogurt, spicy cilantro, and spicy chili. Spicy cilantro was my personal favorite.

When at a restaurant that has kebab in the name, one can only think of ordering a kebab meal!

The chicken was exceptionally crispy but not super flavorful. The crispier pieces seemed to contain more flavor.

The lamb gyro was much more flavorful than the chicken! The thin strips were easy to chew through and there was plenty! The lamb gyro also had a rich taste.

The Kebab Shop's employees were incredibly friendly and seem very happy to be there. They're patient while you look at their build-your-own-meal menu.

The Kebab Shop's fun and inclusive slogan is, "Mediterranean For All."

At the end of the day, The Kebab Shop is a great place for lunch or dinner when one is in the mood for a Mediterranean meal.

Random Acts of Breadness

By Diana Mankikyan
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Burbank's softest and warmest grand opening goes to... Random Acts of Breadness! On the days of August 6th and 7th, Randall Michael Tobin decided to freshen up the streets of Magnolia with his brand new artisan sourdough bakery. Located at 2214 W. Magnolia Blvd. this bakery shares its handmade bread with the world, even including "legendary bread gifts," as stated on their website.

Due to this being a new addition to the neighborhood it leaves people wondering, "Is the bread that good to make an entire bakery?,"The bakery's video reviews on their website answers those questions. The first video viewed is of a young woman named Emma, Emma is shocked by her first ever bite and manages to let out the words "Oh my goodness, this is really good" before instantly going for her second. If her video alone hasn't already convinced you, don't worry, there are three more happy customers ready to change your mind!

However, the only way to truly know if it's good is to try it yourself. The ordering process is pretty simple, but it takes time. In order to get the full experience, a person can order online and go to pick it up at their Magnolia location.

When viewing the grand opening video on their website https://breadness.com/ you can tell these items are made with care. The owner, Randall, truly shows his happiness to his work. Each image of him never failing to show a wide smile, to emphasize his enthusiasm to his work. It's always nice to see someone who looks genuinely happy doing their job because it makes the buyer genuinely happy to try the product.

Another attribute to their bakery is how quickly they sell their items. In exact words, "We sold out all of our loaves in 2 hours on Friday, and in 1-1/2 hours on Saturday! That's about 50 loaves a day!" this to me just adds to how good of a bakery it is. With items selling left to right it's hard to not want anything.

As of right now, their website shows Artisan Sourdough Country Loaf and an Artisan Cinnamon-Maple-Walnut Sourdough Loaf. Those two may not seem like much, but these loafs of bread are nicely put together in packages along with being put through a three day process.

It can be a fun area to go to after school for the current winter weather, because who doesn't love a loaf of bread to warm themselves up?

The overall presentation of the loaves is very appealing. They truly look as though there was time and effort put into them,which is what you would hope if your bread takes three days to make. Pricing of these items however may differ from the range of $16 to $24, truly depending on the type of package you receive. However, the time put into these items does show hard work and therefore makes the price somewhat understandable.

As a fellow bread lover, it's important to have bread made with such care and effort. You can do so much with the amount that they supply you with. Some fun ideas could be making bread bowls, maybe you're in the mood for some clam chowder. In general I think that this bakery was a wonderful and necessary addition to the Burbank family. It adds a new and very much needed character to the city itself

Life Rooted Pizza

By Vivian Morse
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Come one come all, to Life Rooted, the new pizza joint located in our town Burbank. Life Rooted is an Artisan Pizza restaurant and a family establishment. It is in a very accessible place and is a definite must.

Established in 2020, it did not get the attention that it deserved, as it was over shadowed by the coronavirus outbreak. Upon visiting their website, the staff expressed their condolences and concerns for everyone impacted by the coronavirus, and when visiting this establishment it was made clear that it is one-hundred percent a safe place to go and enjoy a meal.

It is located at 2202 North Glenoaks Avenue, and has an exceptionally accessible location as previously mentioned. It is fairly close to Burbank High, so meet up with your fellow peers and go and grab a bite to eat. They are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, but are open for business on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4PM to 9PM, and on Fridays and weekends from 11AM to 9PM. This works perfectly for afterschool activities.

When visiting Life Rooted, I was immediately satisfied with the large and easily accessible parking lot, perfect for new drivers. Its location is adjacent to Burbank High School, so new teenage drivers who attend there or Burroughs should have no problem finding a place to park.

The exterior of the restaurant is adorable and welcoming due to the greenery and plants that cover it. There are tables outdoors to eat with family and friends in a COVID-safe environment, not to mention the trendy aesthetic of the whole restaurant. The color scheme, plants, and features make up the perfect picture spots.

When walking inside, I experienced the refreshing feeling of air conditioning on a hot day to then find the staff experimenting with pumpkin and latte recipes, to bring out new refreshments for the new upcoming fall season. The thing that drew my attention was the use of actual pumpkin in crafting this drink. This proved to me that the staff not only isn't afraid to get their hands dirty and get creative, but that they use raw ingredients in the food that they provide for their customers. I ended up having a very positive conversation with a staff member who was very kind and was very helpful with my questions.

After looking through their variety of options, I decided on the vegan pizza to try and after a very short wait, it was my time to eat. The food was very presentable and it came out nice and hot, just the way a good pizza should. I could tell by the presentation and texture of the toppings that what was used was in good condition, and was carefully made. On their website, it says that the Pizzeria only uses the mixture of flours for pizza certified by an Italian flour mill, and only uses natural ingredients and yeast coming from Italy.

Coming from someone with family members that work in the food industry and own plant-based companies, I could honestly say that I could tell that what I was eating was natural and healthy. I have had many mediocre pizzas, and this was not one of them.

Not only can you pick-up from Life Rooted, but there is also delivery and catering. Both delivery and pickup can be done by ordering online and offers the no contact route, further stopping the COVID spread and is much safer. I personally enjoyed every aspect of the meal, from the texture and well-making of the pizza to the wonderful plants and decorations inside and out of the establishment. Although I have only tried one of the many pizzas on the menu, I would be open to trying more of them. The service there was more than satisfactory and the staff seems to have a very organized system. I will definitely be visiting again, and I also highly recommend you to do so as well. Bring your friends and your family, and come on down to Life Rooted Pizzeria.

Ka'teen Yucatan Cuisine

By Elise McMillen
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A new Restaurant in the Burbank area that is reviving ancient flavors and offering a wild exuberance and luxurious South American food is Ka'teen Los Angeles. Each dish is vibrant and bursting with unique flavor; and the ambiance is equally as exciting.

KA'TEEN is described as "an adventure to the lush jungles of the Yucatan Peninsula, nestled in the bustling heart of Hollywood…" as said in their mission statement.

It certainly is an adventure to a new world of flavor and culture; with menu items such as lamb neck barbacoa and even a 32 ounce carne asada steak, Ka'teen is serious about the luxury of authenticity in its food.

Their menu is an accurate representation of the delicious Mayan flavors of the Yucatan Peninsula, which includes tacos, ceviches, tostadas, shareable plates of cochinita pibil, and whole fish with fresh tortillas.

Try something you've never heard of, or stick to a classic; you will be blown away by the talent and skill of Chef Wes Avila.

Avila, the celebrated Los Angeles chef and founder of Guerilla Tacos in the LA Arts District opened this place. With a chef this talented and excited to cook, each dish is made with a love of the Yucatan culture and tradition behind it.

Ka'teen means "afresh" in the Mayan language, which sums up precisely the art of a menu made with the freshest ingredients hand-picked from local purveyors and farmers.

The ambiance of this adventurous eatery is what makes it stand out; with 5,000 square feet of jungle-themed Mayan inspired space, this place feels like a tropical vacation. The music is even curated to match the look. DJ sets that recall the rhythm of the rainforests play throughout the place.

It was described by 'Eater' as "Capturing the Essence of the Mexican Coast" with its beautiful decor, delicious food, and authentic vibe.

Food Critic Farley Elliot explained that Ka'teen "might be the most gorgeous new LA restaurant in a while."

Go on an adventure, try Ka'teen Los Angeles.

TK Cafe

By Corvette Brown-Henry
Cub Reporter

TK Cafe is one of our fellow Burbank businesses that has just opened up recently on July 7th of last year. Their hours are from 9AM to 6PM daily.

Why am I telling you about this restaurant? Well I went myself and let me tell you, it was pretty good!

The baristas and cashiers were so nice and welcoming. Did I mention they sell stickers too, and for a pretty reasonable price? That's a win if I do say so myself.

They have so many selections of foods and beverages to choose from. Anything from sandwiches to street tacos to boba to pastries even ice cream they have it.

I on the other hand got the Cheesy Croissant and the Caramel Milk Tea with Boba. Both have very good flavors as the Caramel Milk Tea is not too sweet and the Cheesy Croissant had a pull to it with the crunchiness of the flaky croissant.

There is a good amount of seats for you to sit and wait for your food and beverages or even talking with friends or studying on some homework. The atmosphere was calming and peaceful which is definitely needed in a cafe setting.

The location as well is quite reserved as there are not many crowds around. Parking is not a hassle as not many stay for long, which is a definite plus.

TK Cafe workers are also very fast with making their food and beverages but they put some love into it, which makes this whole experience of TK so warming and chill. Lastly, the scenery of the inside of TK, is very artsy and has an elegant aesthetic to it.

I hope you guys try out TK Cafe as it's one of the best cafes in Burbank right now.

