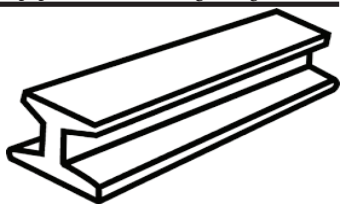
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Latinos Unidos Presents Folklorico Dancers

By Alexis Lopez
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Photographer: Alexis Lopez

Beginning on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories and cultures of those of Mexican, Spanish, Caribbean, and Central and South American descent. This year, our very own Latinos Unidos Club and ASB collaborated with "Mexico Azteca," a dance company run by Ms. Amy Narvarrete, to put on a performance during lunch!

Throughout the performance, Ms. Narvarrete spoke on the history of multiple aspects of the dances, songs, dresses, highlighting the mix between European and Mexican culture in all aspects.

Ms. Narvarrete began the event by introducing the first dance, which showcased regional dances normally found in villages and general regions instead of stages. Their performance was to the songs "La Firma" and "Huilotl".

After their dance, Ms. Narvarrete gave a quick description of the girl's costumes, explaining the meaning behind the dresses and headpieces. They truly brought Mexican culture to life!

Up next, the performers danced to "Son Jarocho" music, including the songs "Palomo y Paloma" and "El Coco." The performance was lovely, and as someone of Mexican descent, it's a very validating feeling, to see your own culture being honored and recognized.

Ms. Narvarrete ended this section of the performance by, again, explaining the history of the dancer's dresses, making sure to respectfully honor Mexican culture.

The third dance was a duet, performed by Ms. Narvarrete herself, and the young Alyssa Barrett, a five-year-old who has been dancing since she was three! They danced to the song folk dances representing the "Mexican Revolution" period from 1910-1920.

It was a beautiful way to show the connection between the older generation and the newer generation, brought together by the spirit of dance and song.

Next, current and former students of Burroughs dressed up and danced to "El Botecito," a well known Mexican dance. When interviewed, Natalie Jimenez, Lauren Arroyo, and Giselle Moran, three of the dancers involved in this part of the show, only had nice things to say about the experience! Miss Arroyo vocalized her appreciation, stating, "I had a really fun time, and I'm glad to be able to share our culture in Hispanic Heritage Month!"

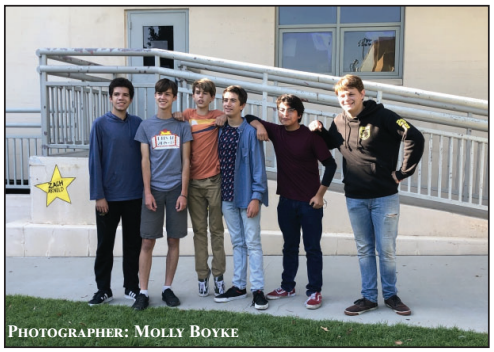
The girls were dressed in white t-shirts, blue jeans, and a "tejana" hat, explained Ms. Narvarrete. Not only was the performance great, but it was a nice way to show Burroughs' connection with these cultures and showcasing the skills and talents of our very own students.

Continuing with the connection to Burroughs, the next dance was a demonstration led by Ms. Narvarrete, with ASB students brought onto the stage! They were attempting to dance to "El Jarabe Tapatio," and while it wasn't perfect, it was definitely a laugh and a fun way to get everyday students involved in the show!

The last part of the performance was once again led by Ms. Narvarrete, and Miss Barrett was called back on stage to dance along as well! It was a heartwarming end to such a wonderful show, and the team did a great job honoring all the cultures and Hispanic Heritage Month overall.

A huge thank you to Latinos Unidos Club, ASB, and Ms. Narvarrete's team for putting together such a fantastic presentation! And happy Hispanic Heritage Month to all Burroughs students and faculty!

The Talent Show



Photographer: Molly Boyke

By Jae Meline
Staff Writer

Burroughs is back with their annual Talent Show, and it was better than ever! Held on September 17th in the ampitheatre, this outdoor show was a great way to bring the student body together.

Due to current circumstances, the event was held directly after school with free admission.

The outdoor setting did cause some issues with seating and audio, but JBHS' tech crew and ASB did a fantastic job of making this event happen. Everyone found a way to squeeze in and enjoy the show.

Despite challenges, the show did not disappoint. There was yet another year of fantastic performances. Many of the acts consisted of comedy sketches, singing, and dancing.

Notable acts included a comedy act by Zach Arnold, which garnered raucous applause, The Turbo Turtles, a comedy group that has been doing yearly performances for six years now, and a fabulous dance performance choreographed and performed by Finn Krol.

Many students did find it odd that they couldn't vote for the winner. Unlike the past years where students would vote on their phones, there wasn't anything that included the student voice in who had the best performance.

People still rejoiced over the winner of the talent show, Noni Bayarjavhlan. She gave an outstanding performance of "Rap God" by Eminem, as well as a fabulous rendition of "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You" by Frankie Valli.

After winning, she commented that the whole production was "lots of fun" and "everyone was a pleasure to work with."

The runner up, Jacob Hughes, played a beautiful guitar cover of "Merry Go Round Of Life" by Joe Hisaishi that brought the audience to tears.

Everyone there had an amazing time at this year's Talent Show.

We can't wait to see what next year's Talent Show will bring!

IATSE Votes To Strike

By Laurelei Johnson
Staff Writer

As residents of Burbank, California, it's safe to say our lives are impacted by the film industry more than the average person.

Many of us have friends or relatives who work on film or television sets, and some of us may have even worked on them ourselves. Because of this, you might have heard buzz about tensions rising, union members being upset, and even a possible strike. But what exactly is going on?

To understand the situation, we first have to meet the key players. IATSE, or the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, is a labor union founded in 1893 that represents more than 150,000 people who work in film, TV, live theatre, and concerts. IATSE represents the "below the line" workers— essentially everyone on set except the actors, directors, and producers. The AMPTP, or the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, is a trade association that represents more than 350 film and TV studios, streaming platforms, and networks, including Netflix, Hulu, Disney, and Amazon.

Tensions have risen between these two groups over the Hollywood Basic Agreement and the Area Standards agreement, the contracts that protect below the line workers in the LA area and across the country. These contracts are up for negotiation, allowing IATSE members to advocate for better working conditions like shorter days (film crews often work over 16 hour days, with little time to rest in between shifts), a living wage, for streaming services to no longer be classified under the term "New Media" (the classification of "New Media" allows streaming services to pay workers lower wages), and defined meal breaks (studios sometimes skip meal and rest breaks to avoid slowing down production). However, the AMPTP is refusing to accept IATSE's terms, and despite several extensions on the negotiation period, a compromise has not yet been reached.

Due to AMPTP's reluctance to accept the terms IATSE wants, the union announced on Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 a national vote over whether or not members would authorize a strike if necessary. Out of more than 150,000 members, there was an 89.6% voter turnout; and of that number, 98.7% voted yes to authorize a strike if necessary— an absolutely overwhelming majority. Should the union members go on strike, it will be the first strike they've called since 1945, and it could cause the production of many TV programs and upcoming films to come to a temporary halt, including popular shows on Netflix and weekly programs like Saturday Night Live.

I spoke with Cricket Sloat, who has been an active member of IATSE Local #728 for 32 years, and has worked on over 70 feature films (including most of the Marvel Cinematic Universe films, from the first *Iron Man* to the upcoming *Spiderman: No Way Home*) and numerous television shows as a member of the Set Lighting Department. When asked why she believes these conditions are important, Sloat responded, "Why is this important? So that we 'Below the Line' craftspeople can afford to support and care for our families and have Work/Life Balance… [i]t is important for us to fight, for our futures and the security of our families."

In regard to the staggering majority of votes in favor of authorizing a strike, Sloat called this a "watershed moment."

IATSE might not call a strike, but even if they don't this is an incredible show of worker solidarity, and it proves the power workers hold when they are able to unionize. It is for situations like this that workers' rights must be protected, to prevent exploitation and corruption. Reasonable work hours, a living wage, these are basic necessities that should be provided to everyone, and they will benefit thousands of people across the country and many members of our own community.

If you would like to show support for IATSE, you can sign petitions and help spread the word. Should there be a strike, you can help support them by canceling your subscriptions to streaming services like Netflix, Disney+, and Apple TV (everything but HBO, as their contract is not up for negotiation right now). It may seem like a big step to take, but if there is an IATSE strike, it is bigger than us not being able to watch our favorite shows for a few weeks. This is about protecting members of our community, our friends and family, and people like them across the country, and knowing when we watch our favorite shows again that the people making them are protected.

Update On The Paper's New Name

By Molly Boyke
Editor-In-Chief

In the process of changing the newspaper's name from *The Smoke Signal* to something that better resembles JBHS' new mascot, the newspaper staff chose to conduct two school-wide polls with staff-suggested titles, as well as student-suggested titles.

Our first poll, with eleven options as well as a spot for students to suggest their own titles, left the Journalism staff with four top picks: *The Bear Necessities, The Paw Print, The Grizzly Gazette,* and *Ursa Major* as well as one new suggested candidate, *The Sleuth*. Contributed by Dominic Desimone, *The Sleuth* was chosen by the Journalism class for its cleverness and wordplay.

The second poll will have a spot for students to input their first and last name as well as student ID, and a section to choose one of these five options. This poll can be accessed on the JBHS Google Classrooms as well as through the QR code next to this article. This will be our final school-wide poll to determine the newspaper's new name. In the event of a close vote, the Journalism staff will independently determine which candidate will fit the newspaper's mission and format best.

Again, this will be the final vote, so if you want to have a hand in school history please contribute your opinion to this poll. Every opinion matters. The Journalism staff will be releasing an announcement with the results as we continue to redesign and rebrand the newspaper for years to come.

The Sleuth

By Hope Towne
Staff Writer

Surprise! There's another newspaper name contender. As late as it is, it is not without good reason. *The Sleuth* is a perfect name for the school newspaper, as it illustrates the sophistication and intelligence of our school flawlessly. Though it comes late, it has great potential.

With that being said, a name like *The Sleuth* may seem like it comes out of left-field and has no relation to the school's mascot, but interestingly enough, it ties to the bear brilliantly.

Obviously, "sleuth" is a synonym for detective, but it also could be used to refer to a group of bears, in the same way "school" can mean a group of fish. With a name as well-suited as *The Sleuth*, it is really quite shocking that it was only recently suggested.

Not only that, but returning to the word's other connotation, calling our newspaper *The Sleuth* adds a layer of mystery to our otherwise innocuous paper. The word "sleuth" is incredibly common in classic detective stories like Nancy Drew or the Hardy Boys, so it gives the newspaper a classic yet timeless feeling.

Another important aspect to note is the design element of our paper. There are a lot of possibilities for a newspaper mini-mascot with a name like *The Sleuth*. A cute teddy bear with a detective outfit, a smoldering black bear wearing a fedora; there's a sizable range of characters we could create for our newspaper.

The point of our school newspaper is to bring current events to the attention of the students and faculty here at John Burroughs High School. We search for interesting topics that we think the school would find interesting and write about them, partially to be informative and partially because most of the students in Journalism have a passion for writing. In a way, all of the student writers are little sleuths, searching for the perfect story.

Calling our newspaper *The Sleuth* would turn us even more into a community. We are the Burroughs Bears now, so we should be called something that matches our new reality.

What are we if not a sleuth of bears?

By Rayna Dunn
Staff Writer

As we all know, we have changed the mascot to the Bears, the Journalism class is in the process of renaming the newspaper accordingly.

We have had many great options to choose from, but the title *The Sleuth* isn't one of them. A Sleuth is known as a group of bears. I think there are other, better names we could use.

This word, especially to refer to bears, isn't very common so I feel many people wouldn't know what it means and would be confused, and we would constantly have to explain what it means and why it fits the school's mascot.

Many students agreed that this name is odd. For example, JBHS student Lorenzo Pinto said it doesn't go with the name. When you think about the name *The Sleuth,* it's someone who investigates crime or is a detective. This title name has nothing to do with the newspaper.

The name could last for the rest of Burroughs history, and it has to be perfect, and *The Sleuth* isn't.

Sleuth isn't as common as some of our other titles such as *The Paw Print* or *Bear Necessities*.

In the end, too many students are going to wonder why we chose *The Sleuth* (if we do) and will be confused.

Does Burbank Need Its 20th Starbucks?

By Jae Meline
Staff Writer

A request for a proposed new construction of a one-story, 880 sq. ft. Starbucks drive-through at 1200 N. Hollywood Way was made to the city this August.

The joke that there is a Starbucks on every corner becomes even more true everyday, especially with the town's soon to be added addition.

Nowadays, Starbucks can be found everywhere— from the inside of a grocery store to even the Saint. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank. Thus begging the question, how many Starbucks does the town need? When is so much too much?

Of course, Starbucks is just doing whatever any other brand or company would do— expanding their horizons in order to gain more customers. They have seemingly done this since 1971, they have grown to have a current net worth of $135.69 billion dollars according to mactrotrend.com. Along with the CEO of the company making over a billion dollars per year. Their stock is also one of the top buys amongst food and beverage companies.

However, no matter how popular Starbucks is, it isn't necessary and it's everywhere. There could be other uses for the land, other small businesses could open, or more useful things could be built for the community. Maybe a small, local coffee shop or a park of some kind.

After all, coffee is just another normalized drug— yes, that's right. It is often forgotten but coffee is just another caffeinated drink to keep you motivated throughout the day. If drinking too much though, which will be easy to achieve with the ease of access of another added Starbucks, one can begin to have increased anxiety, shaky hands, and possible sleep problems.

The withdrawals from missing a day of going without a coffee can become very detrimental. A person could even develop heart problems and major migraines.

So, is it worth it? Are the people of Burbank even drinking enough coffee to support the constant supply of coffee shops? There's only so many people and a ton of Starbucks.

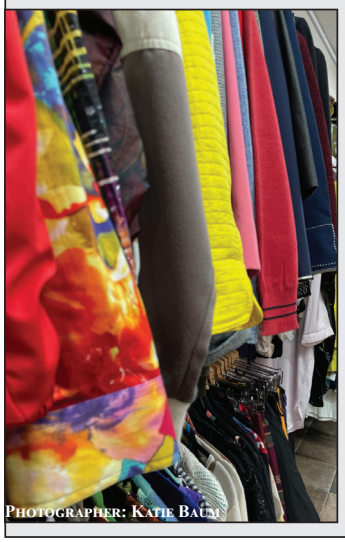
The average person only drinks one to three cups of coffee a day, are made from their home's rather than Starbucks. Thus, the town might not even be able to keep up with the supply of coffee. So, it might not be worth it to add another Starbucks.

The space for the Starbucks is planned to be placed,is right on the bike path, in a major and already confusing intersection of Hollywood Way and Chandler. Is Starbucks really going to let the Burbank bike path stay a quaint, safe, and calming place for the residents of Burbank to ride their bikes, walk their dogs, and stroll with their children, with a bunch of caffeine deprived drivers trying to get their fix? Do we really need another poorly placed and ill thought out drive-through? The In-N-Out in Burbank already does that for us.

Another Starbucks is not needed so it might as well not even be added. The space could be used for better things than another major company making us have a caffeine dependency.

If you have an opinion on this issue, you can contact your City Council members at citycouncil@burbankca.gov or Burbank City's project planner David Kim at dkim@burbankca.gov.

Buy Your Dress At Fonte's Style And Design



Photographer: Katie Baum

By Katie Baum
Staff Writer

Are you looking for homecoming dresses? My absolute favorite vintage store is Fonte's Style and Design, located at 2308a W Magnolia Blvd, Burbank, CA 91506.

The store is owned by the most delightful and caring woman I have ever met, Nita Fonte.

She has the most beautiful, one-of-a-kind homecoming dresses. The dresses are in perfect condition, are perfect for the upcoming dance, very reasonably priced, and she has a wide selection of dresses to choose from all ranging in sizes!

So, if you're looking for a unique homecoming dress, Fonte's Style and Design is the place to go.

More importantly, Nita is a dear friend of mine who genuinely cares about her customers, and she is a proud sponsor of Burroughs Journalism and our newspaper.

Every single piece in her store has a rich and fascinating history, and she knows every single detail about each item.

Whether it's a Christian Dior blazer or a staff gifted to her from the oldest living magician in the world, she has it all.

So even aside from homecoming, if you're looking for a beautiful bag, accessory, vintage item with a captivating history, or just someone to talk to and learn from, go to Fonte's Style and Design.

It's time to pick out your stunning dresses from Fonte's Style and Design; trust me, you won't regret it!



Mr. Parra

By Betsy Lepley
Staff Writer

One of our newest Biology and Earth and Space Science teachers is Mr. Jarrod Parra.

His classroom is located in building one, floor one.

Mr. Parra has always loved to teach and has been teaching for quite a while, mostly in college.

When he was in high school, his classmates knew he would become a teacher. Some of these very same friends also teach at a high school level, which influenced him to teach as well.

Mr. Parra is not the only teacher in his family, his godfather as well as uncle teach high school.

He's had so many wonderful teachers in his life which really helped him become an amazing teacher.

He's always loved to help put young people on the right path which is why he was also a coach before becoming a teacher.

After deciding to apply for the job posting here at Burroughs this summer he started memorizing all the muscle groups and really focused on Earth and Space Science.

This wasn't anything new, as he also majored in Kinesiology at CSUN. While in college he also studied Sports Medicine, Anatomy, and Physiology.

Mr. Parra graduated from Verdugo Hills High School in Tujunga and then from CSUN where he got his bachelor's and master's degrees.

He also earned another master's degree along with his teaching credential.

Originally, he never thought he would be teaching Earth and Space Science and Biology over music, but he loves it. His favorite subject right now is Biology.

Mr. Parra taught at a high school six years ago. This year will be his third year teaching high school.

On being a teacher, he says "I think it's a great job, you have to be really responsible and it's a really respected and admired job."

The most difficult thing about being a teacher is the kids' behaviors. Sometimes it can be difficult to both keep your cool and to put them back on the right path and get everybody on the same page.

If he could pass along any advice to his students, he would tell them to be empathetic and to learn how to be empathetic, learning about critical thinking , and to think about metacognition.

Some of his goals for this year are improving in the Science department and getting more involved in it and to do the best job he can.

Some trends that are baffling or perplexing to Mr. Parra are most of the TikTok dances and more specifically, the "devious lick" trend that's been very popular lately.

Mr. Parra was very much in love with music when he was in high school, and like today he had long hair.

He was always the funniest one in the room and always carried his guitar around. Mr. Parra was in a heavy metal band in the late eighties.

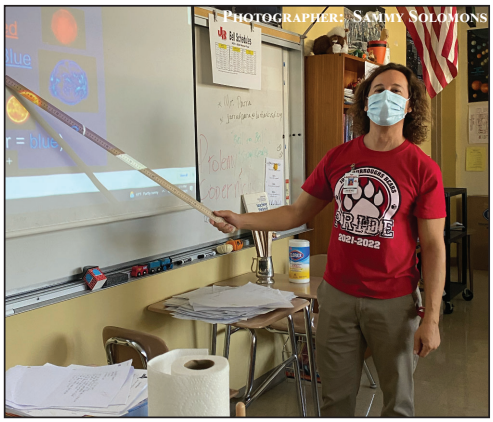
In high school his favorite subject was music.
While he does teach Biology and Earth and Space Science, some might be surprised to find out that he still plays guitar today.

Another thing most people don't know about him is that he was also a strength coach.

In his free time, he likes to work out as well as play guitar.

He loves Mexican food and his favorite place to eat is at Mi Casita in Loz Feliz and Tub Tim Siam.

His favorite sport is baseball. His favorite book is *The Da Vinci Code,* and his favorite movie is *Rocky*.


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Currently, Mr. Parra lives in Los Feliz which is nice because it's only a short drive from school.

We're so excited to have Mr. Parra working with us here at Burroughs! GO BEARS!



Mrs. Powell

By Arianna Hart
Staff Writer

Mrs. Powell teaches English to her Sophomore students with knowledge and inspiration.

She recently moved to North Hollywood for her career here as a teacher.

She decided to take this position at Burroughs to help and teach students.

Previously, Mrs. Powell attended CSUN and received a bachelor's degree in Sociology, along with attending National University and getting a degree in teaching and education.

Mrs. Powell's goals for her students are to work hard and to never give up, as she believes that challenges and working on weaknesses can lead to success and strength.

"My goal is to maintain an all-inclusive and respectful environment for all of my students… Not only that, I enjoy helping people and can relate to the challenges many high school students face. I struggled in school, and my favorite English teacher encouraged me to follow my dream of helping others."

Mrs. Powell is very understanding with her students, as she also has two children one grandchild on the way.

Her need to motivate others is very strong, and also very important to her. "If I didn't take this position that I am currently taking right now, I would probably be a counselor or social worker."

In her teaching she always finds ways to brighten up her students' moods, using quotes and always finding a positive side of things.

"The best thing about being a teacher is the ability to touch the life of a child… a quote that I think stands out to me is by Maya Angelou, which states, 'Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.'"

We are very excited to have Mr. Powell as a part of the Burroughs staff and we would like to welcome and thank her for being at Burroughs with us!



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Freshman Co- Presidents Kayla Cruz and Elijah Orjuela

By Maya Merino
Staff Writer

As the school year starts to get a bit more hectic with more activities and plans coming around it is important to have amazing leaders like class presidents for each grade level that will help connect, coordinate and share upcoming events with their class.

As for the Freshmen, the elections for class president have recently passed and there happened to be two winners who are now class Co-Presidents for the Freshmen class. Their names are Kayla Cruz and Elijah Orjuela.

Kayla Cruz is fourteen years old and her birthday is March 31st. She is in ASB and also a part of clubs like the EDI Committee, Latinos Unidos Club, and The Key Club.

Ever since she was in seventh grade she has always been interested in leadership and having a leadership role. Becoming Co-President will help her improve her leadership skills.

To become one of the class presidents she had an interview with the ASB executive cabinet and expressed to them why she believed she would be a good fit for this position.

Along with that she had many credentials from her last school that helped her land the position like receiving the ASB award four times and the American Legion award in eighth grade.

Kayla has always attended school in Burbank. For elementary school she attended Walt Disney Elementary and then moved onward to Dolores Huerta Middle School where she started her leadership journey.

If she had to choose, her top classes would be Art 1, Dance 1 and ASB, but her first choice would probably be ASB over everything else.

One of her favorite teachers was her eighth grade English teacher Ms.DiPiazza. As of right now she struggles to choose her favorite teacher but she would have to go with Ms.Pierce, her dance instructor.

Kayla's role models are her parents. She admires their ambition and has goals and passions that would lead her to success just like they did. She wants to be able to support her family just like they support her.

She is so beyond thankful for her caring family that she has, which also includes her immediate friends. They have been there through her lowest but were also there to celebrate her highest. Their support has been a leading factor in her successes.

For these upcoming years her goals outside of being Co-President would include things like receiving good grades, making new friends and expanding her interests

Once she graduates from Burroughs she would love to attend UC Irvine or UCLA to major in Psychology.

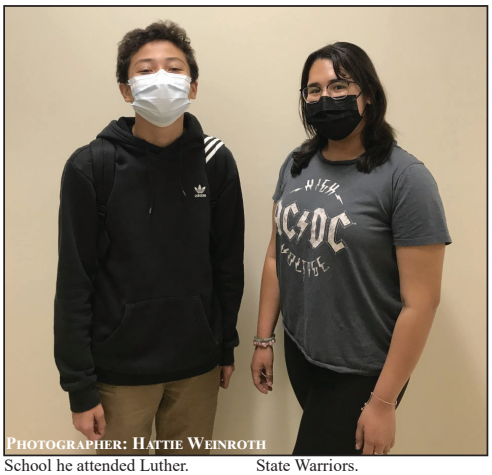
As for our other class Co-President, Elijah Orjuela just turned fourteen years old and his birthday is October 10th.

He is on the Frosh-Soph Basketball team at Burroughs.

Elijah wanted to be in ASB because he thought it would be a fun experience along with a lot of people encouraging him to do it. He wanted to be Co-President because he thought it would be a good experience as well.

Elijah excels in basketball as well winning MVP on his past basketball team and always made the all-star teams.

Elijah also attended schools in Burbank. For Elementary School he went to Edison and for Middle School he attended Luther.



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His favorite class, as of right now, is ASB, and his favorite teacher is Mrs.Weiner. In his past school his favorite teacher was Señor Solorzano.

In his free time he plays more basketball, plays video games and also hangs out with friends.

A couple of role models in his life are his parents and a famous basketball player named Stephen Curry who plays for the Golden State Warriors.

In regards to goals and ideas he has as class Co-President, he wants to have fundraisers and school events for the Freshman, especially so they can raise as much money for their senior year. Outside of being class president he wants to win a League Title for Burroughs this year.

Congratulations to both Kayla Cruz and Elijah Orjuela, you'll be great Co-Presidents!

Girls' Volleyball

By Brooke Bailey
Staff Writer

The John Burroughs Bears Varsity Volleyball team secured a well-deserved victory, in an exciting three-set domination against the Burbank High School Bulldogs, on Monday, September 27, 2021 at a 6:00PM home game. Another win for our girls! First set was won 25-14, the second set was won 25-23, and the third and final set was won, 25-20. These girls were unstoppable. With Coach Real back, the Bears were led to victory! Along with strong leadership from their head coach, successful plays on the court couldn't have happened without our amazing senior captains, Meghan Lynch (setter) and Charlotte Hobson (libero).

Janessa Wareebor, a Junior on the Varsity Volleyball team, said, "I feel we played really well because we all played together. It was really fun how there was like a big crowd and I feel like that excited us even more and then we just played better."

In the very first set, the Bears started off very strong with their opening serve scoring the first point. Lynch and Hobson had incredible saves. Hobson said, "I think I played very consistently and my serve receive was pretty good. Getting that win against Burbank for the second time was awesome, you know they are our rivals, so it feels good to beat down on them. I feel like communication was good too, we were all on the same page and just really focused and determined. Going into it Meghan [Lynch] and I talked about how the crowd is gonna be loud, and some of our players haven't played with that so yeah. GO BEARS!!" That was just one of our amazing captains' thoughts. Hobson played an amazing game with 5 saves! She is a firecracker on the court and never gives up.

Meghan Lynch, our other amazing captain, had a fantastic game as well, with a total of 20 assists and 6 digs. She knew exactly how to communicate with her team when things would get tough or just uneasy. Lynch offered to give some insight on her thoughts on and off the court, saying "I think I played well but you know, there is always things to improve on. To beat Burbank for the second time, it felt really good. I'm really proud of my team, we were really focused on what we needed to do. I am excited to play them next Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:00 [PM] at Burbank High School. I am glad we all stayed relaxed and kept our emotions together when the game got tight and you know it's always hard during a rival game. You sometimes let your emotions get to you but I thought we stayed calm and played together." Both of our captains go above and beyond what a captain should be. Just hearing how they thought they played and the determination in their voice. You know these girls want this and it'll be incredible to see what the rest of their season looks like.

This game's stats were off the charts with Senior Heidi Collins and Sophomore Tawnie Ohrt with 7 kills, as well as Senior Bella Lomet with 6 kills. Senior Kylie Colton had 6 digs, and Junior Janessa Wareebore had 5! Coach Real couldn't have been more proud of his girls, playing a well-respected and disciplined game.

They are an unstoppable team.

Coach Real adds, "Girls came out and played well with confidence. They got a big lift from the crowd that came to watch them play. Overall, they played as a team and were very excited to beat Burbank, again!"

To see what excitement that the team brings, make sure to come watch our girls play this season for yourself! You will not be disappointed.

Once again, GO BEARS!

Boys' Water Polo

By Ainsley Ghaman
Staff Writer

The John Burroughs High School Water Polo team is continuing to impress supporters and fans with their amazing performance this season. The Boys Water Polo team has now had games against Crespi, Notre Dame, La Canada, Monrovia, Hoover, and Glendale. The team has done exceptionally well in each game, but have also had to power through some tough games where Burroughs couldn't quite come away with the win.

Many of the big plays have been made by the team captain, Xavier Turla.

The team's current record stands at 9 and 11, but even with some losses so far this season, things are looking good for our JBHS Boys Water Polo team.

"Water polo is really fun this year, and my teammates are cool," said sophomore Ryan Lee.

Water Polo is not an easy sport to play, but so far our JBHS Boys Water Polo team has been doing an incredible job, and we cannot wait to see where the rest of the season takes them. No matter what the result, each game this season has been exciting to watch, with some players scoring upwards of eight points per game alone, incredible saves by the keepers, and some games even going to overtime.

Upcoming matches include a home game against Pasadena High School on Thursday, October 14th, and another home game against Burbank High on Wednesday, October 20th.

All JBHS students should show their support and encouragement by coming out to watch the team play. Good luck to all the Water Polo players and coaches, go Bears!



Girls' Golf

By Lincoln Melcher
Staff Writer

The JBHS Girls Golf Team didn't go low enough to stop their Pacific League rivals in their fourth and fifth Pacific League matches, which were played on two consecutive Wednesdays - September 23rd and September 29th - at Altadena and Santa Anita Golf Courses. They'll start the final nine holes of their regular season in fourth place, behind Arcadia, Burbank and Crescenta Valley.

The Bears finished ten strokes behind CV in both competitions, with a team score of 254 on Altadena's par 35 course and 258 on San Gabriel's par 37 track.

Arcadia High School took the W in both 9-hole events and is 5-0 for the season over last year's Pacific League Champions, Burbank High School.

Burbank High's Kiara Hernandez, who started her high school golf career at Burroughs before transferring to Burbank High, shot a four-under 33 at Santa Anita to claim low medalist honors. She tied for first with Arcadia's Zoe Sprecher at Altadena, where both girls finished at one-under (34).

Altadena Golf Course is a 9-hole municipal course measuring just over three thousand yards with a difficulty rating of 68. Santa Anita's 18-hole course measures just over 6,400 yards with a rating of 71.

Junior Annika Lingad posted the Bears' best score in both matches, posting a 42 at Altadena and a 46 at Santa Anita. The girls teams compete in 9-hole contests.

Lingad imparted, after the Santa Anita match, "I definitely needed to work more on my putting but my other shots were really good. I look forward to playing with all the girls in our last league match of the season."

The final match of the regular season will be held at Woodley Lakes Golf Course on the 6th of October. Go Bears!

Cross Country

By Molly Boyke
Editor-in-Chief

The John Burroughs Bears cross country teams gave all their opponents a run for their money at the Santa Clarita Valley Invitational on October 9th. The Girls Varsity team scored 147 points and came in 9th out of 21 teams, and the Boys Varsity team scored 142 points. All teams ran 2.85 miles.

Notable times in Girls' Varsity include Vivi Cannon, with a time of 18:39 and score of 13, Savannah Hernandez, with a time of 19:25 and score of 20, and Zoe Askerneese with a time of 20:04 and score of 35.

Junior Vivi Cannon, a Varsity runner, commented, "It was awesome having more of the team come out to race this weekend. The course was tough, but we put in hard work to get good results."

Notable times in Boys' Varsity include Jalen Leighton, with a time of 15:26 and a score of 11, Robert Church, close behind with a time of 15:57 and score of 18, and Andrew Jitendran, with a time of 17:26 and score of 73. The Boys' team was unable to place due to the fact that four runners raced and a minimum of five runners was required to place.

Cross Country's next meet is Pacific League #1 at Arcadia Park on October 14th. We all can't wait to support our fabulous cross country runners and can't wait to see how they do during this exciting season!

Go bears!

Football

By Kaitlyn Baum
Staff Writer

The past few weeks of Burroughs football have been eventful. After losing 20-0 to Hueneme High School on September 17th, the JBHS Varsity Football Team proved their talent once again by beating Harvard Westlake 21-20 in a nail-biting game that had us all on the edge of our seats on September 24th.

When talking about the Harvard Westlake game, Coach Craven thinks that this was their best offensive showing this year and highlighted how the defense held it together at the end to finish the game. Coach Craven also stated that some of the players saying that "we had a lot of people who had a really big game that night, it's hard to single out one person, but Johnathon English came in as Quarterback and played well, Nate Chhina ran the ball really well, Noah Creus and Gerry Garcia played really well, and those are just a few off the top of my head."

The next week the Bears won their first Pacific League Game against Arcadia, away, 28-19.

Sadly, they lost their second League game against CV last week, CV 14, Bears 7, hurting their chances for a championship.

It's clear that the Burroughs Varsity Football team has some amazing talent, and we're all excited to follow along with the season as it keeps progressing.

Girls' Tennis

By Joe Stull
Creative Director

Girls Tennis started the Pacific League with two ties, against Hoover and Glendale, in early September (the 7th and 9th, respectively).

September 18th, a fierce Girls' Tennis match was played between the Burroughs Bears and Arcadia Apaches! The game took place away, at Arcadia's own court. Unfortunately, the bears suffered a devastating loss.

Luckily the team was able to make a comeback the next week, and on September 21st won their first League match against Pasadena!

Since then, the team has lost to Burbank, Cresenta Valley, and Arcadia.

Varsity's #1 doubles team was Vanessa Muga and Madison Safarik. According to Coach Fernando, both girls "have been playing really well and are winning most of their matches"

Overall, this puts the girls in the middle of the pack of Pacific League Teams. Good Luck for the rest of your season!

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Upcoming Dates

October 15th	End Of 10 week Grades
October 16th	Homecoming Dance
October 22nd-24th	Burroughs on Broadway
October 25th-29th	Spirit Week