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Curious Incident Of A Dog In The Nighttime Wins!

By Dylan Callahan
Smoke Signal Staff

On November 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, the JBHS drama department performed the play, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, a story about an autistic child named Christopher Boone conducting an investigation on a dead dog named Wellington, as well as discovering more about himself through others.

The show, overall, is a complex technical and theatrical piece, and can be viewed once more in January.

The show featured Senior Eli Staub as Christopher Boone, Senior Wyatt Wheeler as Ed Boone, his abusive father, and Senior Jordyn Holt as Siobhan, Christopher's counselor.

When asked about his experience as playing Christopher, Eli Staub said, "Playing Christopher in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* was a challenge. Portraying a character with Asperger's not only requires the actor to do enough research so that the portrayal is respectful and accurate, but also figure out how to see the world through a slightly different lens."

He also said that the role was fun because of his ability to view the world differently and be deeply analytical about his surroundings.

Staub closed off his statement by saying, "Christopher is a brave and passionate boy with a very unique voice and boundless curiosity for the universe. I loved playing this character and I'm extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to be him."



Photographer: Susy Shearer

When asked about his role, Wyatt Wheeler, who portrays Ed, said, "Preparing to play Ed has been quite a whirlwind. Ed is complex. He loves his son, but doesn't have a full comprehension of how to show that love, so it manifests in anger, which has been difficult to portray."

Wheeler confided that the role he played was so powerful, he was left in tears after putting it on.

To end his statement, Wheeler said that he feels, "That people will leave this show more empathetic towards others, and being a part of that is something special."

The play received the highest score on both the acting and the technical side, and, in addition, the drama and tech departments won first place awarded by the California Educational Theatre Association.

The first place win this year will make it the third year in a row that the JBHS drama department has won at CETA.

In January, the cast and crew will perform the show one final time for the CETA Festival. Congratulations to the JBHS tech and drama departments. Come out and Support them in January!

Tree Lighting at Paramount

By Lucia McFarland
Smoke Signal Staff

Paramount Studios in Hollywood hosted it's tree lighting; an annual tradition in which the company invites employees and their families to participate in the tree celebration.

The celebration is a party that is catered and celebrates the hard-working employees much more than Christmas.

Paramount Studios also hires a choir to perform during the event.

The event took place on December 4, 2019 and lasted from 6 to 8:30PM.

The Christmas tree itself is forty feet tall, and synthetic.

Before the tree is lit, the head of the studio gives a speech and names one special employee to celebrate.

After that, the tree lighting begins.

Before the tree itself is lit, they play Christmas music from several speakers in the area and cast light over the tree.

Some machines surrounding the tree spray fake snow onto the tree and into the crowd.

Since Paramount Studios invite the employee's families and provide a play area for children.

This area is frosted with real snow and ice that is placed there before the celebration.

Also, the area features a small sledding area, and enough snow to entertain dozens of children.

Although the tree lighting is only open to staff and their families, the event's occurrence is a welcoming sign to the holidays.

A 'Cool' Ice Rink

By Lindsey Garcia
Smoke Signal Staff

Burbank will be having it's annual pop-up ice skating rink this holiday season; the rink will accommodate up to 165 skaters per session, and will be open for six weeks during the holiday season.

Downtown Burbank's most festive holiday tradition will return for outdoor ice skating, fundraising events, and special performances.

Skating the rink in Downtown Burbank that is just steps away from many of the shops and restaurants in the area is a phenomenal way to celebrate the holidays.

The cost to skate is twelve dollars, and skates will be available to rent for five dollars.

Additionally, ice skating lessons will be held on Saturdays for twenty-five dollars.

The rink will be located next to Burbank City Hall, on the corner of Third Street and Orange Grove Avenue in Downtown Burbank.

It can be difficult to get into the holiday spirit in a city with very hot weather and people in shorts and t-shirts.

However, the rink adds fun and joy to the city of Burbank, providing different experiences, and great memories for everyone.

Be cool and check it out!

Holiday in the Park

By Ellie Harris
Smoke Signal Staff

On Friday, November 22, an extravagant event took place on Magnolia Boulevard: Holiday in the Park 2019, a fun and exciting celebration which attracted the attention of many Burbank families, and offered attractions for holiday lovers of all ages.

Magnolia Blvd. was closed off from 5:00 to 9:00PM, as people lined the streets, enjoying food, drinks, and lively entertainment.

There were food trucks like Patty Wagon, Burnt to a Crisp, and Burbank Taco Truck lining the street throughout the evening.

Additionally, stores and vendors opened booths down Magnolia that attracted many holiday patrons as well.

A new business called Tansy sold winter themed succulent arrangements at a booth.

The business also allowed patrons to make and purchase their own custom succulent arrangements.

Across from the DIY Center, there was a kid's area, which included numerous jumpy houses, crafts, a Lego building area, and a stage.

There were people walking around on stilts, and characters, such as Cinderella and Belle, who offered to take pictures with patrons.

Additionally, multiple areas hosted live music.

Worshipwalk Church hosted singing and dancing acts throughout the evening.

Also, the Bank of America parking lot hosted live music from kid bands.

Additionally, in the parking lot next to Blast From The Past, local artists sold paintings and jewelry.

The biggest attraction was held in the UMe Credit Union parking lot: a large snow pile.

It was pretty hard packed snow, but some kids managed to mold it and throw snowballs at their unsuspecting parents.

The Burbank Police and Fire Department had two fire trucks, one squad car including a K-9 unit, and a swat car on display.

Holiday in the Park is a Burbank tradition, and a must-see every year.



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Photographer: Angelica FitzGerald

Upcoming Dates

December 20-January 6	Winter Break
January 20	MLK Day/No School
January 24	Dancing with the Staff
January 25	IMA Swing Night
January-February TBD	Sweetheart Signal Release
February 6	Winter Pep Rally
February 7-9	Chicago, the Musical
February 14	Valentine's Day

Dual Enrollment Now Open



What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment courses offer both high school graduation credit and college units FREE of charge to high school students.

Where & When will classes be held?

Burbank High School Spring 2020
Tuesday's & Thursday's 3:30pm-5:50pm

Who is eligible to take this course?

Open to ALL BUSD High School Students (grades 9-12) with a 2.0 GPA or higher

Why should you consider taking this class?

One semester of Drawing I satisfies the BUSD Fine Arts graduation requirement, is transferable to UC/CSU colleges, and meets General Education degree requirements - that's one less class you need to pay for in college. If you want to make space in your schedule, plan to study Animation, Photography, Architecture, Engineering Design or any arts related discipline this class is for you! It is ideal for any student who wants to learn to draw or improve their drawing.

Is there a course description?

ART 201- Drawing I (UC/CSU) - 3 Units
Requirement Designation: Meets CSU C1
Students apply elements and principles of design to the practice of drawing, employing a wide range of subject matter, drawing techniques and media. They develop observation-based and technical drawing skills and explore their creative responses to materials and subject matter.

How do I enroll?

Visit the College & Career Center or email Ms. Dysthe for more information at: dianadysthe@burbankusd.org

This class starts Tuesday, February 11, 2020

The Impossible Burger Comes To Burger King

By Ava Kramer
Sports Editor

Burger King has jumped on the bandwagon and introduced their new Impossible Burger called the Impossible Whooper; the Whooper, like all Impossible patties, is a fully plant-based option for Vegetarian consumers, and is likely to attract many new patrons to the fast food restaurant.

The Impossible Burger is made up of a variety of soy protein.

Its top five ingredients include water, soy, coconut oil, sunflower oil, and natural flavors.

Many supporters of the burger say it is a great alternative to meat, while some even claim that it is "impossible" to tell the difference between the soy patty and real meat.

Burger King's initial launch of the Impossible Whooper has been a success.

Senior Niamh Heatherington said, "I've been a vegetarian for five years and the first time I tried an Impossible Burger I cried. So I was excited to say the least."

But to get some accurate meat-eater feedback, Senior Abigail Auon tested the Impossible Whooper as well, and commented that "It tastes really similar to real meat. The only [difference] is its texture."

Niamh added, "I personally am a big fan of the Impossible Burger. As a vegetarian, it's really nice to have an alternative option when I'm out with friends other than just a salad."

Although she enjoyed the burger, Niamh doesn't " …. think [she'd] get the Impossible Whopper again… the only chain restaurant that hasn't made [her] sick afterwards was Umami Burger. They have a Truffle Impossible Burger that makes [her] mouth water."

Abigail Auon also said, "As a meat-eater, I might buy it if I was doing a Meatless Monday kind of thing, but I don't think I would go out of my way to get it… I really am happy that some of these big name companies are pushing for environmentally supportive products like the Impossible Whooper."

The other type of fake meat patty that has gained popularity amongst chain restaurants like Carl's Junior is the Beyond Burger. The Beyond company formula tastes a lot less like real meat, but is still an amazing alternative for consumers.

"I wouldn't risk buying the Impossible Whopper again, but I'm in full support of what chains like Burger King, Carl's Junior and Umami Burger are doing to help promote environmental stability." Abigail Auon concluded.

To try a new Impossible Whooper, visit any participating Burger King, and see if it is in fact, "impossible" to tell the difference.

Recycling Center Fire

By Georgie Hallbach
Smoke Signal Staff

A fire broke out at a dilapidated, questionably run, recycling center in Glendale on November 1st, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

The center is located dangerously close to the intersection of two of the busiest freeways in Los Angeles: the 134 and the 5.

The smoke could be seen from Atwater Village and LA proper, Eagle Rock, Glendale, and parts of Burbank.

This fire came in the wake of a long week of fires that broke out all across Los Angeles county, and for residents of Glendale, the fire hit too close to home.

Los Angeles firefighters battled the flames with a crew of eighty men and several hook-and-ladder trucks.

CBS Local News reports the firefighters used hoses to "surround and drown" the fire, according to Los Angeles Fire Department employee Nicholas Prange.

The fire, however, would not give out easy. Copious amounts of junk served as kindling that kept the fire blazing for hours.

By 11PM, the firefighters assured news crews and neighbors that the fire was completely extinguished.

All the recycling center employees made it out safely with no reported injuries, except for one firefighter, who did come out with a small wound.

Homeowners in the area were told to stay inside, restrict outdoor activities, and close their windows to prevent smoke from entering.

Glendale resident, who lives about two minutes away from the recycling center, Toula Hallbach, was not pleased.

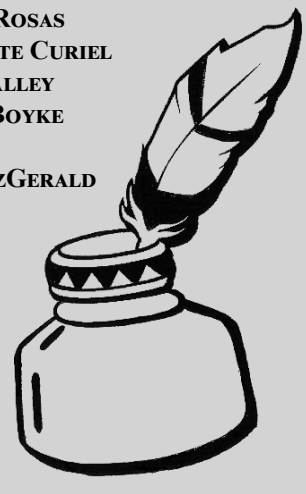
"We've been seeing all these fires around us, and then when one finally hits close to my home the reality sets in of the potential danger," she commented.

She continued, "It's almost as if we've all become so flippant towards these fires around us. Though they may be only twenty or so miles away, when one breaks out minutes away that's when the true fear sets in."

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The Freshman's Take On Academic Excellence

By Molly Boyke
Smoke Signal Staff

The Academic Excellence period is the one thing that absolutely no one this year is prepared for.

The idea isn't that hard to understand. It is a twenty-five minute period used to study for tests and prepare for classes.

However, it is the flawed execution that has twisted this simple concept into complicated, confusing, and useless.

The first problem is the timing- after two periods have passed, right before nutrition.

Every teacher, when asked, will say that the period's main function is to study.

However, if studying is really all that can be gotten from this period, wouldn't it be most useful for it to be held before first period?

Or, if the purpose is for students to get homework done while still at school, where they can help if needed, why not have the period at the end of the day when all homework has been assigned?

The placement-- right before nutrition-- seems like a fairly random choice; it would be a smoother transition if the school would go straight to academic excellence at the beginning of the day.

The placement issues pose an even greater question yet to be answered: why take away time from all periods, which could be used for further instruction and understanding of concepts, and put them into one period used for studying the concepts that have barely been covered?

Bells now interrupt teachers in the middle of sentences, while assigning homework, or going over terms for an upcoming quiz or test.

The next issue: the schedule - Tuesday through Thursday only.

This allows Monday to be early release and Friday to be a "normal" schedule.

However, because of the 'regular' period lengths on Fridays, teachers often assign tests and quizzes on Fridays so classes have a higher chance of finishing.

However, there is no Academic Excellence on Friday, which means students will have to study on their own time for tests.

And, it means all of a students tests are on the same day. So Thursday nights require studying for up to six tests the next day, with no time Friday to study for them.

Another issue- the people.

Every freshman has to report to a predetermined classroom for Academic Excellence, and every Thursday, instead of studying, the exhilarating and enlightening activities of Link Crew begin.

Because of the way Link Crew is managed, every class has no idea which upperclassmen may show up and begin directing the class to fold paper airplanes for the umpteenth time.

The Link Crews leaders that were assigned during orientation are now seemingly totally redundant, as freshmen from any Link Crew have been scattered in classrooms throughout time and space, separated from the peers and Link Crew Leaders that they were assigned to in the first place.

The activities, however, are the only thing that can be counted on to be odd, objectively a total waste of time, and an abuse of classroom supplies.

Throwing balls of tape into a cardboard box over and over again does something to a person.

These activities serve seemingly no purpose and only succeed in giving freshmen something to gripe about, as evidenced here.

The supplies- each assigned classroom is expected to have a full set of textbooks for students to use. This means that the band room needs to have algebra textbooks for the sake of one twenty-minute period.

It goes without saying that it's ridiculous to expect classrooms to have multiple full sets of textbooks.

Rather, they should be able to trust freshmen to walk to the library and retrieve their own to work in for twenty minutes, then take the books back.

Giving each classroom their own set is possibly the least efficient solution.

The main aim of the Academic Excellence period is good: to assist those who are struggling in certain subjects.

But for the sizable portion of the school's population that isn't struggling in any subject, the Academic Excellence period is just twenty minutes of homework time, when there isn't much homework assigned, since only two periods have passed.

In some ways, the period really caters to those who don't put effort into their schoolwork, and it takes valuable learning time away from those who do.

For those who really are struggling in a certain subject and want to take the time to better themselves, there is after-school tutoring that is always available to those who need it, rather than a twenty-minute period in which students can barely get anything done.

The period is clearly not without its concerns, but hopefully, the creases will be smoothed out over time.

The Junior's On AE

By Hayk Torosyan
Smoke Signal Staff

As the new school year begins, a new system to encourage students to have better grades in their classes has commenced: the Academic Excellence Period.

The Academic Excellence period lasts twenty-five minutes, and it is right before nutrition.

Some students are assigned to be in certain classes during the period, to improve their grades that are below C's.

However, other students who are passing all of their classes with a C or better have a choice, and may choose to go to a classroom to work and get help, or go to a 'study space' and do homework.

The AE period helps the students to get work done at school and not have as much homework to do at home.

Also, students having trouble in class can utilize the period to ask their teachers questions and get clarification.

Although the first few days were unorganized, students have gradually grown accustomed to this time.

And, overall, with the exception of a few days getting accustomed, it has been mostly great.

However, the JBHS administration should change the time for the AE period; before nutrition, students have only been to two or three classes.

The AE period would be more useful to students before lunch, as they will have attended five or six of their classes, and have more variety in the study options and homework they can choose to complete.

Additionally, the AE period should take place four days a week, instead of the mere three it does now to provide students with a more consistent schedule, and more time to work on their homework.

Also, the AE period should be longer so students have more time to work on homework or study.

The Academic Excellence period could even be an hour long, and 'after' school.

That way, every student would have the entire day's classes done, all their homework assignments known, and every day could have the same schedule, Monday's schedule, so it wouldn't be confusing.

The AE period has some other drawbacks. Some students don't take advantage of the time, and would have benefited more from being in class than having the free time off.

But overall, the impression over the AE period is positive-- it just needs a few fixes.

The Senior's Take On AE

By Olivia Ronstadt
Smoke Signal Staff

For the first time at John Burroughs High School, the twenty-five minute Academic Excellence period has been implemented in the Tuesday through Thursday schedule for the 2019 -2020 school year.

Although some have strong, negative opinions about A.E., it is overall helpful and many are grateful for it.

In the A.E. Period one can be in a variety of places. For example, if one has A.E. Choice, the quad, Multipurpose Room, and library are open.

Some people have A.E. Tutorial where they have to go to the class they are having trouble in for extra help.

Overall, some people would say that A.E. is a waste of time and if people are failing, they don't want the help.

However, some students welcome the extra help and are truly doing their best to pass their classes.

If A.E. can even help just one student understand and pass a class, then it is not useless.

When it comes to A.E. Choice, students with a C or higher in every class are allowed to use this twenty-five minute period to do homework, get ahead in classes, or talk to their teachers. The majority of A.E. Choice students are grateful for this time.

Senior Paige Good states "It gives me a break in the day to spend time on homework and helps especially during busy weeks where I wouldn't have time to get homework done after school."

A.E. Choice allows for students to use the resources at school to do their homework that they may not have access to at home.

For instance, working on computers, especially for students without them at home, proves especially helpful.

Some people might say that many waste this time and just go on their phone or fool around.

However, the majority of students are using this time to their benefit.

In addition to this, A.E. Choice gives teachers the option of having makeup or retake tests during this time.

Instead of having to use their lunch time, teachers can use A.E. to have makeup tests or to help out students who need it.

"I think AE is a work in progress and even though there are a lot of clumsy bumps and starts here and there, I'm looking to the long term, and I think it"ll be good"says Mr. Clark.

A.E. Choice also allows students who are doing a group project the time to meet up and actually do the project as they may not be able to do after school or during lunch.

A.E. Tutorial is also helpful, as it allows students who are failing the class, a chance to pass. Senior Emma Grill says "It helps make close connections with your teacher."

A.E. Tutorial allows students in that class to talk to other students and their teacher about what they don't understand, giving them an advantage as the school year goes on.

Although A.E. Tutorial may not work for some students, others are taking advantage of this time and their tutors to try and understand the class.

It also gives them a chance to do the homework in that class that they know they won't do at home.

Senior Sophia Solis states " I enjoy A.E. Choice because of the countless opportunities it provides me with not only to finish my homework, but classwork as well. I also enjoy A.E. Choice because it allows me to interact with faculty members, and receive help if needed"

While it might have a few flaws, overall the Academic Excellence period is a great use of our time.

Opportunities During AE

By Katrina Bey
News Editor

The Academic Excellence period offers a multitude of opportunities for all JBHS students whether they are tutors, assigned to a specific class, or have AE Choice; however, the offered resources are especially geared towards Seniors as college application deadlines approach.

Throughout September, counseling workshops were available, and Seniors went to a designated room to discuss their options after high school.

JBHS then continued to its October AE calendar, which included workshops that helped students with CSU and UC applications, college application essays, and the Common Application.

Throughout the school year, the computer lab will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the AE period for students to work on college applications, or other schoolwork.

Additionally, throughout November, students could reach out to their counselors on Tuesdays and Thursdays for college application support.

On November 5th and 7th, the computer lab was open for students to receive help with UC Applications.

During the Academic Excellence period on November 12th, a college essay support work session was held in the computer lab, and on November 14th, the lab was open for Common Application support.

On November 19th and 21st, the computer lab was open for CSU Application support.

Additionally, JBHS hosted a CSU Application Workshop on November 5th from 3PM to 4PM in room 2-122.

There was also a College Application Support Workshop on Saturday, November 16th from 9AM to 12PM.

The November SAT test was on the 2nd, and the ACT is not offered in November.

The SAT was also offered on December 7th, and the ACT test was on December 14th, which is the last SAT and/or ACT colleges accept is this December test.

Outside of the Academic Excellence period, Seniors should be mindful of a few other deadlines and due dates in the upcoming months.

Community colleges, though have no set deadline for applications, do have registration in April (so make sure to apply before that).

And many of the financial aide packages, such as FAFSA, (the Free Application for Federal Student Aid), the application for Cal Grants, and also Chafee Grants, are all due March 2, 2019.

Interested students should speak to their college peer mentor, Mr. Kuglen, the counselors, or reference various calendars posted around the school for more specific details.

Christmas Present Ideas

By Destiny Helligar
Smoke Signal Staff

Christmas is approaching Burbank in its sleigh, which means gift-buying season has come out to play, and countless Burbankians are left searching for the perfect gift far and near--- but never fear- for the perfect ideas are here!

Giftees (those receiving gifts) that are into skincare would enjoy the Mario Badescu holiday set. There are a variety of different sets to choose from, including the facial spray travel trio, the brightening kit, and the MB favorites.

There are many more than those three sets to choose from on the Mario Badescu website, but their facial spray travel trio includes their herbs and rosewater spray, aloe, cucumber and green tea spray, and chamomile, aloe, and lavender spray.

That set is fifteen dollars, but the other sets range from twelve to ninety-nine dollars, allowing the set to offer a variety of high-quality products that are price-flexible.

Another gift for one of the skincare lovers in life would be a Tony Moly "I'm real" sheet mask. These masks are six dollars on the Tony Moly website, and there are over twenty-six different masks to choose from.

If the giftee prefers baking over skincare, a cake pop maker from Babycakes on Amazon may be perfect for them.

This cake pop maker has a capacity of twelve, nonstick baking plates, and it is twenty-three dollars.

Even better- the giftee might make you a cake pop as a thank you!

Another gift for one of the baking enthusiasts in life could be a marble rolling pin from Fox Run on Amazon.

Fox Run sells eight different types of rolling pins and they cost between seventeen and thirty-six dollars.

For a video game lover, a pocket-sized Game console from Tiny Arcade on Amazon would be an excellent choice.

Tiny arcade sells seven different types of retro mini-games: *Dig Dug*, *Frogger*, *Galaga*, *Galaxian*, *Ms. Pac-Man*, *Pac-Man*, and *Space Invaders*.

These miniature arcade games range between thirteen and eighteen dollars.

Another video game themed gift would the one-thousand-piece video game themed jigsaw puzzle from Springbok.

The one-thousand-piece puzzle cost $17.50 on Amazon, and it features vintage Nintendo games in the end picture.

Also, the Super Mario mushroom light from FireBox would be a phenomenal gift for any Mario or Toad lover out there.

FireBox sells these lamps for $19.99and you can choose between a 1-up mushroom or a power-up mushroom

Cheap Queen Album Review

By Katrina Bey
News Editor

On October 25th, 2019, the rising pop artist, King Princess, delivered her soulful and reflective debut album: *Cheap Queen*. The album's tracks project the traces of a young relationship's beginning and end between two women.

The album highlights the emerging pop icon as twenty year old Mikaela Straus, also known as King Princess.

Cheap Queen serves as a platform to speak up about sexuality and identity. Notably, King Princess is lesbian and gender fluid.

The song entitled "Tough on Myself" is a self-deprecating song that serves lines like "Sitting alone, making fun of myself" to show how lonely her year has been.

Although the lyrics are sad, the instrumentals are mellow and calm.

The track after, "Useless Phrases," is a short ballad made to present how people play mind games.

The song "Cheap Queen" stands out from the rest as it shares the title of the album and gives a balance between persona and relatability.

The next track, "Ain't Together," feels like a personal ballad between two people in a toxic relationship. The line, "Do you think labels make it taste much better?" Suggests that one partner was restricting the other identity-wise.

The guitar strings give the song a bitter sound that tells the audience that this is the end of a relationship.

The songs, "Watching My Phone," "Prophet," and "Trust Nobody" are interchangeable in the sense that they all serve the same idea that it's coming to the end of a relationship with strong vocals to show the growth that the singer goes through.

The last track on the album, "If You Think It's Love," seems like a personal proclamation about what it means to be in love and how it holds the ability to break even the most confident person.

The song has almost no music and is tied down to her vocals to tell how deep love is.

The album starts out as a hopeful woman at the peak of her love-life and ends with that same woman beaten down and ripped apart, but with the strength to move on. The theme of sexuality is reflected throughout, dedicated to all those who struggle with expressing who they are.

Cheap Queen serves as a notable platform to speak out about sexuality and identity, and is undoubtedly worth checking out.

Panini Kabob Grill Is Ka-Bomb

By Cindy Avila
Smoke Signal Staff

The Panini Kabob Grill opened on the third floor of the Burbank Town Center in early October, and offers great Mediterranean food for hungry shoppers.

Panini Kabob Grill opens at 8AM, and closes at 9:30PM. The restaurant is located ten minutes from JBHS, and offers fast and reliable customer service, which allows students with a lunch pass to return to school on time.

Customers wait at the front stand to be seated by hosts, and can choose to sit outside or inside. Additionally, there is a pre-order option available online to customers who are in a rush, or would prefer their food to-go. JBHS students are encouraged to utilize this convenient and efficient option during lunch.

The restaurant offers paninis, kabobs, and wraps that come with a side salad or soup. Additionally, the Panini Kabob Grill offers vegan and vegetarian alternatives for selected menu items.

The chicken brie panini sandwich is toasted bread with tomatoes, seasoned chicken, basil, and mozzarella cheese. Although the sandwich is properly cooked, there is too much mozzarella cheese, and minimal chicken. The side soup has chicken, potatoes, tomato, basil, and carrots.

The chicken wrap is delicious and has seasoned chicken, cucumbers, tomatoes, and basil wrapped in two whole wheat tortillas; however, there is not enough chicken in the chicken wrap to satisfy customer wants.

The pasta salad is composed of a farfalle pasta with basil and tomato on top; unfortunately, it lacks flavor.

Panini Kabob Grill employees are often rushed while taking orders, which may seem inconsiderate to patrons. In some instances, the wait staff take away food before inquiring as to whether the customer is finished, which takes away from the overall restaurant experience.

Although the wait staff was rushed, the hosts are kind and welcoming, and the atmosphere is warm and friendly.

Given the location, service, and food quality, the prices are a bit expensive.

The new Panini Kabob Grill offers fast and reliable options to consumers; however, the efficiency and portion sizes could be improved. Nevertheless, check out the Panini Kabob Grill at the Burbank Town Center.



MAGDALENE

By Marty Coha
Opinion Editor

After five years of waiting, FKA twigs finally released her second album *MAGDALENE* on November 9, 2019; this nine track album is packed full of women empowerment messages and melodies.

FKA twigs manages to write and execute an album that describes the wants and needs of the modern day women, while using electrical and church-like chords and rhythms.

For example, when asked to explain the song "holy terrain" FKA twigs states that she is "saying I want to find a man that can stand up next to me, in all my brilliance, and not feel intimidated."

The song features rapper Future, who shows the softer side of masculinity when he implies that he needs a woman's help and guidance.

FKA praises him and says "I don't think there are many rappers that go there, and just put their cards on the table like that."

Her track entitled "mary magdalene" dives into how FKA twigs believes how men built the patriarchal society. She said it was by "taking control of the narrative of a woman."

In the song, she encourages women everywhere to own their stories by singing "A woman's time to embrace/She must put herself first."

"Fallen alien" is the track in which FKA expresses her frustration with a mundane love. The angry ballad tells the story of when twigs was in a relationship, but couldn't even handle sleeping next to her significant other.

The message is shown through lyrics such as "When the lights are on, I know you/When you fall asleep, I'll kick you down."

In track seven, "mirrored heart" the thirty-one year old paints a scene of her craving an fulfilling love and how she uses love as a distraction from pain.

The saying "mirrored heart" means that it's a perfect match or each others missing puzzle piece. When twigs sees these perfect couples, "They just remind me I'm without you," she writes.

The most relatable song off the record is "daybed," which portrays what it's like to experience depression. She discusses how people try to distract themselves or find ways to give themselves endorphins.

The British singer talks about how depression consumes someone and how it changes someone's perspective on life. This is expressed when she sings "Aching is my laughter/Busy is my pastime/Telling is my silence/ Blurring my horizon."

The final song of *MAGDALENE* is "cellophane," which is an emotional cry to her ex.

If one were to listen to this track they would know exactly how twigs was feeling, all the want and pain from the relationship is released into this emotional whirlwind of a ballad.

FKA twigs talks about she wants everything she touches to be intricate and have many layers.

However, her latest body of work has taught her that she can strip it down and let the emotions play out.

She also says that *MAGDALENE* was a "growing experience."

MAGDALENE is a deep dive into the mind of FKA twigs and is an autobiographical experience that will show everything she wants her listeners to see.

This album is a 5/5 for it's individuality.

Monta Factory

By Hayk Torosyan
Smoke Signal Staff

In October, a new restaurant called Monta Factory opened at Burbank-Glendale border, which offers excellent Armenian Cuisine.

The new restaurant is located on the corner of Glenoaks Blvd. and Willard.

Their signature dish is the Monta, which is like a kebab, but is cooked in the oven instead of on a grill.

The restaurant offers salads too, and most of them include chicken.

Instead of Coke and Pepsi, the restaurant offers a new brand of new soft drinks called "Jones Soda," which are sold in bottles and have cool new flavors.

The place has an outdoor seating, and the wait staff pays very close attention to customers.

The service is efficient, and the food comes in beautiful red baskets that match the whole restaurant's red decor.

Their chicken sandwich comes with a tomato, pickles, lettuce and their special homemade sauce, with chips on the side.

While eating, the waiters frequently ask how everything going which makes their service personable and welcoming. While interviewing, one of the customers said that she "really liked the food" and definitely is "planning to come back for more."

The place also needed more workers so they had a sign that said "now hiring" if anyone needs a job, it's a good place to check out.

And even if you don't need a job, check out Monta Factory for the food!

Greta Comes To Los Angeles!

By Arya Desai
Feature Editor

On November 1st, Los Angeles held its annual climate strike to protest against the fracking industry and increasing fossil fuel production; the event attracted the attention of one groundbreaking name in the climate conservation movement: Greta Thunberg.

Activists of all ages and backgrounds flocked to the rally to see Ms. Thunberg speak.

Considering her busy schedule, her attendance was a surprise.

Currently, she and a group of other teen activists are suing five countries, in the United Nations over "child endangerment" for the ignorance they have shown regarding climate preservation.

As a result, Ms. Thunberg has become the unofficial spokesperson for the future generation of climate activists.

The rally took place directly in front of Los Angeles City Hall, where masses congregated along the park in front and the closed-off streets along North Spring Street.

To start off the event, representatives from the Native American tribe local to the Los Angeles area, the Tongva, spoke.

Their main focus as a community was to fight the exploitation of their lands from California oil rigging.

Afterwards, a group of students from the Tongva school, Gabrielino High School, performed a traditional song and dance dedicated to Mother Earth and preserving her beauty.

After the opening ceremonies, the crowd was given directions for the planned walk through the streets of Los Angeles city.

Individuals of all ages and backgrounds took place in the procession. The front of the march was led by the student organizers and coordinators of the event, and Greta Thunberg walked alongside the protesters as well.

Chants and songs were repeated over megaphones by one group or another, before reaching a score of nearby marchers.

Once the march portion of the event had finished its round about the city, attendees congregated around Los Angeles city hall once more.

Speeches from Jesus Villalba, Kaitlynn Cruz, and Chandini Brennan Agarwal, who organized the strike, shifted the focus, and highlighted the targeting of minority communities with the introduction of oil rigs and power plants into these areas.

One student spoke of her serious health issues, due to years she spent living next to Allenco energy.

To close the event, Greta Thunberg took to the podium.

Throughout her speech, Ms. Thunberg kept to the topic of the ongoing climate crisis.

"Today, in California, we can see the wildfires happening just around the corner," Ms. Thunberg spoke about the recent wildfires raging across local area, "wildfires that are being intensified by the climate crisis."

At the end of her speech, Ms. Thunberg received a standing ovation, as many attended, overcome with emotion, shouted, laughed, and cried.

Among the attendees of the event was JBHS Senior Daria Clark. "Although [the climate strike] is just one part of the fight to stop climate change," remarks Ms. Clark.

"It is a vital part, because by uniting, we are able to accomplish much more," she stated.

Since the march, Greta Thunberg has become the "Time's Person of the Year" for her trailblazing efforts, making her the youngest individual to receive the award.

At just sixteen years old, Ms. Thunberg is considered a role model for our generation, and serves as an example of the change each and every member of society, no matter the age, can make in the world.

Happy Holidays And Good Luck On Finals

- *Journalism Staff*



Sec. of Discipline

By Lucia McFarland
Smoke Signal Staff

JBHS is pleased to welcome the new Secretary of Discipline, Esperanza Diaz.

Ms. Diaz is in the back of the office, across from Ms. Wazirkajoyan's office.

Her office is decorated nicely with student artwork hanging outside.

Ms. Diaz attended school at Los Angeles City College and Valley College. It was there that she majored in psychology.

She has worked in California for the majority of her life.

Ms. Diaz has been working with students for approximately twenty years, and very much enjoys working with children. Therefore, she was ecstatic to gain the position of Secretary of Discipline at JBHS.

Ms. Diaz says that she chose this job because she enjoys working with kids.

Specifically, she wants to guide students and help individuals improve as well as improve the general student body. This positive and optimistic personality is just what JBHS needs to ensure an optimal learning environment.

Ms. Diaz has set several personal goals this year. Since she is new, Ms. Diaz wants to become acquainted with as many students as she can. Her hope is that she can get to know every student within the first year, a very lofty goal for a new faculty member at a school as large as JBHS.

When Ms. Diaz was in high school, she enjoyed playing volleyball. In fact, many of Ms. Diaz's hobbies are athletic, including yoga, dance, and hiking, which she loves to do in her free time.

Some of her favorite television shows are *Chicago PD* and *Law and Order.*

One of Ms. Diaz's main inspirations is Gandhi, who said "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind," which is a quote she lives by. This is the perfect mentality to bring to the role of Secretary of Discipline.

Ms. Diaz is excited to get to know all of the students and is thrilled to be welcomed by the environment at JBHS, which she knows is a supportive and encouraging learning space.

Feel free to visit Ms. Diaz to discuss lunch passes, parking passes, disciplinary procedures, or simply welcome her to the community.



Welcome Back Mr. Hubbell!

By Kaitlyn Cisneros
Smoke Signal Staff

JBHS is proud to welcome a new assistant principal, Mr. Hubbell, a Burroughs alumnus, who is overjoyed to be returning to the staff.

He grew up here in Burbank, California, and attended McKinley Elementary, Jordan Middle School, and John Burroughs High School.

In school, his favorite subject was math, and his favorite teachers were Dr. Kolpas and Mr. Apromsun.

He was an amazing athlete and played football, track, and basketball throughout middle and high school.

Aside from sports, Mr. Hubbell was involved in the California Scholarship Federation at JBHS.

Although he enjoyed his time in high school, his favorite memories are his college experiences, which he remembered fondly.

Mr. Hubbell enjoys meeting new friends and creating everlasting memories that he holds close to his heart.

Mr. Hubbell's favorite restaurant is *The Killer Shrimp,* where he likes to get his favorite food.

Although Mr. Hubbell does not have a favorite book at the moment, during the 2000's he enjoyed reading books about poker.

As a huge fan of Batman and the Joker, his favorite movie of all time is *The Dark Knight*.

Also, Mr. Hubbell grew up listening to 80's and 90's music, and so it is still his favorite type of music to this day.

Mr. Hubbell is a loving father of two boys, one who attends JBHS and another who is coming next year.

He loves playing sports with his sons, and was their coach through elementary and middle school.

At UC Davis, Mr. Hubbell majored in engineering, but, "finding a job after college was very difficult," he commented.

Mr. Hubbell eventually followed his heart and got a degree in engineering to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, who was also an engineer.

Luckily for Mr. Hubbell, he had a long standing relationship with JBHS, and the school offered him a job as a science teacher.

Although he was grateful for the position, Mr. Hubbell was unclear if he wanted to remain solely a teacher for the rest of his life, which led him to becoming an administrator.

His passion for the educational field has grown immensely and continues to grow, twenty-four years and counting.

Mr. Hubbell has had some breaks in between working at JBHS, in which he worked at Hart High School, Luther Middle School, and even Burbank High School.

Mr. Hubbell has many great plans for the rest of this school year and further years, as he continues his role as assistant principal.

The staff and students of JBHS are overjoyed at his return, and look forward to working alongside him as he takes over his new role at JBHS.

Please feel free to contact and welcome Mr. Hubbell to JBHS.



Baseball Has Begun

By Kaylan Silva
Smoke Signal Staff

The baseball season has commenced, and the JBHS Boys' Baseball team is more than ready to get back into the game.

Coach Matt Magallon is starting as a new coach this year, and is being assisted by coaches Johnny Evans, Dennis Ryan, Mitch Kellogg, and Mike Polchow.

All the coaches are new this year and are looking forward to an awesome season.

The captains this year are Seniors Ricardo Perez and Brian Garcia.

Ricky Perez plays shortstop and second baseman. Brian Garcia also plays shortstop, and pitches as well.

Both Brian and Ricky were always looked up to by their teammates and once it came time to vote for captains, they were the clear winners.



Their goals for the season are to win league and make it to CIF Championships.

Some of the star players include Captains Ricardo Perez Brian Garcia, and David Garcia. Ricardo Perez plays shortstop and made Varsity as a Freshman, an impressive feat.

Brian Garcia has been on Varsity for three years now. David Garcia plays Center Field and is a Sophomore on Varsity.

The Captains are very excited and can't wait to make this a good season for the boys.

The boys hold a current record of 6-1 in and out of league.

They won 13-1 when they played against Simi Valley High School on November 6th, 2019.

Their top defensive players include David Garcia, Jonathan Angel, Ricky Perez, and Brian Garcia.

In order to prepare for the season, the boys have been practicing daily, and conditioning rigorously. They have also had practice games against each other.

So far, the team has a strong defense. Their offensive ability also suggests a great-looking outcome this season.

With new coaches and a positive attitude, the JBHS Baseball team is ready to take on the season and go for gold.

The Boys' Baseball team has been working very hard, and hopes to make the best out of this season. They have many victories ahead of them!

Cross Country

By Elizabeth Surratt
Smoke Signal Staff

The JBHS Cross Country team pushed themselves this season, but unfortunately came up short, placing fourth in Pacific League Finals on November 7th.

On Thursday, October 17th, the team was faced with the first Pacific League meet of the season at Crescenta Valley park.

The Varsity girls were close to a win, with an overall placement of third by the end of the race.

Junior runner Jordan Guzman led the girls, placing seventh with Senior Ceci Whitney, who placed twelfth.

The Varsity boys also pushed to the finish and received fourth place.

Jimmy Nealis placed eighteenth, with Mason Ortega right behind him at twentieth.

The following week, the team ran the Riverside invitational at the Riverside Cross Country on Saturday, October 26th.

The Varsity girls placed nineteenth over all with Junior Jordan Guzman and Senior Ceci Whitney with their own spots of seventy-first and 101th.

Varsity boys placed twenty-fifth, with their team leaders Robert McGraham and Trevor Villagram taking spots sixtieth and eighty-third.

Next, the team faced Pacific League Finals at Arcadia Park on Thursday, November 7th.

Both Varsity girls and boys placed fourth for their overall division.

The JBHS Varsity boys qualified for CIF SS Division 1 Prelims at Riverside on Friday, November 15th, where they placed tenth overall.

The JBHS Cross Country team had a really good run this season.

They are extremely appreciative of all the support they've gotten from friends, family and classmates throughout the year.

A lot of the runners and coaches are also on the track and field team.

Come support the track and field team, and see the cross country team together again, running distance events in the spring.

The Final Touchdown

By Trinity Vournas
Smoke Signal Staff

With one minute and thirty-one seconds left to go in arguably the biggest game this season, the JBHS Boys' Football team pulled through to secure a win against their biggest rival, Burbank High School, putting an end to a successful and record-breaking season.

The seventy-first rival game against Burbank High School took place on Friday, November 1st, 2019.

Hours before the game began, the JBHS side of Memorial field was overflowing with fans who screamed and cheered for the boys all night.

The Burroughs pride was astounding, and exemplified the character of our school spirit, especially in the student section.

The spirit and variety of concessions ensured fans had great experiences.

The final score of 29-28 showed in itself the anticipation and mood set the entire game, which was neck-and-neck the whole time.

The first quarter ended 0-0, and the scores were close for the rest of the game.

It was clear that the boys worked so hard the entire season through the result they received.

Two touchdowns came from Carson Cardenaz, and one each from Aiden Forrester and Nick Garcia.

After the time ran out, and JBHS had officially become victorious, Aiden Forrester said that he was "overcome with shock and excitement."

He couldn't believe they actually won, and felt that it was the right outcome.

Forrester highlighted how dedicated every single player was to the season and team.

Unfortunately, due to the complex algorithm set in place to choose the teams moving on to playoffs, JBHS was unable to continue their season.

They finished with an overall 6-4 record and 2-4 in league.

The JBHS Football team would like to thank everyone for their support.

Make sure to congratulate them on a phenomenal season.

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Girls' Water Polo

By David Karagezyan
Sports Editor

The Girls' Varsity Water Polo team opened their season with a non-league win against Alemany High School, followed by a win against Flintridge Sacred Heart, a loss against West Torrance High School, and a win against Arcadia High School and Flintridge Preparatory School.

At the end of the first quarter of the Alemany game, JBHS was up 3-1 and maintained a two goal lead at half time with a score of 5-3.

By the end of the third quarter, JBHS remained above Alemany 7-3, and ended the game at 10-5.

Flintridge Sacred Heart was down to JBHS 4-0 at the end of the first quarter, and 5-0 at half time. In the third quarter, the girls were up 10-1, and finished with a score of 12-1.

When it came time to play against West Torrance, JBHS began to struggle as they went down 1-3 at the end of the first quarter and 1-6 at half time.

The girls began their comeback to trail 4-6 at the third quarter, but ultimately fell 6-9.

Versing Arcadia, JBHS got a strong start to lead 3-0 in the first quarter and 7-1 at half time. They kept up the score 9-2 in the third quarter and 11-4 to end the game.

JBHS only clinched a one-goal lead to Flintridge Prep at the end of the first quarter, but fired in another five to take a 6-0 lead at half time. They kept their lead throughout the rest of the game, and concluded with an 11-4 win.

The Varsity girls played against Notre Dame High School on Thursday, December 4th, and lost 18-9. At the end of the first quarter, JBHS was down 2-4 and suffered a blow at halftime as they went down 5-12. This trend continued, and they went down 7-17 in the third quarter, and finished 8-19.

In the Los Altos tournament, the Varsity girls placed third.

They won against Cajon High School 7-4 and won against Pacifica High School 13-3. They then lost to Millikan High School 4-7, and beat Culver City High School 7-3 to conclude the tournament.

The JV Girls' won the Burbank tournament after beating Flintridge Sacred Heart 16-3, Arcadia High School 13-3, and Hoover High School 6-5.

The Seniors this year consist of Ema Nathan, Chloe Caneday, Madeline Lingad, and Mallory Thomas. Come out and support!

Boys' Water Polo Ends

By David Karagezyan
Sports Editor

The Varsity Boys' Water Polo team made history in CIF once more after winning round one against Valley View High School, round two against Marina High School, but falling to St. Francis High School in the quarter finals.

On November 5th, the team won against Valley View 16-11 with Sophomore Xavier Turla leading the team with six goals. Senior Captain Vahagn Sahakyan and Junior Ryan Jaramillo followed behind with four goals each.

Senior Matthew Mucha and Senior Tobey Ho leveled one goal a piece. Senior starting goalie David Karagezyan made four saves and conceded four goals and Senior reserve goalie Arthur Eldridge made three saves and conceded seven goals.

Two nights later on November 7th, JBHS had a 13-11 overtime win against Marina High School. With missing key starter Senior Chet Conlan the team was anchored, but made do with the players they had.

Senior Nathan Magdaleno stepped up and temporarily took Conlan's spot until he returned. He played brilliant defense and prevented goals left and right.

Turla led the team with six goals, three of which were back-to-back in overtime, to seal the win. His first overtime goal was a buzzer beater shot with 0.2 seconds left off an assist by Sahakyan.

Turla's second overtime goal was made with an assist from Karagezyan, which was then rocketed from ten meters out to put the Indians ahead 12-11. His third overtime goal was from another assist by Sahakyan, which was shot at an open cage with one second left to seal the game.

Sahakyan lobbed his way to four goals over Marina's 6'5" goalie. Jaramillo had two goals this match, one of them was to level the game 10-10 in overtime with an assist from Ho before Turla's second hattrick.

In the third quarter against Marina, Karagezyan subbed himself out due to an internal injury, but shortly after Marina scored two back-to-back goals on Eldridge, Karagezyan was subbed back in and valiantly played the rest of the match with the injury.

Tobey Ho rocketed one vital goal into the back of the cage while Karagezyan made twelve striking saves to prevent an early loss in CIF.

The game against Marina signaled the true strength of the water polo team this year. After Marina made a six goal comeback to tie the game into overtime, the team did everything to ensure a Burroughs victory.

Coach Martin and Coach Jake calmed their team down after Marina's quick comeback, expertly leading their team through an extremely tight two quarters of overtime.

On November 9th, the Indians played St. Francis in the quarter final's match, but suffered a devastating loss with a score of 8-9. Turla and Sahakyan both scored three goals each.

Ho and Jaramillo managed one goal each while Karagezyan landed eight saves including a 5-meter penalty save. This loss marked the end of their season.

Top scorers include Vahagn Sahakyan with seventy-one goals, Xavier Turla with seventy goals, Ryan Jaramillo with thirty goals, Chet Conlan with twenty-eight goals, Tobey Ho with twenty-two goals, and Alex Lewin with nineteen goals. Goalie Karagezyan made 116 saves.



Photographer: Karine Baghdasaryan

Girls' Basketball

By Brooklin Bosco
Smoke Signal Staff

Girls' Basketball is ready to start their new season with a slam dunk.

Coaches Vicky Oganyan, Art Sullivan, and Bill Dunaway are ready for another winning season full of hard work.

Head Captains Sophie Hawkins and A'sia Morales are prepared to lead their team through all the ups and downs that basketball can bring.

"It is my ultimate goal for [us] to be league champions and make it as far as we can into playoffs." says one of the determined Head Captains Sophie Hawkins.

A'sia Morales shared, "My personal goal is to come back stronger than before. I had torn my ACL during the summer and I've been putting in a lot of work to get healthier. I want to be able to put in as much help as I can give during league."

Sophie Hawkins acknowledged, "A personal goal of mine was to be captain. I became a captain by having a good understanding of the goals and expectations of the program."

The Girls' Basketball team has been working tirelessly to try and bring home a league championship.

"So far, as a team, we have been preparing for this season by working hard in the weight room. We also have been pushing ourselves and each other during practice and games." said A'sia Morales.

Players who have pushed the team and themselves extra hard are Faith Boulanger, Kayla Wrobel, and Dylani Delcastillo.

According to Sophie Hawkins, they also have all been starters since they were Freshmen. Now, as Juniors, they have received recognition from leagues seven, eight, and nine.

Games for girls basketball have just recently started.

Games against Pasadena, Crescenta Valley, and Arcadia are ones to attend for sure, as they are all intense games with major competition.

However, the girls have high hopes about this exciting season ahead of them and are more than ready to rise to the challenges they may face.

A'sia Morales said, "So far with all the practice games we have played, our team is looking in really good shape. Of course there are always ways to improve ourselves and the team bu, the team as a whole is looking solid."

" This season is going to be one to remember." says A'sia. She continues, " This group of girls are especially amazing. We all have the same passion and desire for success and to be better with each and every practice or game we have. I hope all of this determination and hardwork will pay off in the end."

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Girls' Soccer

By Ava Kramer
Sports Editor

The JBHS Girls' Soccer team is ramping up to the start of their season; last year, the team won a league championship title for the first time in over twenty years, and this year, they are ready for round two.

The girls lost a few strong players this year including left back defensive wall Emily McHorney, who is now playing on Chapman University's Girls' Soccer team, and Coach Brady Riggs' daughter Abby Riggs.

However, with All-League winning star returners Lauren Bailey and Lily Gonzalez, things are looking up. The dynamic duo scored most of last year's goals, leading their team to victory.

This year, the team has a strong pack of leaders. The captains are returning players Junior Lauren Bailey, forward, Senior Olivia Cashman, midfield, Junior Gabby Morales, defense, Junior Lily Gonzalez, forward, and Senior Orla Griffen, center defense.

Orla Giffen says that the team's goals for this season are, "to win their second Pacific League Championship...and do well in CIF playoffs."

Coach Brady Riggs, and Louis Binda and Robert Sanchez have all returned for another year to help lead these girls to victory for a second year in a row.

Coach Brady Riggs said, "The girls are ready to play hard. You know, with the amount of talented players we have I'm confident we can bring home a league title for the second year in a row."

There are so many talented girls in this program, there has even been talk of adding a Soph-Frosh team to increase the amount of members.

This year, the Girls' Soccer teams' main opponents will likely be Arcadia High School, Crescenta Valley High School and JBHS rival school Burbank High School.

Last year, the Girls' Soccer Team took the Pacific League title from Arcadia after they swept the competition the year before-- this year they aim to do the same.

Crescenta Valley High School always puts up a tough fight and in the last ten years they've won Pacific League a couple times.

Going against Burbank High School is always a challenge as well. Hopefully, the team will be able to snatch the title for a second year in a row.

The girls' team have already played two scrimmages against Immaculate Heart High School and Golden Valley High School.

Unfortunately, the girls lost their game against Immaculate Heart 1-0.

The JBHS girls' team had the ball on the offensive most of the game, but just couldn't put it away.

The girls won their game against Golden Valley High School 2-0.

The first half started out rough with shots from both sides until Lauren Bailey made a goal for JBHS towards the middle of the first half.

In the second half, the team came back with strength. Passes were connecting and Olivia Agular ended up scoring the second goal of the game.

Scrimmages give them a good opportunity to get used to playing as a team first hand and prepare for the season.

Their first League game was against Glendale High School on Monday December 9th. During the first game it was neck and neck.

The JBHS Girls' team was having trouble finishing opportunities. But, they came back strong in the second half scoring their first goal in the fist ten minutes.

The score finished 6-0 to JBHS with goals and assists from Lauren Bailey, Olivia Cashman, Lily Gonzalez and Stephanie Torres.

Their defense, lead by captain Orla Giffen, played a hard line and prevented Glendale's star player, Ella Wasson, from scoring.

There next game will be against one of their top rival school's Crescenta Valley on Friday December 13th.

The team is also participating in a tournament the weekend before finals, December 14th and 15th to help prepare for the rest of the season.

Although these kinds of fast paced tournaments are struggling physically, they really do extend the kind of rigorous training available to the girls.

Come out and support the team as they defend their title in the Pacific League Championship this year.



Photographer: David Kramer

Boys' Basketball

By Jules Talley
Photographer

Basketball season has finally started, and the JBHS Varsity Basketball team is ready to dominate the Pacific League.

The Varsity Boys won their first season game on November 18th, in which they beat North Hollywood High School 90-26, an incredible start to a great season!

The captains of the team are Seniors Emery Goulet and Carson Cardenaz.

The rest of the Seniors on the Varsity team include Coleman Chennault, Nick Garcia, Corwin Smith, Elijah Duller, Chance Spinx, and Evan Zamora.

Coleman Chennault says, "All of the Seniors are excited to start!"

Emery Goulet, the team's star player, finds success especially motivating: "Winning motivates me during games. I'm a competitive person, and will always play my heart out in an effort to come out on top."

Emery plays small forward and shooting guard position. His goals are for the team to make it to CIF playoffs, and he hopes to be selected for an All-League team.

He started playing basketball when he was five years old at the YMCA, which has better prepared him to understand the ins-and-outs of the game.

His work ethic drives him to always do better.

"I want to be the best on the floor at all times, and I know the only way I'm going to get there is by working hard and pushing myself, and that contributes to my growth as a player," Goulet commented.

The players mostly shot three pointers, and star player Emery scored thirty-two out of the ninety points in the recent game against North Hollywood High School.

Their biggest opponents this season are Crescenta Valley and Pasadena High School, but the team confident they can beat them.

The players prepared for the upcoming season by running the track three times a week, and also doing workouts in the weight room two times a week.

Senior Coleman Chennault says the preparations "were tiring, but helped get us ready."

Elijah Duller sees the team making the playoffs, and having more wins than losses during the season which is the team's goal.

The JBHS Boys' Basketball season is off to a great start, and their future is looking very bright. The boys are excited and ready to take on the season head first.

Come out and support.

Boys' Soccer

By Alyssa LeBarron
Editor-In-Chief

The Boys' Soccer season is off to a phenomenal start. They won their first league game against Glendale High School 3-0, and are preparing to free-kick their way to Pacific League Championships.

Led by Coach Kodama, the team is vigorously preparing for a successful season.

Seniors Carter Wells, Patrick Abarca, and Junior Jacob Cardenas are hoping to, "win CIF," according to Captain Jacob Cardenas.

Cardenas has been playing soccer since he was four, and hopes to continue playing soccer in college.

"Soccer is like a lifestyle... it's like something I live by," Cardenas commented.

Seniors on Boys' Varsity this year include Carter Wells, David Gerloch, Carlos Rosales, Abihud Munoza, Dylan Mahoney, Manuel Pasquel, Matthew Rampaceck, and Kobe Astrada.

Carlos Rosales, Manuel Gonzales, Carter Wells, Patrick Abarca, David Gerlock, and Jacob Cardenas are sure to make game-changing plays this season.

The team has been conditioning since summer for two hours daily.

Patrick Abarca believes that he, "[has] an important role to play," since he is a starting player, and feels "essential to the team."

Abarca is "excited" to start the season, since he believes "we have a good team."

Come support the Boys' Soccer team on December 19th!

Power-106 Celebrity Basketball Charity Game

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The JBHS Boys' Basketball Team played a game against the Power-106 All-Stars on November 7, 2019; the game resulted in a loss for the team, but all proceeds went to the JBHS Dance teams.

Power-106, or "KPWR", is a local hip-hop radio station originally formed in 1946 as "KBMS." It became the first rhythmic contemporary-focused Top 40 formatted radio outlet in 1986.

Since then, Power-106 has become "L.A.'s #1 For Hip-Hop" and is widely known for playing the latest and greatest in the genre. (Though its slogan claims Power-106 is based in LA, the station actually records in Burbank and has a transmitter at Mount Wilson.)

Power-106 operates the "Power At Your School" program, which invites listeners to email the station to request a school event or basketball game.

Each basketball game is held on Thursdays through the school year from September to May.

The All-Star team is composed of several of Power-106's employees, including JQ, who works in Power-106's marketing department and handles events in the city.

JQ used to play basketball in college and jumped at the opportunity to play on a team with his coworkers.

"It's a rewarding feeling, getting to give the kids an experience that [they] might not get...it's all for charity and it's just for fun, it's a cool way to give back to the community," he commented.

Each of the employees put their best effort into playing and were very enthusiastic about supporting the high school and its students, frequently giving them high fives. The All-Star team won 103-117.

The station also frequently hires celebrities to perform at the half-time show, and it was no different for the charity game.

For this game, the halftime performance featured the Ceraadi sisters, a girl group formed in 2013 based in Los Angeles.

The sisters appeared on the television show Christina Milian Turned Up and performed and danced to original songs such as "Favorite Song", "That's Bae", "Whatever", and "7/11".

During the half-time show, the sisters performed an elaborate singing and dancing routine, frequently walking up and down the bleachers to interact with students and invite them to dance.

The JBHS Dance team also performed their own routines during the half-time show as well.

During the game, there were many efforts to keep energy up from the radio station, as they blasted hip-hop beats from several speakers and flung merchandise into the audience.

PopSockets, T-shirts, and Capri-Suns were an ever-popular choice by the station personnel, and were promptly catapulted into the crowd of teenagers whenever one made a noise remnant of a cheer.

This strategy, though somewhat absurd to look at, was actually effective at hyping up the crowd, according to Freshman Simreen Sethi, who said that "The basketball game was more exciting than I thought it would be. It was really fun being with my friends and seeing some of the teachers play."

"[It was] really cool and fun to watch," said another freshman, Link Kayser. "The music was loud."

The gameplay was exciting, the music was great, and the performances were electrifying, but the best part about the game was that all of the proceeds went to the JBHS Dance Team. Go Burroughs!