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Former Mexican President Comes To Burroughs

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Recently, the former 55th president of Mexico, Vincente Fox, visited our school, on March 29th, 2019.

Vincente Fox served as the President of Mexico from December 1st, 2000 to November 30th, 2006.

Fox was elected President on the National Action Party ticket, which was an opposition party at the time of his election as President, the first opposition party leader to win in Mexico's history.

Also, Fox used to work with the Coca Cola company, in which learned how to be a good leader.

During his visit, he discussed the world and the changes that are impacting people in various ways. Fox expressed that individuals are complaining due to specific issues, but not focusing and discussing the achievements that have been made. People need to realize that there have been improvements, and we need to be proud of those victories.



Furthermore, the younger generations are changing the world. Teens and millennials more than ever are contributing to new technologies and working towards a better political climate. This increase of younger individuals working for a better future, brings hope for all around the globe, expressed Fox.

Fox continued to say that North America wanted to lead the world's decisions and the United States are working to combine forces with other countries.

As to why the former President of Mexico would come to John Burroughs High School in the first place is, well, not that surprising. It is Burroughs. We've had John Kennedy, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and many other important politicians and national, and international, figures come to our school.

But more specifically, Vicente Fox came to Burroughs to promote Build A Miracle, a club and charity here at JBHS.

He mentioned his work with his existing Mexican organization, Centro Fox, which has the goal of helping create young leaders for the next generation as well.

He reached out to us, contacting the President of the Build A Miracle Club, Jack Weerts, who helps build houses in Mexico, and he wanted to personally thank the members of the club on campus.

President Fox said that anyone can be a leader if they put in the time and effort to make a change.

Ms. Madrigal said "he was very inspirational and approachable, It was an honor to have him here at JBHS, and it is very nice that he took the time to acknowledge our students."

If you want more information on Build A Miracle Club, the sponsor is Mr. Cohen, the President is Jack Weerts, and they meet certain Wednesdays in the library. They've raised tens of thousands of dollars so far in the few years they've been an organization, and hope to do even more in the future.

President Fox mentioned the possibility of having the club build a home in Mexico over the summer, so volunteer opportunities are a big possibility!

Play Production Performs *West Side Story*

By Eliza Martinez and Ava Kramer
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The weekend of February 8th, 9th, and 10th saw Burroughs' play production perform their musical West Side Story, a modern day retelling of Romeo and Juliet that focuses on racial tensions and love.

New York is plagued by gang violence, with the rival gangs of the Jets and the Sharks. The Sharks are Puerto Rican. They're fighting for the streets, when the Jets, who are white, best man Tony (played by Coen Sosa) falls in love with Maria (played by Arya Desai), the sister of the leader of the Sharks, Bernardo (played by Julian Tobar).

The two gangs fight and Tony dies, unifying the two sides who have realized how much they have torn apart the love they shared.

With the combined genius of Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein, the musical numbers in this production are difficult for even professionals to sing. However, the talented cast of the JBHS arts department did just that.

The songs were performed amazingly, ranging from a heartfelt ballad 'Maria' and 'Somewhere' sung by Coen Sosa and Arya Desai, to "Gee Officer Krupke" performed by the Jets.

Eli Staub stole the show in the latter number with his impression of a social worker, really giving the audience a much-needed comedic break.

"I knew we had enough talent to pull it off" said Guy Meyers, the drama teacher here at John Burroughs High School. But 'pull it off' was an understatement. These talented students were able to authentically portray this classic as well as take it a step further to truly make each character uniquely theirs.

When asked about preparation for his role, Coen Sosa said "I was very excited to put my own spin on a famous role."

Coen Sosa's portrayal of Tony was spot-on. With an amazing range and maturity to his voice Coen Sosa always knocks it out of the park in choir shows, but to see his talent as an actor as well as a singer was inspiring.

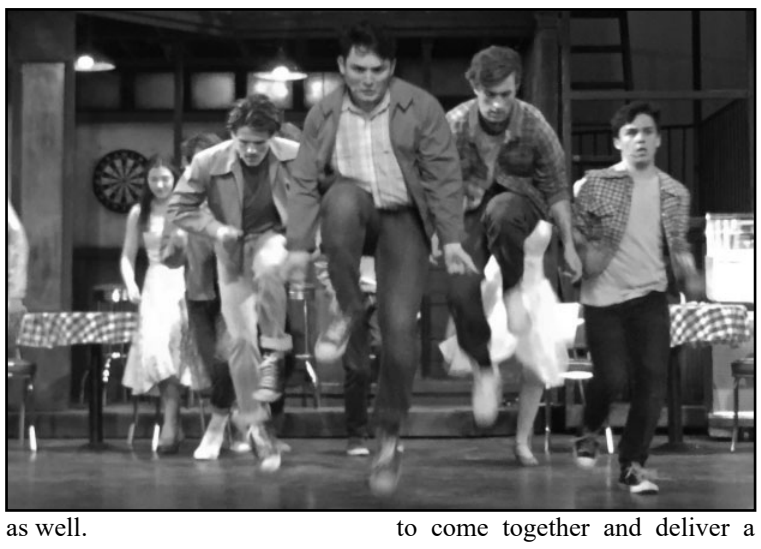
"I listened to the songs a million times on repeat and ran lines constantly with my family members" Coen said, "But my biggest challenge was probably the really dramatic scenes because I'm not used to doing anything that emotionally demanding, acting wise."

Coen was certainly able to overcome his challenge in time for opening night. His genuine emotion and intention was believable and compelling from start to finish, which earned great reviews in the Burbank Leader and other news sources for the young prodigy.

Arya Desai also worked extremely hard to cultivate her role as Maria. This was the Junior's first big lead in a musical, and she delivered.

"I was so excited to work on my role because West Side Story is one of my favorite musicals. I knew I was going to have to work hard" said Arya. "It was important for me to make Maria authentic and convincing."

And convince she did. Like her counterpart, Aria was able to show great range in singing and acting. Her emotional scenes felt genuine and her accent was also spot-on; she was even able to sustain it during her singing portions as well.



Another leading lady in the play was Janina Colucci, who played the role of Anita. Janina said that she struggled a lot during her acting portions initially.

"I'm a singer first and stepping out of my comfort zone was difficult."

But, Janina didn't disappoint. Her emotional authenticity was extremely compelling and, like Coen Sosa, she has an amazingly mature voice and vocal range.

Janina has Broadway-level stage presence and voice, and she's also an amazing dancer. During the high school dance scene, Janina blew everyone away with her couples dance with Julian Tobar. She's a rising triple threat.

Trenton Rogers and Julian Tobar played the two leaders of the Jets and the Sharks. Trenton played Riff and Julian played Bernardo. They each brought their own unique spin to their characters and really sparked the tension in the room, culminating to the end of act one gang riot, during which both characters die. They were an amazing addition to this talented cast of leads.

This outstanding cast was able to come together and deliver a great version of the famous musical.

The set was beautiful, consisting of metal fences and one huge centerpiece that rotated all the way around to be a fire escape, a soda shop, and a dress shop, with a second story bedroom.

Tech Crew did an amazing job making it look effortless to push! The lighting design was also fabulous, with subtle shifts, and complete color washes that changed the entire mood.

At the end, when Maria hold Tony in her arms before telling everyone how they played a part in his death, the audience was tearful, so in shock of the delivery that even fans of the play were bawling as if it was fresh news of the tragedy.

We're so lucky to have this much talent at our school.

We're excited to see what the future will hold for these JBHS students.

Band Goes To Disney

By Lorraine Hackett
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On Wednesday, January 9, 2019, all band students were excused from all their classes. For what, you might ask? For a performance at California Adventure!

Every year the time comes around when bands send videos of themselves playing to be able to perform at California Adventure and then get free tickets for the day. The JBHS band has been going yearly for a while.

The band had been rehearsing their songs for a while, and on that Wednesday everyone got to school to go at 7:00AM. At 7:30AM the band split up onto two buses and got going.

The band arrived at the backstage area of the park at 9:00AM, and after having a bathroom break, getting instruments together, and assembling together, they began to practice.

At 11:30AM the band walked out to the stage to the biggest crowd they had seen for these performances and played their hearts out.

First was "Pirates of the Caribbean Medley," then was "Jurassic Park Medley," next was "Incredibles Medley," and finally was "Star Trek Medley."

The rest of the day was spent at the park in groups of at least three. There were points in the day where students had to check in with chaperons, but other than that it was a fun day to hang out with friends at an amusement park.

The band left the park at 8:00PM and got back to school at 9:00PM. Everyone then helped out putting everything away and everyone got their stuff.

Finally everyone went home, ready for sleep.

IMA Puts On 40th Annual Pop Show

By Joe Stull and Lorraine Hackett
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The John Burroughs Choir Department hit an important milestone this year. Their Pop Show, held February 22-24, 2019, was the fortieth one they've had!

This year, like always, they didn't hold out. Directed by Brendan Jennings, it was truly a show not to miss. With songs ranging from Ariana Grande's "Sweetener" to the somewhat comedic set of Pokemon from Men at Work, Pop Show truly was a roller coaster of emotions.

To start off the show, Powerhouse and Sound Sensations performed "Change the World."

Next was "New Shoes," an all-Freshman act performed by Ronan Park, Eyen Parades, and Scarlet Lastrapes.

The next performance was "Lay All Your Love On Me" by Amanda Kang, Natazia Lukic, Jillian Flynn, Janina Colucci, Jake Howick, Trenton Rogers, Harshil Vijayan, Khaivon Johnson, Syreze San Andres, Cole Protzman, Rose Svonkin, Coen Sosa, Iliana Mendias, Luke Boag, Erin Collins, Reigh Abaoag, Kate Platten, Maquel Marzo, Kate Outwater, and Emery Goulet.

In a solo performance, Julian Jensen performed "A Song For You." Julian is a Senior in Powerhouse and the VMA president, and this song was no ordinary song, as Julian had been working on it since his Sophomore year! This said, he was of course very happy when he was told he could perform it.

Because he is a Senior, the Sunday performance was his last Pop Show. This made it especially emotional; Julian said, "Following the number, I went backstage and cried tears of joy as I embraced some of my closest friends."

Decibelles then performed their set about Seniors looking back through their years of high school.

After Decibelles was "Be My Baby" by Kayla Mckeighan, Martina Hemstreet, Paige Good, Emily Goyanes, Emma Grill, Autry Jesperson, Khaivon Johnson, Sako Kitsinian, Emily Rohan, Richard Solano, David Solis, Ellen Tahmasyan, Reagan Shippey, Grace Thiemann, Mary Wood, Cole Workman, and Ben Ziegert.

Sage McNeely and Coen Sosa then performed "Somebody Told Me."

Muses performed next.

"Fall in Line" including Lauren Duncanson, Jordyn Holt, Bridget Barerra, and Ellen Tahmasyan with Amanda Kang, Emery Goulet, Erin Collins, Coen Sosa, Kate Outwater, and Luke Boag was the next performance.

Next was Liv Litt, Sage McNeely, and Isa Murguia with Neha Ramakrishnan, Rose Svonkin, Emily Rohan, Anaya Leath, Kasi Zimmermann, Angie Huynh, darby Nealis, Kate Platten, Kate Outwater, and Erin Collins performing "Blow Your Mind."

The third choir, Sound Waves, then performed six songs, with the set "Spark of Creation" where the songs illustrated a society that represses individuality but is reunited with creativity.

Soon after, "Symphony" was performed by Angelee Valdez and Audrey Bird with Maddie Flores, Darby Nealis, Leila Reategui-Forrester, and Alice Dore.

Next was Julian Jensen, Isa Murguia, Sage McNeely, Trenton Rogers, and Coen Sosa with "Run to You."

After that was Mr.Peebles's annual performance with Jaedon Adriatico, Luke Boag, Olivia Cashman, Elyse Cervik, Erin Collins, Aliah Duran, Oscar, Elgio, Yoni Fogelman, Shayna Gerard, Jacob Levine, Taylor Lombardo, Zoe Lorenc, Iliana Mendias, Alex Meyers, Neha Ramakrishnan, Syreze San Andres, Alex Silva, Eli Staub, Rose Svonkin, Harshil Vijayan, Cole Workman, and Ben Ziegert with "This is Where We're Taught."

"You're No Good" was next, with Eleanor Sullens, Katie Allen, and Lexi Adair.

Vocal Ensemble then performed "What You Don't Do."

After that, Lily Kate Blevins, Olivia Ronstadt, and Paige Good performed "Mama's Broken Heart."

"Freedom" was the next performance, by Nastazia Lukic with Sage McNeely, Sara Cohen, Isa Murguia, Jillian Flynn, Kate Platten, Syreze San Andres, Amanda Kang, Shaylin Becton, Caroline Keenan, Erin Collins, Troi Hawkins, Jordyn Holt, Elyse Cervik, Kate Outwater, Iliana Mendias, Rose Svonkin, Ellen Tahmasyan, Bridget Barrera, and Nyilah Palmer.

Coen Sosa, a Senior in Powerhouse, then performed what had to have been his most notable solo of the night, "Now That You're Gone."

This song was an original, which made Coen all the more nervous. "It was very nerve racking putting something I wrote in front of an audience," he said, "but I'm glad, because it will help me feel more comfortable about putting stuff out."

To end Act One, Sound Sensations performed their southern Mardi Gras set.

Then Act Two began.

The first song was "100 Miles and Running" by Craig Shippey and Harshil Vijayan with Luke Boag, Trenton Rogers, Sako Kitsinian, Cole Workman, Ben Zeigart, Khaivon Johnson, Nathan Shearer, Emery Goulet, Jaylen Harvey, Trey Sanchez, Richard Solano, Amanda Kang, Aliah Duran, Jordyn Holt, Sage McNeely, Anaisa Murguia, Kayla McKeighan, Kate Platten, Iliana Mendias, Amanda Kang, Neha Ramakrishna, Nastazia Lukic, Coen Sosa, and David Solis.

Shaylin Becton then performed "Candlelight" with Lauren Duncanson, Ellen Tahmasyan, Jillian Flynn, and Kayla McKeighan. This song was truly beautiful. Shaylin's voice really suited the solo well and she sounded amazing.

Next was a group of three, Nathaniel Semsen, Isa Murguia, and Sage McNeely with "C'mon Talk". All three are Seniors in Powerhouse.

"C'mon Talk" was one of the more different songs of the night. Nathaniel played keyboard and all three sang the song with very interesting harmonies.

Isa and Nathaniel agreed that the Saturday performance was the best, but Sage thought Sunday was the best simply because it was her last. Nathaniel and Sage both had many other solos in Pop Show. All three of them agreed that the solo turned out pretty good.

Nathaniel is actually a little bit of an anomaly, as this was his first year in choir. He already had musical talents, having been in band all four years, but he also must have had natural singing and dancing abilities to make it into Powerhouse in his first year.

Men at Work then performed their somewhat comedic and yet somewhat serious Pokemon set. At one point, the choir all dressed as different Pokemon, with costumes ranging from homemade shells for Squirtle to wearing a tutu to represent Wigglytuff.

Cheyenne Arroyo then performed "Deep Water." Near the end of the night, this solo was especially beautiful. Cheyenne is also a Senior in Powerhouse.

Cheyenne has had multiple solos throughout the years, but when asked how she felt getting this particular solo, she said "I was excited because it's definitely my favorite of all the songs I've auditioned with for Pop Show."

"Surprise Yourself"" was then presented by Dance Ensemble.

The next performance was "Get Me Bodied" by Janina Colucci, Shaylin Becton, and Hyliah Palmer.

Sage McNeely then, as the final non-choir act, performed "Masterpiece (Mona Lisa)" which lead into the final performance: Powerhouse.

Powerhouse this year reminded us of their namesake, with their powerful themes, powerful choreography, and powerful vocals. This year, their set was "The Haitian Revolution," which had a bit of controversy around it. Powerhouse is truly awe-inspiring this year, and Burroughs couldn't be prouder to present them. It was really a great way to end our 40th.

Dance Wins Golden

By Alexander Chen
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Continuing their competition season strong, the beloved and talented JBHS Dance Department went off to Riverside on February 23, 2019, where they performed multiple routines and earned a number of trophies.

Dance Team and All Male both attended the event known as Arlington Golden Classic, which was hosted by Arlington High School. With more than 200 dancers from all over California, the event was extremely competitive yet entertaining.

Arriving at 7:30AM sharp, Dance Team and All Male spent most of the day—not slacking—but rehearsing to ensure the quality of their performances would be exceptional, and indeed they were.

Not only did the dancers perform in groups, some ambitious individuals in the Dance Department also challenged themselves and performed as soloists.

When asked to describe her experience as a soloist, Sophomore and first-year member Crystal Palacio used words such as "fun and fresh."

The girls performed their first routine of the day, Medium Jazz. With the song being the well-known cult classic, "It's Raining Men" by The Weather Girls, the judges were of course fans of the routine.

The girls ended their night with their large hip hop routine. The set was a tribute to the iconic artist, Missy Elliot, and the plot of the set depicts a power struggle among three scientists of different personalities (good, bad, and silly) to acquire a valuable dancing potion, which all three scientists end up drinking to the song "Let It Bump" by Missy Elliot. The dancing potion caused every scientist to just begin partying as a whole, and the music made the judges lose control for sure.

"I thought we did incredible! We have such nicely choreographed routines this year, and I am just so psyched for the rest of the season!" Junior, who played the silly scientist in the routine, Maliya Coquia exclaimed.

Last year at Huntington Beach, the girls were crowned as State Champion in the large hip hop division, proving dominance over the hip hop game.

With the theme of their set being sorority girls, the girls last year dressed adorably in matching hoodies and sweats that represent sisterhood danced to major bops like "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" by Cyndi Lauper and "Hollaback Girl" by Gwen Stephani.

The judges were extremely impressed by the talented dancers' energy and togetherness, and decided to hand the first place trophy to the girls.

The popular All Male Dance Team also did fantastically, placing first in the Medium All Male Division.

Grooving to famous hip hop songs of different genres, the boys amazed the judges, leaving them wanting more.

"I just love that dance so much, and performing it really gives me the rush!" Senior and three-year member Ayaan Hussain noted.

The JBHS Dance Department is exceptionally gifted, and their winning streak only exemplifies how talented these dancers are.

After competition season, the dance department would host its annual Spring Show, so come out and support these wonderful dancers!

The Jonas Brothers, AKA Jonas

By Miriam Mazo
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Everybody has been waiting for six years for the Jonas Brothers to reunite, and the time has finally come.

The Jonas Brothers formed in 2005 and became popular very fast. After they came out with their first album in 2006 called It's About Time, they soon starred in a Disney Channel original film called Camp Rock. At the Grammy Awards, they were nominated for best new artist. With all this success, everyone was heartbroken when they broke up on October 29, 2013.

The band had broken up because it just became to much for them and they could not decide on music. Also, not all of them agreed on the break up, which made the decision even more difficult.

When the band split up, it was very hard for the family to be happy with each other for a while. The brothers did not think they would ever get back together.

It took awhile for the Jonas Brothers to decide to become a band again. Getting back together was a long process and they even went to therapy for a year before fully deciding to go through with it.

The brothers wanted to reunite because they felt like they had lost a magical feeling and they really missed it.

They started making a documentary, which caused them to spend lots of time together, and that sparked their longing to get back together.

On February 28 the Jonas Brothers announced that they were back, and they even had a song ready to share with the world. The new song is called Sucker and it is really good. So many people listened to it right when it came out, that it was all anybody talked about.

The brothers will be going on tour in 2019 but they have not announced the dates yet. It's official: the Jonas Brothers are back together!

Upcoming Dates

April 1st-12th	Block Schedule
April 8th	Prom Tix Onsale Online
April 16th	Armenian Genocide Remembrance Assembly
April 17th	Top of the Tribe Luncheon
April 19th	End of 15 Week Grades
April 22nd	Fire Drill
April 29th	Blood Drive
May 4th	PROM
May 17th	Grad Night

CTE Day Puts Many Student Options On Display

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The students of Journalism went to CTE day to find out about the various programs that our school has to offer! Here is a not completely comprehensive summary:

Pasadena City College

On Thursday, February 21st John Burroughs held a CTE day for all classes. A bunch of colleges came and set up tables to share information about potential opportunities that could be found at their college.

One college that came for CTE Day was Pasadena City College.

One might consider attending Pasadena City College if they cannot afford college expenses, or if one might want to save money or perhaps they don't know what they want to major in quite yet.

Pasadena City College provides students time to think what they want for their future.

City colleges, and community colleges in general, give students the options of what time they want to take their classes, whether its in the morning or the evening.

They also give students the option of what classes they want to take.

There is flexibility available or the student.

Financial aid is available and can be provided if needed. Financial aid will help when you purchase books and food cost.

There are no dorms for the campus but there are surrounding apartments.

Pasadena City College requires various types of classes, clubs, and sports depending on what the student takes interest in.

Pasadena provides a program called Pathways, they have four different Pathways to fit your needs.

You can choose to be an Athlete, International, Ujima, or XL student, but all Pathways lead to the same place, a successful future. They also lead to a four year university down the line (though many graduate with an Associates Degree after two short years).

New York Film Academy

The 'New York' part of this film academy's title may be off-putting to those who want to stay local, but as it turns out, the New York Film Academy is actually located right here in Burbank.

The school has multiple other campus locations as well, including Miami, Florida, and two different cities in Australia.

Jody Burns, an enrollment advisor for the school, informed that there are no GPA requirements to get in to the school, but they do require full transcripts, and good grades will give you an edge in the merit-based scholarship they offer.

They also offer need-based scholarships and a special scholarship for students specifically taking acting or filming classes.

Although it's a film school, there are many other available majors including, but not limited to, photography, screen-writing, 3D animation, and game design.

Students get to explore multiple components of film making rather than focusing all their energy into in one area. This will help students get an edge in the job market, since their range of skills will make them more flexible and experienced.

The courses are predetermined in what is termed "prescribed curriculum," which means you can't create your own schedule. The classes are full-time, about 30 to 40 hours a week and an intensive, hands-on experience that will have students creating somewhere around thirteen movies throughout one school year.

Unlike high school, the year is divided into trimesters rather than semesters.

There are no dorms at the school, but there is a Housing Department that helps students find roommates and apartments best suited to them.

The Film Academy doesn't charge for using school equipment to make the movies: one can find ways to make films at no cost at all.

Burns admitted that the parking situation for students was "not ideal" but that public transit services like the bus or the train can help students get to campus. Even riding a bike could be the way to go.

At New York Film Academy, they're looking for driven students who are willing to work hard at their selected major, and who have a creative vision and artistic spirit. If any of this sounds good to you, then make it a point to visit and apply to this academy.

Burbank Adult School

Students should come to Burbank adult school to become a Certified Nursing Assistant.

They offer a Spring and Fall 16-week semester training course for becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant.

All classes run Monday through Thursday for both theory and clinical training.

The course times are as follows:

Theory A.M Class: 8:45am to 1pm. Theory PM Class: 5pm to 9:15pm.

AM Clinics: 7:30am to 1:15pm. PM Clinics: 2:30pm to 8pm.

If you want to know more information about tuition: $895.00, payable before first day of class.

Tuition provides instructional time, two uniforms, shoes, watch, gait belt, CPR class and fingerprinting.

Additional costs include textbook, Hartman's Certified Nursing Assistant, $47.47, and accompanying workbook $19.00. Finally, a $100.00 fee is also required for state testing due one month prior to graduation.

Which makes the total cost to $1061.47 (estimation).

Why you should choose a career as a CNA is it's one of the most important roles in the healthcare team.

Their role is to assist not just the medical staff, but patients as well. There is also a high demand for CNAS and they have highly varied duties.

Many people don't realize that it takes a special kind of person to become a CNA. Most people are barely aware they even exist.

Required education for this is a training program, which may lead to a certificate. Certification/ Licensure/Registration is Completion of a certificate or competency exam is required in all states.

Projected job growth for a CNA is 18 percent or nursing assistants. The Median Salary is $25,710.

Students can be eligible to train as a Home Health Aide and work in the home care industry or train as a Restorative Nurse Aide. This job can benefit your future for opportunities for Network connections.

As a CNA, you will also develop relationships with other nurses who have higher qualifications. These are invaluable network connections for your own career later in life.

This will also make it easier to be accepted in Nursing Programs.

The courses are very affordable as well. The courses you will take to become a CNA tend to be far more affordable than other types of training while not being any less important.

You will be changing people's lives. You will be making a difference in the lives of other people and this is something that they will be grateful for. This is why you should come here.

Vatel Institute of Hospitality Management

Vatel Institute of Hospitality Management is currently being offered in Los Angeles and San Diego.

This Institute teaches students how to manage hotels internationally with a variety in training options.

Their Institute teaches excellence in teaching, hospitality with industry leaders, and practical and international exposure.

They offer a variety of courses including Bachelors of Science in Business Administration with a Concentration in Hospitality Management.

These programs are designed to offer a strong foundation in hotel management, leadership skills, and entrepreneurship.

They also discuss the understandings of food and beverage, guest services, procedures, marketing, and organizing events. These classes cover a wide variety of courses for each and every individual student.

Vatel offers a variety of career opportunities including: general manager, site manager, hotel manager, training manager, sales and marketing director, food and beverage director, and event planner.

Classes that are being hosted allow students to be in an environment that allows great communication with professors and small sized classrooms to give support and preparation.

Vatel is an excellent school for students who desire to work internationally with internships around the globe.

They also offer financial aid for those who are capable of qualifying.

Lastly, Vatel Career and Employability has connections with current upscale hotel chains.

Their Institute is very well known in the hotel business world.

There are plenty of success stories that have taken place at Valet due to their amazing schooling.

For example, in their pamphlets it states that two of their graduated students named Caroline and Adrien stated that they both have become general managers for two new restaurants in Los Angeles California. They both thanked Vatel for teaching them everything they've needed to know for their jobs in order to complete their tasks and be strong leaders.

Valet University teaches students how to become managers and how to control business in the most professional and accurate ways through their educational program.

California State University, Northridge

Astrid Pérez, a student at CSUN, has given many good reasons of why students should attend CSUN.

Astrid explains how the University CSUN is very local, which can help many students that don't have transportation.

CSUN offers Bachelor's Degrees in 133 disciplines, 84 Master's Degree options, and Doctorates in Educational Leadership and Physical Therapy.

The requirements to enroll are completion of all A-G classes, a 2.0 or higher GPA, and taking the SAT or ACT. The average scores and completed classes are all higher though.

They don't really look for any special qualities in students, but one is expected to do estimated three hours a week per course unit.

You can be a part time or a full time student, also students get to create their own schedule and their time being there can take four or more years.

CSUN offers classes in over 50 fields of study.

Students are expected to finalize their major, gain internship opportunities, participate in co-curricular activities, and request more specialized career assistance.

The cost to attend CSUN are $7,000 per tuition and the living arrangements and extra costs depends on the student's course.

One of the benefits that CSUN has is A.S. Ticket office which provides students with discounts to theme parks, movies, etc. Parking on campus requires a valid CSUN parking permit.

Students are reminded that current annual or semester permits must be displayed the first day of classes. Parking on campus is open seven days a week, 24 hours-a-day, and is enforced. Parking permits are required at all times in all areas of campus. They must be properly displayed to avoid parking citations.

What the average beginning employee makes depends on the career, but overall CSUN graduates all make more money that high school graduates.

Also, obtaining a BA helps with getting a career, as opposed to a job, because you've showed knowledge and mastery in a field.

Web Design

A new Web Design course has opened up at our school.

This course teaches you the necessary skills for an entry level position under weapon design.

This class will teach you web page planning, wire framing, branding and design.

Multiple content creation programs will be introduced like Photoshop, along with introduction to HTML and CSS.

This course will be taught in the computer lab where students will work independently and in group to develop and variety of different website projects throughout the semester and present them to the class.

Ms. De Ivett, the CEO and business developer of 5D Spectrum, a website design company located here in Burbank, says nothing special is needed to join, however, she looks for students who are dedicated, creative, and willing to learn and grow.

All 9-12th graders are accepted but it is best if you have taken advanced computer or video/ animation classes to have a better understanding of the basics of Adobe applications.

This class is offered during the fall semester at 3:30-6:00 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays.

This course is free and no extra costs are needed because all work will be done on the computers in the computer lab.

Students will be expected to develop their own brand, logo, and style to apply to your own website and marketing.

Since there is limited time in class, there is no flexibility around the schedule because all work is done in class.

This class will prepare you for a career path in digital marketing and web design.

If you were to pursue this path in the future, someone in entry level design would make about $20-$25 an hour.

When asked what this entry level job could lead to into the future, Ms. De Ivett said "yes, agency roles go all the way up to executive producer roles, art director, or big opportunities to go in-house with a larger corporation."

Overall the new web design class being offered at our school is a great for students who want to learn more about using their creativity to design their own products on the internet.

This is all around a great class to take knowing that a lot of jobs in our current time include work on computers and the internet in general.

ASB ELECTIONS

ASB President

Maddie Medina

YO YO YO it's Maddie Medina here with an important message! I'm running for ASB President and I need your help with electing me into office. As ASB President, I will constantly be collaborating with the student body, making sure that ASB is working to the best of our ability for the betterment of JBHS. Along with that,
I'm committed to being a positive leader and have the passion and experience to fulfill the responsibilities of this job. Don't forget to vote your girl Maddie Medina for ASB President on April 9th!



Alex Mills

Hey guys, I'm Alex Mills and I'm running for ASB President.

Next year will be my 4th year in ASB and I'm currently the ASB Auditor. Prior, I was the Freshman Class President and then Balloons Commissioner, so I have lots of experience with leadership and I'm well-rounded. As ASB President, I will use my strong leadership and communication skills to help our school be the best, and to ensure that we have a fun and successful school year!

Don't forget – She's got the skills, vote Alex Mills for ASB President!



ASB Vice President

Micah Nilooban

Good Morning John Burroughs, my name is Micah Nilooban, here to run as your future ASB Vice President. I will make it my mission to make your voices be heard and bring your concerns to the table. If you give me the chance to serve you, I will dedicatedly assist in any questions you have about the activities on campus and let your suggestions for change be addressed. Choose someone who cares. Choose me, Micah Nilooban, as your 2019-2020 ASB Vice President.



Nadaly Jones

Hello JBHS! I'm Nadaly Jones and you should vote for me for ASB Vice President! Why!? I've been in ASB for over 4 years and have served as ASB President in middle school as well as Freshman Class President, so I have lots of experience and I am beyond ready to serve you all as ASB VP! I have countless new, creative ideas to help lead ASB affectively, so that we can give you the best high school experience possible! Help me, help you make the next school year one to remember. So vote Nadaly for ASB VP!



Executive Secretary

Kaitlyn Van Item

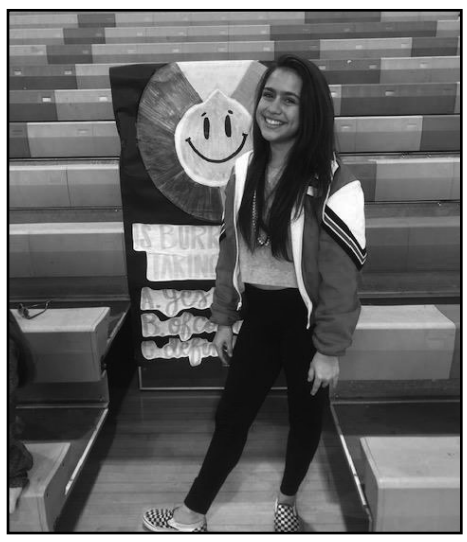
Hello everyone! My name is Kaitlyn Van Item and I am running for Executive Secretary. As someone who has been in ASB for three years, I have been able to figure out all of the ways to make your voices heard and make our school more united. If elected to be Executive Secretary, I can assure you that I will be determined to advocate for what you want and with my leadership abilities and great communication skills, I will help make our school a better campus for everyone.

Vote Kaitlyn V. for Executive Secretary!



Marinna Salazar

My name is Marinna Salazar and I'm running to be your next ASB Executive Secretary. This position requires communication skills, organization skills, and a strong work ethic. I believe I possess all of these traits and more, which makes me the perfect candidate for this position. So, April 9th, don't forget to vote for me to be your next ASB Executive Secretary. Thank you.



Auditor

Sophia Terrano

Hi John Burroughs! My name is Sophia Terrano and I am running for your 2019-2020 ASB Auditor! Having previous experience in ASB I am very prepared for this position. As auditor, I will ensure that all of our school's money is managed and disbursed wisely. I will also work along with your class officers, ASB advisor, and finance clerk to make certain all of the financial goals of our school gets accomplished and kept on track. I hope to earn your vote this election season!

Leg. Sec.

Hannah Constantino

Hello everyone! My name is Hannah Constantino and I am running for Legislative Secretary. As an individual with many ideas to unite our school, it would be with great honor to serve the student body. As Legislative Secretary, I can assure you that my strong commitment, great communication skills, and accountability will help me as I contribute in the assistance of unifying our school even more.

Vote for me, Hannah C. for Legislative Secretary!

Senior Pres.

Milana Antonio

Hi, I'm Milana Antonio and I'm running for senior class president. If I am elected, I will plan fun and successful events such as Homecoming, Prom, and other senior activities. I will raise money for our class and I will be the voice for the students. I am determined to make our senior year the best year for the class of 2020. So don't forget, "Vote for Milana, you know you wanna!"

Junior Pres.

Alyssa Valenzuela

My name is Alyssa Valenzuela and I am running for Junior Class President for the 2019-2020 school year. As president it will be my priority to help raise money for the class of 2021 in order to prepare for an amazing senior year. I will also be dedicated to planning a Winter Formal that will be a night to remember. As Junior Class President, I will make sure that next year will be a successful year for the Junior Class and for the student body. So don't forget to vote for me, Alyssa V. for your Junior Class President of 2020!

Senior Class Vice President

Sadie Deitchman

Hey Juniors! I'm Sadie Deitchman and I can't wait to be your Senior Class Vice President! We only get one Senior Year, and I want to make ours count! This will be my third year in ASB, so I'm confident I'll make an amazing leader for our class. I helped plan Winter Formal as Junior Class VP, so I understand what it takes to plan a dance and know Homecoming and Prom will be everything we want them to be and more. I'll make this a Senior year you'll never forget! Don't think twice! Vote Sadie for Senior Class Vice!



Caden Cardenaz

Good morning JBHS and good morning to my class of 2020! My name is Caden Cardenaz and I'm running for Senior vice president of ASB. I'm reliable, hardworking, and a good listener. Last year I was varsity football captain and carried a 4.4 GPA, so I know what it takes to succeed. Some goals next year are a cheaper prom, and more exciting fundraisers for our class. I'm determined to make a positive difference in your lives and will work diligently to do my best. Let's tackle this year together and make it the best! Remember, Caden for senior VP.



Junior Class Vice President

Juliana Cobb

Hello everyone, I'm Juliana Cobb, and I'm running to be your Junior Class Vice President. I'm a current sophomore and have been involved in ASB this past year. My reasons for running are simple: I want to be the best for our class, but more importantly, the best for each individual. I want to work with as many of you as I can to ensure a productive and memorable school curriculum. If elected, I hope to integrate more activities, locally-run fundraisers, and more community involvement. Just one vote will suffice, pick Juliana Cobb for Junior Class Vice!



Dainava Petrulis

My name is Dainava Petrulis and I am running to represent the Junior class as Junior Vice President in the 2019-2020 school year! A vote for me would guarantee that your voice won't go to waste. With 2 years of ASB experience, I will be able to make sure that the class of 2021 will have a fantastic high school experience as well
as a big budget for our class events! So, make sure you go out and vote for Dainava Petrulis for Junior Vice President on election day!



Sophomore Class President

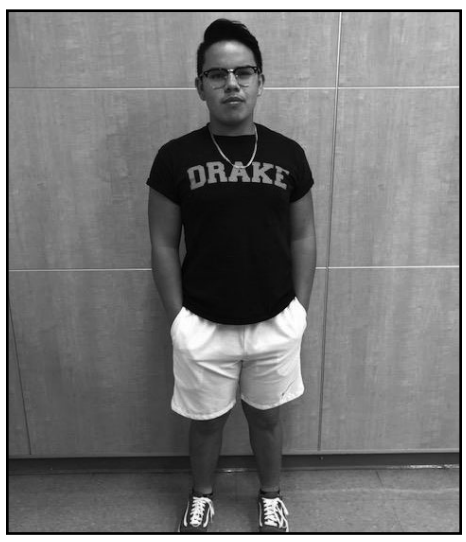
Jurnee Fuentes-Bumpus

Hello, Class of 2022! My name is Jurnee Fuentes-Bumpus, and I'm running for your Sophomore Class President. From prior experience involved with the student body, I knew I wanted to become more involved at JBHS. A Sophomore Class President is a responsible and determined student that will help others, and contribute to the improvement of the school in every way possible. That's me. As your Class President, I would be your voice and propose the things that you need to make your high school experience unforgettable. Vote for me, J.F.B., and you can have an amazing sophomore year "journey"!



Geo Garza

Wuz good y'all, I'm Geovanni Garza (a.k.a yuh boy geo) and this my highlight reel; no but in all seriousness, I'd like to inform you all that I am running for ASB sophomore pres. I'd like to bring my positivity to all of you, lead my class and serve as a role model, and most importantly I would like to make next year a special one for everyone. I hope to make an impact to everyone as an individual and as a group and just remember PEACE, LOVE, AND POSITIVITY. Thank you JBHS for your time and I hope everyone has a great day!!



Sophomore Class Vice President

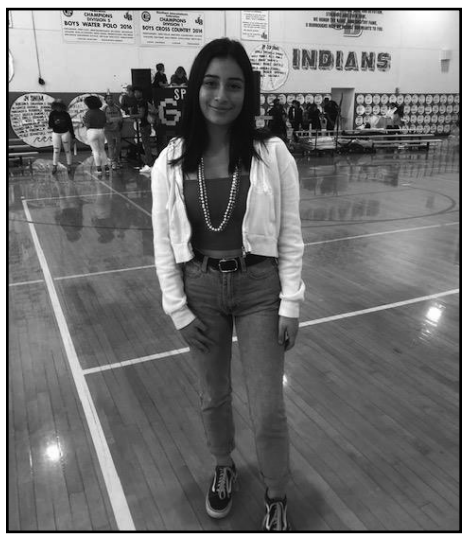
Lilia Silberling

Hi, my name's Lilia Silberling, and I want your vote for Sophomore Vice President. To me it's about more than just speeches and buttons, and not just because I can't afford buttons. It's about putting in the effort every day to make a difference. As the JBHS Sophomore Vice President I will focus on fundraising to give our class opportunities for fun events and ways to connect. I'll listen to what you have to say because I want every student to feel like they are a part of the best class ever.



Leoda Khosravi

Hi Burroughs, my name is Leoda Khosravi and I am running for Sophomore Vice President. You should vote for me because I will work with your president to fundraise for our class and give you guys have the best year, we can possibly give you. I will make sure your voices are heard and your comments are taken into consideration. Being in ASB for this year has taught me a lot about what being a good leader means and how to make your class proud. Make sure to vote on April 9th for Leoda Khosravi for Sophomore Vice President!



A Day In The Life At The Colony Theater

By Isabella Bonino
Smoke Signal Editor

Last year at John Burroughs High School, our school faced three tragedies of suicide in our second semester of 2018. Our school faced many challenges with grief, suffering and sadness with not very good strategies on coping. Although resources like counseling were available, students today still suffer with the pain and grief of past events at school. Ariana Kretz and Daria Clark, Juniors at our school, decided to bring some light to this dark topic.

Ariana, a Junior involved in AP classes, JSA, Habitat for Humanity and Girl Scouts has a very busy schedule. As a Girl Scout, she wanted to do her Gold Award Project. As a Girl Scout, this is the highest honor award you can earn and it includes over 100 hours of work and an approved project by an elite council. Ari decided for her project to bring up the very important topic that teenagers struggle with, mental health.

Opening up to the audience that her and her co director, Daria Clark, as well as many cast members of the production have struggled with mental health, this was a very personal project. This play was put on as a one time show on March 26, 2019 at the Colony Theatre in Downtown Burbank.

Since this was a play about mental health it wasn't the lightest subject to present or have people view. Although mental health is a very difficult topic for some people to digest, it is a topic that needs to be focused on.

In Ari and Daria's play, it featured seven different vignettes with topics such as sexual assault, rape peer pressure, going to an adult for help, anxiety, gun violence and drug abuse.

One of the first scenes written by Ari, featured Claire Flynn playing Sam, a high school student who went to her school counselor to seek help for her friend Lydia, played by Amanda Silver. Lydia was dealing with issues such as self harm and depression. Lydia was very upset with Sam for going to tell an adult about what was going on with her because it was a "secret." This scene showed the importance of speaking up for people who are struggling and need help. Reaching out for help can be hard and you may not want to lose a friendship or be a snitch about it but, you could be saving someone's life and getting them the help they need.

The second scene showed teens Connor McDonald, Dylan Roy, Xander Taylor, Ty Brown, Adia Chennault, Madison MacNeill and Claire Flynn playing characters going to a high school party. High School parties tend to involve drinking and drugs which can cause a lot of peer pressure. The party showed peer pressure of drinking and seeming "cool" at the party. The end of the scene involved character Michael encouraging his friend Liam to "seal the deal" and have the night of the party " be the night" that him and his girlfriend Julia. Julia was reluctant to have sex with her boyfriend but ended up doing it anyway because he made it sound like it was no big deal and persuaded her. We learn the next day that it was not consensual sex and that she was raped. Rape and Sexual Assault are a difficult topic but, it does happen and should be reported and talked about.

The third scene showed a scene with teens, Sam and Lily, solely communicating by text. The teens were played by Christopher Conkle and Amanda Silver. In this scene it portrayed how there can be online relationships that become too much to handle and become so overwhelming for both people involved. Pressure can be put on someone you have never met to "fix" all their problems and be texting them 24/7. This scene also showed the portryal of the dangers of meeting people online and never meeting them "IRL" (in real life). With the access teens have to social media and the internet, this issue is more common than you think. When in reality, putting all your problems and demanding attention 24/7 takes a toll on the relationship for both people involved. Not only will it affect the one who wants the attention but, it also dramatically affects the person who is trying so hard to help the other.

Scene four depicted a common issue not only teens have but adults, anxiety. Students Laura Brown, Crystal Rubin and Arya Desai, portrayed this scene all about the struggles of anxiety. Anxiety is very prominent in teens and especially shows its symptoms when it comes to schoolwork. Teens easily get very overwhelmed with their school work, outside schedule and personal life. Although anxiety is common in teens, it can be very hard to talk and open up about due to social stigma. Teens often feel it can be very embarrassing to talk about mental health and that no one will relate or understand. The scene also portrayed how it is difficult at times for teens to communicate with their parents what's really going on with their mental health.



Scene five depicted the issue of sexual assault. Although it is common in the media for sexual assault to be a guy doing the act and the girl as the victim, this scene portrayed students Connor McDonald, Hudson Bartram and Kalea Neviller.Kalea played Tamara, the instigator and Connor played Jacob the victim. Although this is not in every situation, Nick the friend of Jacob, was encouraging Jacob that it was "fine" and "chill" because, Tamara was hot and in college. The effect of the sexual assault lead to Jacob having anxiety and problems with even his friends being near him or greeting him with a hug or handshake. When Jacob tried to push himself off Tamra, she threatened him to be okay with the assault by saying she would tell everyone he tried to attack her instead of the other way around.

Scene six involved Zyla Nyahay, Amanda Sanchez and Laura Brown playing teens, Emersyn, Charity and the teacher, Ms. Parker. Their scene was in the time period of right after the Parkland High Shooting in Flordia. Ms. Parker, the teacher, was educating students about the procedures if a school intruder was to enter campus. The students in the scene were having a lot of anxiety about violence in schools and if they felt comfortable with teachers having firearms in the classroom.



Lastly, scene seven showed a common teen problem drug abuse. Commonly drug abuse in teens is caused by depression and anxiety. The scene starred Sierra Gelbman, Kalea Neviller and Ensemble, Alexia Calderon and Karla Aljierdon. Characters Casey and Julia lived with very little money. Julia Casey's Mother, worked 12 hour shifts to try and get by to support her daughter as a single parent. Due to dealing with the struggle of being poor, Casey turned to Oxycontin.

When Julia Casey's mom found out, she then really understood what was going on her with her child.

John Burroughs High School and Burbank are very proud to have students like Ari Kretz and Daria Clark who chose to take the sadness of these common teen issues and bring light and education about them to others.

Boba Time

By Isabella Bonino
Smoke Signal Staff

The very loved beverage of teens, young adults and practically all people has made its debut in Burbank. Boba Time the chain boba location, has an assortment of items on their menu.

The acai bowls have various flavors such as dragon fruit, fusion, green and PB and acai. The one I had was the original acai which contained fresh fruit, granola, honey and coconut. It was a healthy refreshing snack that was "picture worthy". The milk teas, had various flavors like classic Thai tea,coconut mango, horchata, matcha, rose and chai. All of these contained the classic push through straw top with boba as an additional add on. The blended frappes did not have any boba but, contained the same sort of flavor as a starbucks frappuccino. Some of these flavors included almond, caramel, mocha, pistachio and vanilla. These all had the option of being topped with yummy whipped cream on top. As well as frappes, boba time also serves fresh juice and shakes. Some of the fresh juices included detox, carrot, energy and rejuvenate. As well as the juices some of the shake flavors included chocolate, mango, mocha and vanilla. The shakes contained a very creamy texture that melted in your mouth.

Another very popular item on the menu was shaved iced bowls. These bowls had the same look as the acai but were all shaved ice! These would be super tasty in the summer especially when it is super hot! They even had coffee shaved ice!

As well as cold beverages, boba time also features hot teas and lattes such as the classic earl grey, rose milk and taro.

Boba time has really come to Burbank with a drink or sweet treat for everyone!

It's location is on the corner of Victory and Buena Vista.

KokoRoll

By Amare Cooke
Smoke Signal Staff

A new Japanese and Hawaiian restaurant and cafe originally named "KokoRoll Cafe" recently opened shop on the corner of Foothill Blvd, 7 miles from JBHS and has received rightful total of 5 out of 5 stars from the Burbank and LA community.

On 2265 Foothill Blvd, this Japanese and Hawaiian inspired cafe took advantage of its location by opening their new place in a good area for their business. Once you pass the storefront, you notice their aesthetic. They have bright colors and lights, contrasted by their white walls. There is a great feel to the restaurant with their artwork in and around the facility. The inside portrays a good layout of clean tables, which should be addressed by the LA County Public Health as they do not have a rating there. Walking to the front, you would spot their menus above the counter. Their menu displays dishes ranging from poke bowls, nori maki rolls, and lattes. Despite the large amount of sweet items, they give you the option of choosing the "sweetness level with four options: 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100%."

Once I got to the counter, I was informed about the name of the business. "Kokoro" in Japanese means heart, and "roll" was added at the end because of their selection of maki rolls. You can hear all of the machines and people using the utensils to create your food in the back as well, which adds to the idea of "fresh boba." I also ordered green tea macarons.

The boba served here is more or less what you would expect, and maybe even more. I had ordered a matcha milk tea with boba. The tea did not taste stale like other places that do not make fresh teas for their boba. The boba itself could have been a better consistency as it was not overly mushy which is a unsettling characteristic of other places, but it seemed very gummy. Like the boba, the spicy tuna roll was very fresh as well, and nicely crafted. That detail of serving both protein foods and desserts adds to their aspect of differentiation from other shops similar to them.

A very common trend in boba shops is a stamp card. Every time you return to the place you get a stamp on a small sheet of paper, and when you get a certain amount of stamps, you can get a free item. Since the shop is very new, they do not have this system yet, but once they develop more, hopefully they will use one.

Overall, the creatively named "KokoRoll Cafe" on the corner of Foothill Blvd. They receive a deserved a total of 4 out of 5 stars from me. I hope to see this change in the future, once they are more developed.

Boys Tennis

By Marty Coha and Nicolette Gani
Smoke Signal Staff

Mr. Fernando and Mr. Bernhardt are the current coaches for John Burroughs' Tennis Team.

Coach Fernando attended Santa Ana College and UCLA for his education.

Coach Bernhardt attended Valley College and Northridge College for his post high school education.

The Captains for Boy's Tennis include Sebastian Muga and Daniel Cho.

Sebastian Muga has been playing tennis for ten years. He was on Varsity his Freshman year.

His goal is to give every shot 110%. He said he became a Captain using precision and hard work.

Daniel Cho's goal is to get sets off Arcadia. He has been playing tennis for four years and will be playing throughout high school.

The star players are Sam Bernardy, Cameron Flowers, Sebastian Muga, Daniel Cho, Rafael Munguia, Trieu Nguyen, and Mark Do.

Cameron Flowers' goal is to get into the playoffs. He has been playing for five years as a singles one player.

The boys' record in the Pacific League is 4-2-1 and out of League is 4-3-1.

Some previous scores are 0-18 against Arcadia and 2-16 against CV for their only two League losses, and wins, 16-2 against Pasadena, 13-5 against Hoover, 14-2 also against Hoover, 13-5 against Glendale, and finally, in the biggest match of the season, our crosstown rivalry vs. Burbank, a tie, 9-9, for the most exciting matches of the Seniors career.

Our school's team has also gone against Crescenta Valley High School, Glendale High School, and Burbank High School.

JBHS' Tennis Team has won six sets, thanks to the talented Sam Bernardy and all doubles teams won against Hoover and Pasadena High School.

Future games include playing against Glendale, Crescenta Valley High School (CV), and Burbank High School for their second matches of the season.

The teams' top scorer is Sam Bernardy. He has scores of 6-2, 6-0, and 6-0 against Pasadena High School.

The teams says that there is a good season ahead, doubles are strong, and Sam Bernardy, one of their top players, has improved.

Coach Bernhardt stated, "Take tennis seriously, just don't take yourself too seriously."

To get ready for their season and have a successful turnout, the players will be practicing running and hitting.

Their goal for this season is to make the playoffs and win.

The team is looking great and ready to take home the wins of the season.

There aren't any new coaches, but their current coaches are ready for their season to start and bring back wins.

Seniors on Varsity include Daniel Cho, Rafael Munguia, Cameron Flowers, and Mark Do.

Daniel Cho stated, "Play hard and to your fullest.

"You never know what the future could hold." Rafael Munguia expressed.

"I'm grateful for tennis and for it being the better part of my high school experience."

Boys Golf

By Eliza Martinez
Smoke Signal Staff

Our Boys' Golf Team came in first in the Pacific League match they played at Whittier on Thursday, the 28th of February, and DeBell on Wednesday, the 13th of March, starting off their season as first in the League! They played against Arcadia High School, Crescenta Valley High School, Burbank High School, and Pasadena High School.

Two matches and we came out on top every time The entire team is working hard to improve themselves individually and helping their teammates to succeed as well! This season is going well, but in time it'll get even better.

The Boys also came home with four Low Medalists! The two who won at Whittier were Lincoln Melcher with a 71, and Ryan McGowan with a 72! Melcher is a Freshman and already making waves in his team. McGowan is a Sophomore and getting better and better every year.

The two that won at DeBell were Ryan McGowan who shot 4 over par at 74, and Lincoln Melcher who shot 1 under par at 71! These boys are working hard to score low match after match! They keep bringing it to the tournaments and get major wins for our team.



Since those opening matches, the boys have either been first or second in all of their other League matches, losing only to Arcadia in their third League match, 396-386 (the lower scores win in golf) and their fourth League match, 395-379, at Harding Golf Course on March 14th, and Santa Anita Golf Course on March 28th, repsectively.

Because of the rain the match was ruined. That game was supposed to take place March 6th, there is still an upcoming League match for the boys today, April 8th.

They are still in the running for League, depending on the outcome of the match, and with hard work and a little luck today could be League Champions.

They would also need to win the next two matches, April 11th and 18th. Both are "away" matches, but with none of them in Santa Anita (Arcadia's "home") and with how well they opened season, it's a big possibility!

Watch out for these boys and their team for the rest of the year, and the rest of their careers at JBHS!

Boys Volleyball

By Bianey Mendoza
Smoke Signal Staff

The Boys Volleyball Coach for many years has been Mr. Brinton who is also a math teacher here at Burroughs.

The team captains for Varsity this year the senior player is Sam Tipton. Sam has been on the team for four years. His position is libero. He became team captain through hard work. Troy Outwaer is a junior this year.

Troy has been on the team for three years and became team captain to work on being a better player.

The star players on the team are Connor Burroughs and Cade McGovern.

The team's current record in Pacific League is 6-0.

They swept Pasadena 25-17, 25-18, and 25-20, Glendale twice, 25-14, 25-9, 25-14, Hoover 25-21, 25-14, 25-10. Against their next opponents they won 3-1, against Crescenta Valley 24-26, 25-22, 25-17, 25-10, against Arcadia 25-15, 22-25, 25-20, 25-19.

For their big crosstown rivalry game against Burbank they went back to the tradition of sweeping, 25-14, 25-21, 25-20.

Their main opponents are Crescenta Valley High School, Burbank High, and Arcadia High School.

Upcoming games are on 4/9 against CV, 4/11 against Hoover, 4-16 against Pasadena, 4/18 against Pasadena, and for their last League match, 4/23 against crosstown rival Burbank.

Their top score is Connor Burroughs. And their top defensive player is Sam Tipton.

The boys get ready for their upcoming season by training hard during off season.

For right now the season is going great the players feel like it will be a great season for them.

The team is looking good and focused and ready for the start of the season.

The senior players are Steven Grandnetti, Sam Tipton, Evan Troncoso, Caleb Reyes, Louis Zekowski, and Ricky Kahlon.



Girls Softball

By Myia Mciver
Smoke Signal Staff

Venturing into 2019, there is hope for victory, and JBHS softball is sure to catch it!

With the help of Coach Wes Tanigawa, the girls have reached a 5-2 record in the Pacific League.

This would not be possible without all the great players on this team.

Starting lineup is as follows: Junior Megan Williams - catcher, pitching is Junior Isabella Kim, Junior Memorie Munoz plays 3rd, playing shortstop is Senior Lali Mendez, Senior Morgan Mersola plays 2nd, Senior Sierra Harvey plays 1st, left fielder is Senior Hannah Skinner, Senior Mia Storer playing center field, and Junior Chloe Bookmeyer on right field.

Within the hardworking team, there are some select top scorers.

Sierra Harvey has 5 RBI's, and Kelsey Acosta and Isabella Kam both tie at 3 RBI's.

The top defensive players who yet to make an error include, Isabella Kam, Kaitlyn Cisneros, Morgan Mersola, Sierra Harvey, and Hannah Skinner.

During March, the girls had ten games, most of them in the Pacific League.

They started off League play March 5th defeating Pasadena with a score 20-1. They had two non-League games after, both for losses, to Kennedy and Simi.

They then got another League win, this time March 11th against Glendale (12-0), but sadly followed that up with a loss the next day, March 12th, against Crescenta Valley (0-5).

The March 14th game against Hoover at home was called due to rain, so their next few games were again non-League, again against Kennedy and this time Palisades.

Then the League games started back up, against Muir, Hoover, and Burbank, all at home, on March 23rd, 24th and 26th (15-1, 1-0, and 5-4).

Their second League defeat was this past week against Arcadia, on April 2, an away game, (2-0)

Their last game, March 10th against Pasadena, happened after the Smoke Signal went to print.

The season is almost over for the girls, with just six games left. The upcoming schedule is as follows: 4/9 Glendale at home, 4/11 CV, 4/16 Hoover, 4/18 Muir, 4/18 home with Arcadia, and finally 4/25 with Burbank for the big crosstown rivalry game.

Preparing for the season, JBHS softball has had scheduled practices and conditioning since August. Practicing plays, correcting, and fine tuning their skills ensures a great and successful season ahead of them.

In the future, it is expected that Burbank and CV will be the toughest to defeat, but all the girls have courage that they can win.

They all just want to take Pacific League one game at a time, allowing focus and concentration to not be overwhelmed with the future of the season.

So far, the team is looking good with their strong defense and their ability to score many runs, and there is a great looking outcome to this season.

JBHS softball has been working hard all year and hopes to make the best out of this season, and to have many victories ahead of them!



Baseball

By Lawrence Eichwald
Smoke Signal Staff

Nathaniel is a lad known by many at John Burroughs; no matter if it is due to his position on the team. His fellow players see him as a modest guy, but he sure makes a mean interviewee.

He had no issue stating that previous seasons were "underperformed" and "disappointing." However, Nathaniel says he has never seen a team so driven to win. This season has been a constant stream of close games, few losses, and it was always a fight to the very end.

Nathaniel believes it is thanks to the levelheadedness of his team. He gives them pep talks before and after every game and is constantly checking-in to make sure everyone is at their best.

As a Freshman, Nathaniel did not vision himself to be the Varsity Captain, but four years of hard work prepared him for this position. "My team just has a lot of hard workers who are focused to win and improve…" Nathaniel's response when I spoke on the team's mentality. He also mentioned how selflessness is a huge part of the team, how they win for the sake of the team and not for just themselves. He stated that everyone who is on the team now deserves to be on the team due to the hard work and perseverance they've put in.

Nathaniel believes that players such as Brian Garcia, would make great captains in the future.

I had to see were Nathaniel was getting his experience and knowledge. Speaking to Coach Evans, he mentioned that Nate hasn't fallen far from the coaching tree, they said similar things with Evans mentioning how "I only want players with a will to win and work together, and that's what I get." This team seems to be a body of steel and a heart of gold. The coaches believe in the players and the players believe in each other.

Despite starting off with a string of preseason losses, the team bounced back and is doing great in the Pacific League, 5-2 overall.

They started season with two games against Hoover, March 5th and 8th, and won 8-0 and 10-0. They continued the winning streak against Glendale the following week, March 12th and 15th, winning 13-3 and 7-1.

The following week was met with mixed results against Pasadena for a win and a loss, 3-0 and 1-6.

Last week against Muir, the boys lost their first game on April 2, 0-1. The score for their second game against Muir, April 5th, was not known at time of publication.

Upcoming games this week are against Arcadia, March 9th and March 12th, then next week against Crescenta Valley March 16th and March 19th, and finally against crosstown rival Burbank March 23rd and March 26th.

Right now the boys are still on track to be able to win the Pacific League, so come out and support them!

Swim

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The weather is finally warming up, which means it's time for the John Burroughs High School Coed Swim Team to thrive!

The Indians are starting off their senior season being led by Team Captains Nathan Gault-Crabb, Reigh Abaoag and Maya Wilson. All three of them are returning Varsity athletes with club swim experience outside of Burroughs as well.

When asked about his thoughts on the upcoming season, Varsity Swim Team Coach Jacob Cook stated that he's looking forward to a great season. He said this is especially because of how great the returning athletes are.

Not only are the returning athletes dropping jaws to the pool deck this year, but Senior athlete and Captain Maya Wilson is on track to have the most spectacular high school career in Burroughs history. She is on track to win every single John Burroughs High School record.

Currently she now holds seven out of the eight girls records, the 200 Freestyle (1:51.03), 200 Individual Medley (2:12.81), 50 Freestyle (25.00), 100 Butterfly (57.22), 100 Freestyle (52.28), 500 Freestyle (4:59.15), and the 100 Breaststroke (1:10.03). The only record she doesn't yet hold is the 100 Backstroke.



Alongside the rest of the wonderful team, she's sure to be a weapon for the Indians during the 2019 season.

Although last season was a rough one for Burroughs, Varsity Team Captain Nathan Gault-Crabb still feels confident that things will look up for them this year. "I really think we've secured the bag this year. We've had more CIF eligible times this year than last year, and everyone has worked hard to get their job done. I'm extremely proud of all the swimmers. I couldn't ask for a better final season."

Fellow Team Captain Reigh Abaoag shares Gault-Crabb's positve outlook. "This season has been going great despite us being smaller. I know we'll have a great season because this team loves to win, and as long as we're having fun, that's a win to me."

All three Team Captains also said that they have their coaches to thank. "They're great coaches, but they're also fun people. The whole team has a good time at every practice because of Jake and Martin."

A group of students like those that make up the swim team truly can't be found anywhere else. Make sure to come see what they're all about by stopping by the pool deck this season!

Track and Field

By Jada Reese
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The coaches of the 2019 Track season are Levon Davis, John Peebles, and Kyle FitzGerald.

Levon Davis is the new head coach this year. He mostly coaches the sprint group.

Coach John Peebles is the coach of long distance, and Coach Kyle FitzGerald is coach of shot put and discus.

Coach Levon has been coaching for five years.

He ran track and played basketball and soccer during his high school career.

Coach John Peebles ran cross country and played basketball during his high school career.

Coach Kyle FitzGerald was a football player and shot and discus thrower in high school.

Coach Levon's goal this year is to win Pacific League champ in the Girl's Division.

He believes they have a chance. "I think the girls have a good chance at winning league this year so let's work hard to get that title. It's been a while since we had a Girl's Pacific League Champion as the whole team."

Recently, the track team ran against Canyon and Crescenta Valley High School.

The Crescenta Valley meet was the only away meet this year, all other meets being home, with the exception of some big invitationals and CIF.

So far the season has been going great for the girls.

For example, Priscilla Murillo, a shot putter and discus thrower, is number 5 in her events in the Girl's Pacific League.

We all got ready in preparation for this season by practicing very hard during the off season and during winter break.

The 2019 Seniors this year are Jada Reese, Valerie and Vanessa Reveles, Julianna Navarro, Lakely Nealis, and Priscilla Murillo.

The next meet was a tri-meet with Arcadia High School and Pasadena High School.

That means we went up against two schools at the same meet, and Burroughs hosted.

While we sailed to victory against Pasadena, sadly the girls and boys both lost to Arcadia. This means will most likely not win Pacific League, unless Arcadia were to lose one of their next meets.

On Wednesday, April 3rd, Burroughs had another tri-meet, this time against Muir and Glendale, again here at home. The boys lost against both teams, and the girls beat Muir and lost by 10 points to Glendale.

Next week is the big meet against Burbank, once again here at home, so make sure to come out! The start time has been moved to 5PM, to make it easier for families to come out and support their children, so hope you all make it out as well!

Good luck John Burroughs!



Color Guard

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John Burroughs High school's Winter Guard earned a deserved second place with a score of 69.56 at their most recent competition on March 30th. This was the competition that precedes their championships taking place on April 13th.

The competition took place at the performance arts school, Arcadia High.

In the guard's division, HS AA round two, they were up against six other schools: Gladstone High School, Montgomery High School, Notre Dame High School, Santiago High School, and West Covina High School. "Two competitions ago, we got fourth place, last competition we got third place, this competition we got second place. We are on the road to first place for our championship at this rate" stated Aaron Cooke, a sophomore and new member to winter guard. Their show was titled "Helium," a song by Sia. The guard received second place in the categories: equipment, movement, and design, but fourth in general effects. The Captain, a Junior named Alexandria Watson said "We still have a little more work to do and improvements to make, but we will get a good outcome from it. I'm proud of everyone!" The first place school Notre Dame High received 71.63, therefore our guard was 2.06 points away from first place!

Although the guard received a favorable score, the team did not feel too confident. "I thought we were going to get fifth place," said Carlos Castañeda, a Sophomore on the team. They work hard during eight hour rehearsals on Saturdays and practice at least twice for two hours on weekdays.

The coach Sandra Villegas and the Assistant Coach Cynthia Diaz work very hard for their team to succeed and should be held in high esteem. The guard members thank their coaches for helping achieve their goals.

