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Dance Teams Win At Recent West Covina Competition

By Alexander Chen
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Kicking off their competition season, the beloved and talented Dance Department here at JBHS went off to West Covina on January 19, 2019, where they performed multiple routines and earned a number of trophies.

Dance Team and All Male both attended the event known as WestCo Showdown which was hosted by West Covina High School. Known for their renowned dance program, the event was extremely competitive, with more than 200 dancers attending.

Arriving at 7:30AM, Dance Team and All Male spent most of their day rehearsing to make sure their performances would be top-notch, and indeed they were. Not only did they perform in groups, some ambitious individuals also challenged themselves and performed as soloists.

When asked to describe his experience as a soloist, sophomore Tommy Gonzales said it was "electrifying and life-changing." Later on, Tommy received the honor of first place in his division!

The girls first performed their medium jazz routine in which they danced energetically to a cult classic, "It's Raining Men" by The Weather Girls. The girls were so vibrant that the judges couldn't help but adore their energy. They placed first in the medium jazz division.

"I thought the girls looked so great, and I am so proud of all of them for pulling through," Junior and Captain Jayce Cicchino commented, "It's just awesome to be here!"

That was not their only triumph. The girls continuously placed first in multiple divisions including medium contemporary and small hip hop. With all three divisions being some of the most difficult and competitive categories, the girls did considerably well and managed to out-dance many other schools such as Crescenta Valley High School and Glen A. Wilson High School.

The popular All Male Dance Team also did amazingly, placing first in the medium all male division. The talented boys worked tirelessly before this competition, and their hard work definitely paid off at the end.

"Wow! Getting first place really was a great way to start off the competition season," Captain Joseph Galeria said. "But we will not be complacent and we will keep working hard!"

Being her first time leading this team to competition, Coach Outlaw was occasionally stressed throughout the process, but the dancers' achievements at West Covina for sure pleased her greatly.

The dance department expects three more competitions in the foreseeable future, with them being in Arlington, Glendale, and Huntington Beach. 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.

The dance department here at JBHS is exceptionally gifted, and their winning streak only exemplifies how talented these dancers are.

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

Intervention Period Could Be Coming This Semester

By Nicolette Gani
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Every student can relate to trying to meet with a teacher but struggling to find the opportunity. The teacher might not be available or maybe you have too much on your agenda and don't have enough time to meet with them. Not only do students need to meet with teachers, but they are also trying to accommodate everything else that's going on in their lives. Teachers have had many meetings to identify what they can do to improve students learning and be mentored if they are not grasping certain concepts.

For example, Link Crew was established to have upperclassmen mentor the underclassmen to prepare them for high school and what there is to come in the next chapter.

Teachers and faculty have come to an agreement that an intervention period should be employed to give students the time to get any extra help that they may need.

The intervention period looks like it will be connected to nutrition and would take time out of each class to create a total of twenty five minutes. This time could be used to get help, talk to a teacher, finish group projects, study for a class, read, or to catch up on any work.

Current plans for the intervention period would have it take place three times a week every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Mondays will continue to be early-release days and Fridays are regular instructional days.

This intervention period is structured to support specific students with targeted instruction. This is necessary for students who have Ds and Fs in a class to bring their grade up. For any sophomores that have a C or higher, the plan is that they may choose to accomplish anything during this period of time.

With this period, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will be allowed and encouraged to do anything that benefits their education. Whether that is through independent study or working with peers, there is plenty of room for improvement during intervention period.

Freshman, on the other hand, will be required to be in a class for instruction or study hall to focus on key issues or concepts, no matter what grades they have.

This period will also be advantageous for students who don't have Ds or Fs. Intervention period should provide everyone with a nice environment to work and study.

It is also beneficial for students to just take time out of their day to become more proficient in certain subjects that they want to understand better. This intervention period will improve learning qualities of many students. Hopefully it will also change a student's perspective of school in a positive way.

While some students have expressed opposition to this idea because it is taking time out of their classes, the intervention period can be beneficial to everyone if the time is spent wisely. One way to be productive during intervention period is through collaborating with peers. Everyone knows the best way to learn is to teach! For students that enjoy working in group settings, they can use this extra time to study for tests with their teachers or in study groups.

Intervention period should hopefully give students a chance to speak with their teachers, study or work independently, or work with fellow students that are struggling.

Therefore, this newly planned, and hopefully coming soon, integrated period of time will enhance the overall education experience for all types of students at John Burroughs High School.

Drama Wins At CETAHSTF

By Marty Coha
Editor

Congratulations to our phenomenal Drama Department for snagging first place in our region! Drama competed against twenty -six other high schools in the Los Angeles area to earn the coveted award known as Best Play.

The competition began when Jon King, our beloved tech teacher, and his committed students moved all of their equipment into two big trucks. The two trucks were then sent to Fullerton to set up the play *Dark of the Moon*.

They were given four hours to set up and assemble everything. From sets and props to lights and sound, our terrific tech crew managed to pull everything together without one hair out of place.

As for the actors, they had to block their new stage and get their hair and makeup done within the four hours. This can be very nerve racking for people who aren't professionals, but luckily our Drama Department is cool under pressure. Naturally, they performed these tasks swiftly and calmly.

After the set up, our team was ready to perform in front of 1,300 students who adore theatre. The students loved *Dark of the Moon* so much, they generously and rightfully gave the Drama Department a standing ovation and showered them with praise.

Best Play was not the only award John Burroughs received. We also won The Director's Award which was justly given to Claire Flynn and Alexia Calderon.

As for the film festival, we didn't walk away empty handed. All thanks to Eli Staub, Daria Clark, and Arya Desai.

Staub won first place with his film "Don't Walk." The film was created to shed light on the stress that is placed on students and how this can make them feel isolated.

Clark and Desai won third place for their masterpiece entitled "Story Continues…" This film captures the teenage mind and how it can be corrupted with suicidal thoughts.

Burroughs also brought home a whopping 29 certificates!

The awards given to stage crew included Jon King for tech director, Valerie Martinez for stage manager, Sydney Bax for assistant stage manager, Alexia Calderon for student producer, Joanie Coyote for costumes, the entire hair and makeup team, Guy Myers for directing, Brian Carlson for design, Yoni Fogelman for keyboards and assistant musical direction, Andrew Orbison for musical director, Max Wagner for guitar, and Austin Farmer for percussion.

The other awards went to Connor McDonald, Claire Flynn, Zachary Hagen-Smith, Laura Brown, Simone Beres, Jordyn Holt, Kalea Neiviller, Louis Zekowski, Paris Stacy, Eli Staub, and Jack Weerts for acting.

After this riveting event, the hard-working stage crew packed everything up and drove back to the one and only John Burroughs High School.

A simple congratulations is not enough for these fantastic students and faculty. Everyone involved in *Dark of the Moon* deserves a pat on the back and a nice long nap.

Arts Festival

By Leslie Villatoro
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Do you admire art and the realm of creativity? Want to explore the arts and immerse your mind with other people's creative work? If so, Burbank's Art Festival is the place to be.

Every personal piece of artwork displayed will be from artists and sculptors who convey emotions through their passion of craft.

This free-admission annual festival takes place in downtown Burbank from May 18th-19th. The event will be held on San Fernando Boulevard from 11am-7pm.

This celebration of the arts offers artists the opportunity to showcase their creative artwork as a way to engage their community.

Different types of art styles will be seen on canvas. This includes acrylic, watercolor, or oil paintings. Newly painted murals and street art in Downtown Burbank will also be showcased. There will be paintings for sale, sculptures, jewelry, ceramics, woodworks, workshops, and live music to enjoy.

Not only are people allowed to buy the art but the public will have a chance to work in workshops where they will learn techniques curated by the artists themselves.

At the festival, you'll be able to get behind the scenes and gain knowledge about animations, pottery, paintings, jewelry and more.

The event will also feature book signings by animators and art challenges to excite visitors.

The available live music at the festival will transport you places away from your current reality.

The festival will also feature chalk artists, who will express their ideas and dreamlike artistry on pavement.

Besides the aesthetically pleasing artistry, the public will have the perfect opportunity to browse many shops and eat at the many restaurants that are nearby.

Besides restaurants nearby, there are many other exciting activities to keep you occupied in beautiful Downtown Burbank! The best part is that all of these things can be done while admiring the incredible creations of fellow Burbankians.

Nothing embodies the Burbank experience quite like a local art festival on the most relevant-street in town.

Be sure to make an appearance on the weekend of May 18th-19th so you can support this cultured community all while showing your appreciation for beautiful Burbank, California!

Winter Formal Senior King and Queen

Jake Howick

By isabella Bonino
Opinion Editor

Winter Formal King Jake Howick is a very well known Senior at Burroughs. Jake has been involved in many activities here at Burroughs since he was a Freshman.

As a Freshman, he played football, basketball, and volleyball. For his sports career in High School, he chose to focus primarily on volleyball.

As well as being an athlete, Jake has been in choir since middle school. He has been in Powerhouse for three years and Burroughs Choir all together for four years.

Some of Jake's other involvements at school include Link Crew. Link Crew is the program at Burroughs where Seniors and Juniors are paired up with Freshman to be a guide for them as they transition into High School.

Jake is also an active member of Vocal Percussion Club as well as Ping Pong Club. Jake likes to believe that he is known as having a good sense of humor and approachability. His friends seem to agree as well.

Friend Cameron Flowers quotes that, "Jake is a flake but a really good friend. He definitely deserves this. He's like a waxing gibbous, he's always growing a friend and he lights you up when you're feeling down."

Jake was very surprised to be nominated, especially with his long time girlfriend, Simone Beres. She asked Jake to the Alice in Wonderland Sadie Hawkins themed formal with a cute card and candy.

Jake Attended Winter Formal with Simone wearing a Charcoal suit from Express with a black Calvin Klein Button Up.

After they danced the night away, Simone and Jake went to Cheesecake Factory with a bunch of their friends.

Congrats to Jake Howick, Winter Formal King!

Simone Beres

By Eliza Martinez
Feature Editor

Simone Beres is the winner of Winter Formal Queen. She is a brilliant and beautiful AP student that loves to help people and express herself in many different ways.

She is sensitive and caring. She even volunteers at the Teen Crisis helpline. Her peers and other teens in need are important to her, and she will do anything she can to help.

She is known for being in choir and drama, earning her way into Powerhouse and some favorite roles in the school play. She's a member of Play Production, the drama class you have to audition to be a part of. Just when you thought she couldn't get any more talented, she is known to be an amazing dancer, making her a triple threat! As much as she's serious about her art, she is also part of Joe Smish's Percussion Club, a great place to mess around and have fun.

She didn't expect to be nominated this year, being surprised saying, " I didn't expect it because I've never been nominated before!" As a first time nominee, the night must have been super magical.

She went with her serious long term boyfriend Jake Howick. The two have been dating for one and a half years! They've shared many amazing memories and have been to all the dances they could go to. Simone even remarks that they can't think of any fun and creative ways to ask each other because they've practically done them all!

She wore a black silk Betsey Johnson dress, an expensive designer item that she got for a steal on Depop. She also sported classic black Mudd shoes, the thick block heels adding a vintage twist. She is known for rocking trendy and amazing vintage looks.

After the dance, Simone and Jake ate at the Cheesecake Factory with their friends and dates. Her beauty, intelligence, and talent makes her very deserving of Winter Formal Queen!

Winter Formal Junior Prince And Princess

Carter Wells

By Sergio Torres
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Carter Wells was the Junior Winter Formal Prince of 2019.

Carter wore a full black outfit, black button up, black bow tie, black dress pants and black oxfords, a very classy looking outfit.

Carter went with Megan, his girlfriend of two years. She asked by surprising him at his house with donuts and taking him to dinner. What an ask!

After the dance they went to go eat at In -n-Out with all their friends.

" I'm so happy to win, I did not expect it at all" said Carter.

" I didn't expect him to win, but I'm so happy for him" said his girlfriend and date Megan.

Carter is known for his goofy personality and for being on the Varsity Soccer team, which just recently beat Burbank to win the Pacific League Championship!

Uletzy Rocha

By Lorraine Hackett
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Congratulations to Junior Uletzy Rocha for winning Winter Formal Princess! When she found out, she was quite surprised as she didn't expect many people to vote for her.

Uletzy went to the dance with her boyfriend, Kaden Lurie, and wore a dress with silver glitter along with a corsage. After the dance Uletzy and her boyfriend went to dinner with a bunch of their friends.

She asked her boyfriend to the dance by writing on a skateboard deck, "Winter Formal?" She did this because he's a skater boy and she knows it!

Uletzy is known to her friends and acquaintances for playing Clarinet in regular Band and Marching Band.

Congratulations to Uletzy on winning Junior Class Princess for Winter Formal 2019!

Winter Formal Sophomore Prince And Princess

Mario Cordero

By Lillian hughes
Comic Artist

Sophomore Mario Cordero was pleasantly surprised to make it on this year's Winter Formal Court.

He claims, "I never expected to be nominated. It was a total surprise, but it was cool people voted for me."

Mario went to the dance with Kristie DiStefonso. He says he "went on a Fontana rescue mission and asked her at home."

He wore an outfit he bought at Topman.

After the dance, they drove back to Burbank to attend a party.

Mario says he's known for his edgy style, his hair, his boyfriends, his outgoing personality, and screaming "squaaa!"

Last semester he was on the Swim team, but he now swims on the BLAST team at Verdugo Club.

His parting quote is "to the ceiling elevate!"

Congratulations to Mario and all the others who made it onto the 2019 Winter Formal Court!

Ashley Best

By Myia McIver
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Ashley Best, a Sophomore at John Burroughs High School, just won Winter Formal Princess!

Ashley is in choir and is known for being a kind and delightful individual.

Upon arrival to the dance, she was wearing a beautiful, golden sequined body-con dress that she bought from Windsor.

Ashley attended the dance with her friends and they had an extravagant night twirling on the dance floor and munching on whimsical treats.

After the formal, she went to dinner with her friends. After their meal, they all decided to go to Ashley's house and chat about the night while watching some movies.

Being the second year to be on court, Ashley exclaims, "It is so surprising to me, and it's actually really fun to be apart of. Last year I won Winter Formal Princess, and it was so fun to get it again this year!"

Luckily for her, Ashley's class chose her as their Princess for the second time!

After a fun night of preparation and prancing, Ashley looks forward to her future high school dances, and is excited for what the future holds.

Winter Formal Freshman Prince And Princess

Angelo Tascano

By Marty Coha
Sports Editor

Angelo Tascono is a Freshmen at John Burroughs High School. He is known for being on the Freshmen Football Team, and his friends say he is someone who isn't the best in his Honors Biology class. His nickname is 'Guppy.'

For Winter Formal he went with "A girl from Burbank." The night was not how he planned, he said that the situation was "pretty bad, very awkward. We don't talk anymore." Freshmen.

He wore a black shirt, black shoes, and red tie. As for his hair, he kept it classic with some gel holding it up.

When he was placed onto the court, he "was really surprised, I didn't expect it at all." The shock just tells you how humble and down-to-Earth Angelo Tascano is.

He must have been equally excited to win Winter Formal Prince.

The night was good overall. Angelo would describe his night as "A good time. My friends really made it awesome."

Associated Student Body managed to make the night feel like Angelo was in actual Wonderland.

One of his friends, Sarah N., who is a Sophomore at John Burroughs, said "I was shocked when I found out Angelo was in the court."

Later that night, Angelo and his friends went to Bob's Big Boy and "had a better time, without my date."

Overall the night started off rough due to his companion, but thanks to winning, good friends, and good food, Angelo Toscano managed to have an overall enjoyable time.

Julie Persaud

By Joseph Stull
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With Winter Formal done, it's now time to talk about our lovely princesses, princes, kings, and queens. With the "Alice in Wonderland" theme for this year's dance, it is only appropriate to have our royal family here at John Burroughs High School.

In the Freshman class, one nominee was the amazing Julie Persaud.

Julie wore a stunning, long, navy-blue dress, with a slit up the left leg, with silver jewelry.

She attended with her friend, Charlotte, just intending to have some fun. Julie says she didn't ask Charlotte if she wanted to go with her, but simply said, "You're going to Winter Formal with me."

After the dance, Julie went home to sleep, as she had a horseback riding competition try outs in the morning.

Julie says that when she found out she was nominated, she was, "really excited and surprised" because she told her friends to vote for her as a joke, but then they actually did it so it was kind of fun.

When asked for a quote, Julie said, "Life's a party and I'm the piñata."

Julie is known for being generally likable and extremely funny. You can't help but feel comfortable in her presence. Julie is a caring friend that you know you will always remember.

Julie is in Decibelles here at Burroughs. She also participates in horse back riding, and Burroughs Medical Academy. She has been horseback riding since the fifth grade, choir since the seventh grade, and Medical Academy since the beginning of this year.

Congratulations to the wonderful Julie Persaud!

Valentine's Day

Aliah and Patrick

By Andrea Escobar
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Patrick and Aliah are a seventeen year old couple that like to do many things together, such as going on dates, watch conspiracy/mystery videos, take spontaneous adventures, play Nintendo Wii, binge Netflix series, and get ice cream.

They like to call each other "babe" and "baby," and they have been dating since February 14, 2018.

Even if they don't go on dates much, they still hang out at each other's houses a couple times a week.

Aliah's first impression of Patrick was how funny he is and how easy it was to talk to him.

Patrick and Aliah met through a friend at school.

After, Patrick asked her to be his girlfriend on Valentine's Day!

Patrick gave her a bracelet and bunch of her favorite snacks.

Aliah says some of her favorite things about him are "his smile, laugh, how passionate he is about things he cares about, and how thoughtful he is."

Aliah knew she first liked him because they had many things in common, such as they like to take spontaneous adventures, their sense of humor, and they have the same opinions on many topics. Another thing that they have in common is how much they love dogs.

Aliah realized that he was the one when she said, "I was always happy whenever I was around him."

Aliah gets along with Patrick's friends. She says they're funny and inclusive.

Patrick's first impression of Aliah was how pretty she is, and how she seemed quiet yet intimidating.

He knew he first liked her when he realized how easy it was to talk to her and how nice she is.

Patrick says his favorite things about her are "how no one else understands me like she does, how she is down to earth, and how she's not petty."

He knew she was the one because he felt comfortable whenever Aliah was around, no matter what.

On their first date, they went to the movies and watched "Insidious: The Last Key."

Their song is "Star Shopping" by Lil peep, and they are planning on going to dinner for Valentine's day.

Patrick thinks her friends are nice and that they are cool to talk to.

They were both very nervous to meet each others parents, but eventually they started talking and it turned out great.

For Prom, Patrick and Aliah are planning on taking some pictures before and eat dinner later on.

After high school, Patrick is planning on going to college for business and Aliah is planning on going to college to study marine biology.



Emily and David

By Abbey Krueger
Smoke Signal Staff

Here at John Burroughs High School, we have many cute couples. Some relationships have lasted years! David Sollis and Emily Goyanes are a perfect example of that. They've now been dating for two years, and are still going strong!

They're both Seniors here at Burroughs and are both seventeen. With how fast Senior year goes by, they're trying to make the most of their time together here at Burroughs. They plan on going to four year colleges, but nothing is set in stone.

They met at school through mutual friends, since they're both in the choir world. David is in the highest choir you can get in, Powerhouse. He's also Team Manager for the Volleyball team. Emily is in Sound Sensations, the all-girl choir, and an officer in Pre-Med Club.

Both David and Emily are good students who are constantly busy, so making time to hang out can be difficult. They try to spend time together outside of school at least once or twice a week.

When asked what they think of each other's friends, the answer was simple, because they have many mutual friends. That's how they met!

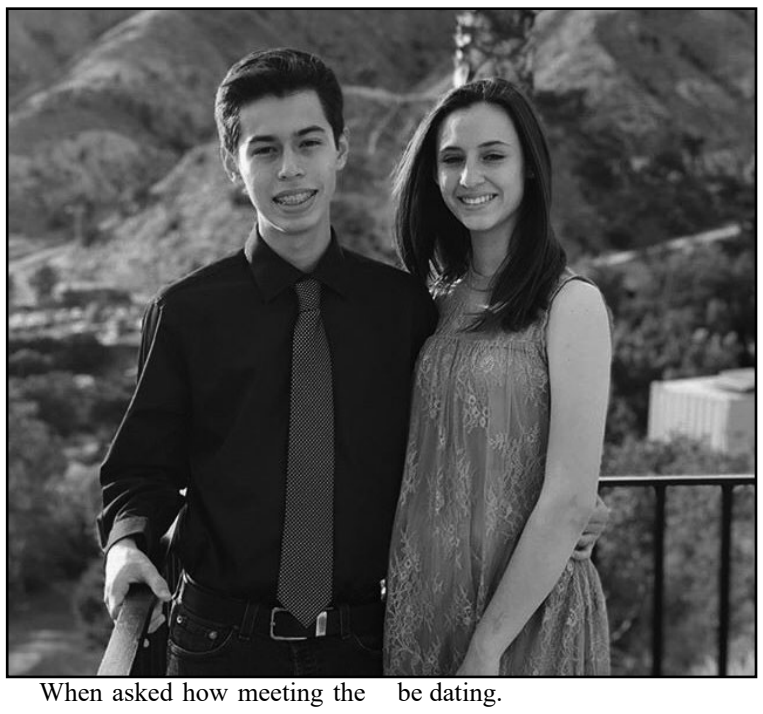
David and Emily have lots in common. For example, they're both in choir and share an overall love for music. They both love dogs and value their friends and family.

When asked what they like to do together for fun, David responded with, "We often go to movies, and sometimes go hiking. We also like to go out for food and stuff."

David's favorite thing about Emily is her sense of humor and confident personality. While Emily's favorite thing about David is his how he makes her laugh and how kind he always is.

They haven't necessarily made plans for Valentine's day yet, but they're doing something for sure. Though it's still a while away, they're planning on going to Prom.

David knew he first liked Emily the first moment they talked. He could see himself with her and here they are two years later!



When asked how meeting the parents/families went for them, they both said it went really well. Of course they were nervous, but both families made them feel comfortable. David and Emily both agreed that if their parents didn't like the person they were dating, they most likely wouldn't be dating.

David and Emily hope that their relationship lasts, and that leaving High School won't make it too difficult. They're looking forward to the next chapter in their lives, whatever that may be.

Deja and Alex

By Lorraine Hackett
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Seniors Deja Cortes, a two year member of Dance Team and Link Crew member, and Alex Deptula, a Varsity Football Captain and three year member, have been together for a year and celebrate their anniversary on February sixth.

The couple met at Six Flags, and after two years of flirting back and forth, Alex asked Deja to go on a date with him to see Black Panther on Valentine's Day.

After the movie, they went to eat dinner at The Cheesecake Factory, which has now become one of the couple's favorite places to dine.

The way Alex asked Deja to be his girlfriend was quite cute; on the day of his birthday, he pulled her aside and asked for her to be his girlfriend as his birthday present.

For these two, there wasn't anything that made them realize they liked the other, they just knew. However, they do know what made them know the other person was 'the one;' they bring out the best in each other.

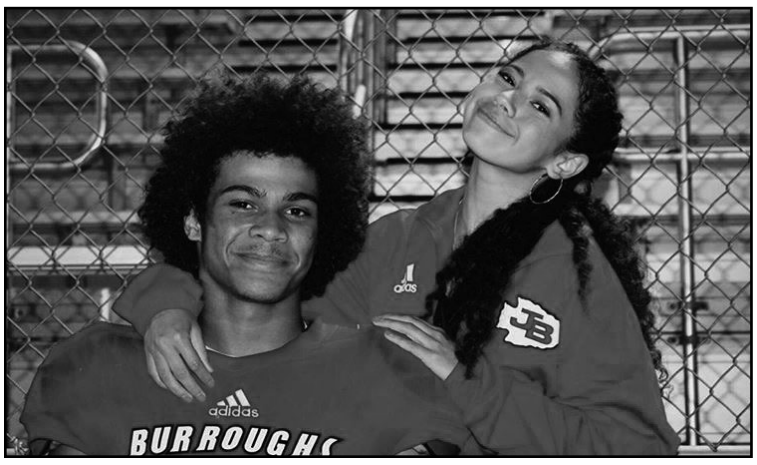
Deja and Alex go out on dates about once or twice every week. Some of their favorite activities are seeing movies together, going to amusement parks, and going out to dinner for ramen.

A big thing Deja and Alex have in common is their love for snow cones. At events or places like the zoo, carnivals, fairs, food truck nights etc., they like to taste test flavors and/or brands they haven't had before.

Their friends were easy to introduce to each other because they have the same friend group and all already knew each other.

The families, on the other hand, were a different matter. Both Deja and Alex were extremely nervous when meeting the others family. Luckily, it went well for both of them. Deja managed to get along great with Alex's mom's best friend's kids while Deja's mother adores Alex.

This couple is just overall the adorable type of couple people see in movies.



Deanna and Jacob

By Sabrina Monterrosa
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Deanna Briseno and Jacob McClure are a couple here at John Burroughs. They are both seniors this year.

Deanna describes herself as a very outgoing person. In her free time, she loves going on adventures, trying new things, hanging out with her friends, family, and her boyfriend. As for Jacob, he describes himself as athletic and one who keeps to himself. They met right here at John Burroughs.

Jacob and Deanna had similar first impressions of one another. Deanna said "I thought he was very handsome and I always thought he was cute since Freshman year but I had never talked to him but wanted to."

Jacob said his first impression of her was "Wow, she's beautiful and I want to talk to her." They've been dating for five months now.

Jacob asked Deanna out at school during lunch on October 1st, 2018 and they've been together since.

Jacob said after they had started hanging out, he knew she was funny and smart and very fun to be around and she was the one. Her personality attracted her to him even more.

Their first date was on October 1st. They went to downtown Burbank and ate at Mama Hong's and ate pho noodles, then went to the movies to AMC 8 to watch Creed II.

What made Deanna like Jacob was "his personality and how kind and sweet he was even though he was shy at first. And then I got to know him better."

Deanna and Jacob see each other everyday at school and spend lunch together. They also hang out every day after school.

When they're with each other, they like to watch movies, go out and eat, hang out at each others' houses, and go for walks. Jacob's favorite thing about his girlfriend is her personality. Deanna's favorite thing about Jacob is his eyes, hair, and that they have the same sense of humor.

When Deanna met Jacob's family she was not nervous at all, and she was really excited. Jacob, on the other hand, was very nervous to meet her parents.

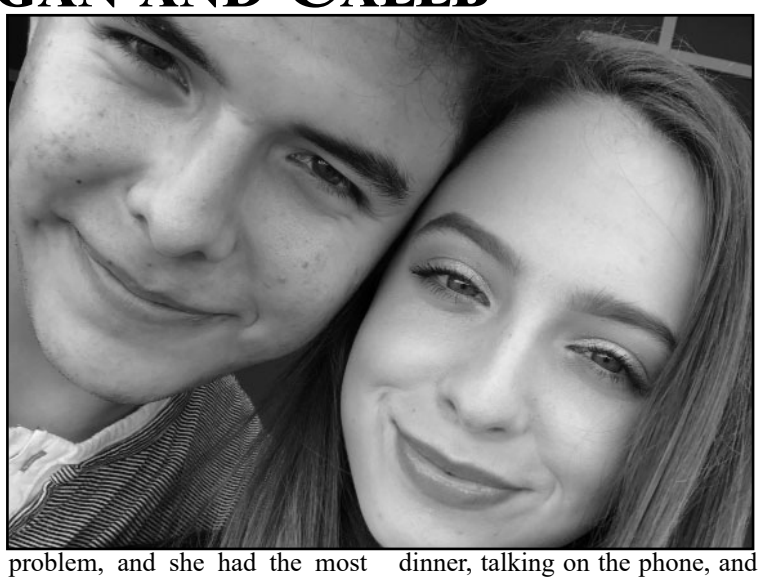
Deanna thinks Jacob's friends are very nice and helpful. Jacob finds Deanna's friends very funny and fun to be around.

Their plans for Valentine's day are to go to dinner together. And for prom they plan on having fun with all their friends at the dance. Jacob and Deanna are one of the cutest couple I know, they are in love and love to spend time with each other everyday.



Megan and Caleb

By Lilian Hughes
Smoke Signal Staff



Caleb Reyes and Megan Abrams are both Seniors and have been in a relationship for a year and six months.

Caleb is seventeen years old, plays on the Varsity Volleyball team, and participates in the Vocal Percussion Club. He plans on going to medical school for a currently undecided medical specialization. His favorite song is "Something 'Bout You" by Sir Roosevelt.

Megan is also seventeen and edits the classes in the yearbook. She plans to specialize in either mathematics or biology, and also wants to earn a PhD later. Her favorite song is "You Were Meant For Me" by Jewel.

It all started in Mr. Hedin's room in their 10th grade Algebra 2 class. They were seated at the same table, and after class, Caleb asked Megan out. Caleb admits, "My heart was beating so fast." Megan claims, "I could tell he was nervous. It was cute."

On their first date, the couple went to Octopus to get sushi, but claim they didn't eat much due to nerves. Afterward, they went bowling at Pickwick. Megan mentioned that it was two days before her birthday, so it felt like a birthday celebration as well as a date.

Caleb's first impression of Megan was that she had "beautiful eyes and a perfect smile." He says, "I knew I liked her when I told her she was wrong on a math problem, and she had the most adorable frown on her face."

He is grateful for the fact that Megan is always there for him. He realized she was 'the one' when he saw how thoughtful and caring she was.

Megan's first impression of Caleb was that he was cute, and though she was a little upset that he had pointed out her math mistake, she forgave him. She knew she liked him because she stated, "I'd get nervous around him, and I would look forward to going to math just because I would get to sit at the same table and talk to him."

She likes his laugh and sense of humor and realized he was 'the one' when she noticed he could always tell how she was feeling and what she was thinking.

The couple meets up every lunch and on the weekends. They both like going to movies, watching TV, cooking, going to dinner, talking on the phone, and laughing together. They also like the same kind of music, as well as Chipotle and cinnamon rolls, have the same sense of humor, and are hard-working students.

They were both nervous about meeting each other's parents. Caleb says Megan's mom proved to be "pretty cool," luckily. Megan added that she also felt relieved to finally meet Caleb's parents.

Both agreed their respective groups of friends were funny and nice.

Both were secretive about their plans for Valentines Day, but Caleb promises it will be romantic and fun. For Prom they plan to dance, take pictures and have fun.

The happy couple plans to stay together after high school. Caleb says, "I love her very much and hope to share my life with her someday." Megan comments, "I can't wait to see what our future holds."

Brianna and Robert

By Bianey Mendoza
Smoke Signal Staff

Brianna Meneses and Robert Ceja have been dating for two and a half years. Their anniversary is on May 18th.

Bri is seventeen years old and is on the Varsity Girls Water Polo Team. She is also the Athletics Commissioner in ASB. She plans to study engineering so she can become a biomedical engineer.

Rob is seventeen years old too and was the starting defensive end on the Varsity football team. He plans to attend University of Colorado Boulder and receive a degree in astronautical engineering.

Bri and Rob met during a swim meet at school during Freshman year. Bri thought that he was extremely kind and funny. His personality stood out immediately to her. Rob thought that she was really energetic and stunning.

Rob asked out Bri while meeting her dad and asking him for his permission. Their first date was at Kabuki and afterwards they went to Cold Stone.

Bri found Rob very kind and he made her laugh effortlessly. He treated her with much respect.

Rob likes the way she looks at the small things in life and how much she cares about things.

They both knew each other were the one once they noticed that they weren't shy around each other and felt as if they've known each other forever.

They both love going to try new restaurants or just going for a drive. They also like going to the beach during the weekends.

Since both of them are pretty busy, they try to hang out everyday after school and on the weekends.

For Valentine's Day Bri is planning to take Rob to his favorite restaurant which is Sugarfish. And Rob is planning to surprise her for that day.

For Prom they are going out with a bunch of close friends and going to the beach the next day. Bri is going to wear a red dress and Rob is going to wear a red bow tie to match with her.

After school they are both planning to stay together and get their degrees in engineering.



Bianey and Dylan

By Ryan Hunter
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With Valentines Days approaching, love is in the air. Especially for JBHS Seniors Bianey Mendoza (seventeen) and Dylan Childs (eighteen) who have been dating for eighth months.

Dylan loves to ride dirt bikes and plans to attend LA Trade Tech after graduating High School. Bianey plays for the girls' Water Polo team and will attend Santa Monica Community College after high school.

Bianey and Dylan have known each other since middle school. They first started talking to each other once they had class together and realized how much they both liked each other.

Dylan asked out Bianey after going to hang out together overlooking LA. They had their first date and saw a movie after eating at Jungle Cafe. Dylan says he first realized he liked Bianey once they started talking more and opened up with each other more, and he knew she was the one for him. In their free time they like to watch movies. Their favorite movies are *Lilo and Stitch and Sandlot.* They also like to go on hikes, cook, ride scooters, paint Bob Ross tutorials, drive around and look at houses, and play Pokemon GO together on the weekends.

Bianey's favorite thing about Dylan is his kindness and his smile. Dylan loves her smile and how funny she is. They both appreciate that they can be goofy with each other. They were both scared to meet each other's parents at first, but at this point they are more than comfortable around them. They have many things in common as well. They both really love animals and eating at new places. They hang out every day after school as well as spending lunch together

They also plan on attending Prom with friends. Bianey and Dylan's friends are very close. They do everything together like a family.

One of their favorite memories is when they all spent the day at Disneyland together over the summer.



Kate and Cameron

By Alexander Chen
Smoke Signal Staff

As Valentine's Day is right around the corner, the scent of love fills the air and many people decide to spend the holiday with their significant other. This year, senior couple Cameron Flowers and Kate Platten are eager to celebrate their first Valentine's Day together.

Cameron Flowers, senior here at JBHS, meets the "love of his life" Kate Platten in Mr. Bullington's English class where the two immediately hit it off. Cameron, the president of Ping Pong Club and a proud member of Wind Ensemble, is ready to pursue STEM in college as he graduates.

Kate Platten, known for her smiley and quirky personality, is a very active member of the Teen Court program and a prominent performer for our award-winning Powerhouse choir. Kate finds Cameron very fascinating and humorous which automatically drew her in.

When Cameron first spotted Kate in class, he thought, "She was beautiful, put-together, and smart." With such positive first impression of her, overtime Cameron found himself to be very fond of her presence.

Cameron, who is in Mr. Hatch's AP Psych class, credits psychological phenomenons such as the mere exposure effect and the proximity principle for his gradually developing limerence for her. The mere exposure effect states that liking of something increases as a result of repeated exposure to it, and the proximity principle accounts for the tendency for individuals to form interpersonal relationships with those who are close by--in this case, that something is his honeybun Kate.

Cameron loves many things about Kate. Most notably though for Cameron is her decisiveness which Cameron values greatly of all things.

Kate, on the other hand, thought Cameron "needed a haircut" when he first came to her attention. The talented vocalist realized she liked him after becoming aware that she wanted to be near him and in his company. Cameron certainly knows how to treat girls right, as her favorite thing about him is how sweet and caring he is.

The two lovebirds had their first date at the LA Zoo Lights where the two were surrounded by Christmas lights and reindeer. The festive spirit really pushed the two together that night, as he asked her out that night, making November 9, 2018 their anniversary.

In their free time, the madly-in-love couple enjoys watching *The Office* or going to restaurants together. They also hang out almost everyday because of school, which only gives their already-perfect relationship a massive boost.

This perfect couple also shares a common passion for music and The Dodgers. With her being in choir and him being in band, the two can go on and on about music for days. Their couple's song is "Rich Girl (Remastered)" by Gwen Stefani.

The two also adore each other's friends. He thinks Kate's friends are all very funny and welcoming, and Kate thinks his friends are chill and laid-back. This positive environment definitely allows the two's relationship to flourish with love.

When asked what meeting each other's family was like, he said, "I was really nervous, but everything worked out!"

Kate had a slightly different story to meeting his family. "Easy money, no big deal," Kate explains to the *Smoke Signal*.

Celebrating their first-ever Valentine's Day together, the two are planning on watching cult classic *Cinderella* together. The couple is surely on the rise to become the best couple here in JBHS with their relationship being so sincere and love-filled, and the *Smoke Signal* wishes the two the best and a happy Valentine's Day!



Faith and Trevor

By Myia McIver
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You are walking down the hallway, and you are instantly distracted by how smitten these two are for each other. It's Faith Duston and Trevor Bates - one of the cutest Senior John Burroughs High School couples of the 2018-2019 school year.

In the time they have been together, they have acquired some nicknames for each other. Faith's pet name for Trevor is "Trev-O" (emphasis on the O), and Trevor often calls Faith "Gingy," due to her eccentric ginger hair. However, sometimes Faith will call Trevor "Flip" and he will call her "Flop," a little inside joke between the two.

Before these two were dating, they were just strangers. They first met in Ms. Hall's class, Sophomore year. Trevor mentioned that he was kind of antisocial, but when he saw her, he thought she was, "The most attractive person I have seen…and that I liked her composure and she seemed genuinely nice."

As for Faith, she says that "He had a certain aura to him that I liked and he seemed very interesting, and of course attractive."

Although they were both clearly attracted to one another when they met, they didn't take the relationship any further and were just friends. The two didn't hang out much until the summer before Senior year arrived, in which Faith and Trevor reconnected and got to know one another much more.

One day, Trevor and Faith were hanging out and decided for fun to make some pies. At the time, Faith instantly knew that she wanted to be with him, as well as the night they went to Horror Nights, and she felt really drawn to him. Trevor expressed that "At different times she showed me parts of her personality that I really enjoyed. Also her values in life matched mine, and she has a passion for something in life, which is important."

Eventually, Trevor decided to ask Faith out. One night, he took Faith to a view that looked over Hollywood, and the two spent the night looking at the stars. Faith expressed that the night was, "Absolutely stunning," and following that night, Trevor decided to ask Faith out. Although that was the first time hanging out alone with one another, their first real date was a double date with two friends at a sushi restaurant.



When it came to meeting the parents, Trevor splendidly responded that "I got so lucky. They are so nice and her mom is really sweet." Faith mentioned that "I was really intimidated and scared. However, the night turned out as well as expected."

Although the couple see each other every day at school, they don't see each other much out of school. When they are not working, they try their best to make time for each other.

When they are hanging out, Faith has found that her favorite thing about Trevor is that, "He is very observant, it's hard to find people who pay attention…and also his smile and dimples."

Trevor smiles, and simply says "I really love how sweet she is. Honestly, that's the best way to describe Faith."

Furthermore, the plans for Valentine's Day, Trevor smirks and says that is "Classified information." Faith laughs and shows shock because she has no idea he was even planning anything. As for Prom, both express that they have no idea what they are doing, and it is scary, because that's not so far away from graduation.

Speaking of graduation, Trevor said that, "I want to go to an east coast school, preferably Penn State. I want to be a professional investor."

Faith also expressed that "I want to go to an east coast school as well. I want to study creative writing and literature and eventually earn my bachelor's degree."

As one of JBHS's cutest senior couples, they can't wait to see where their relationship leads them. Graduation and the end of high school is coming soon, and they are both excited for their awaited future.

Emma and Dominic

By Jocelyn Salcido
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Emma Fonseca and Dominic Rodriguez are a couple here at John Burroughs. They have been together for a year and eight months. They are both seniors this year.

Dominic describes Emma as outgoing, loud, and funny. She's also a very charismatic person. Emma describes him as a shy, quiet person, but once you get to know him he's a funny person. Emma calls Dominic "chu chu bear." While Dominic calls Emma "princess." Their favorite song that they like to listen together is STAN by GBlack.

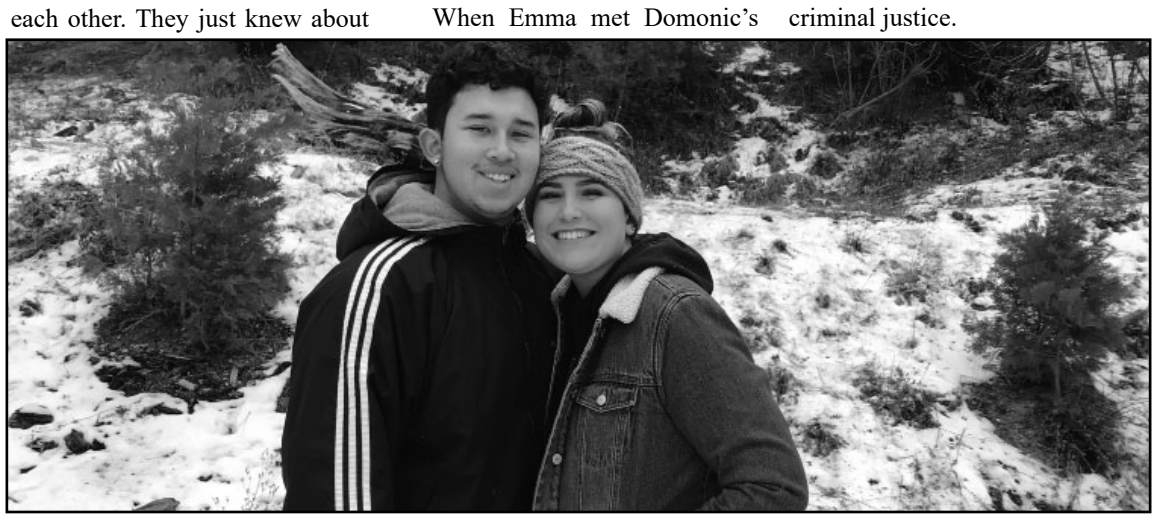
Emma and Dominic met in middle school, but never talked to each other. They just knew about each other. During eighth grade graduation was when they started talking, but during summer they didn't talk at all. When they got to high school, tenth grade was when it all began and they got to know each other a little better.

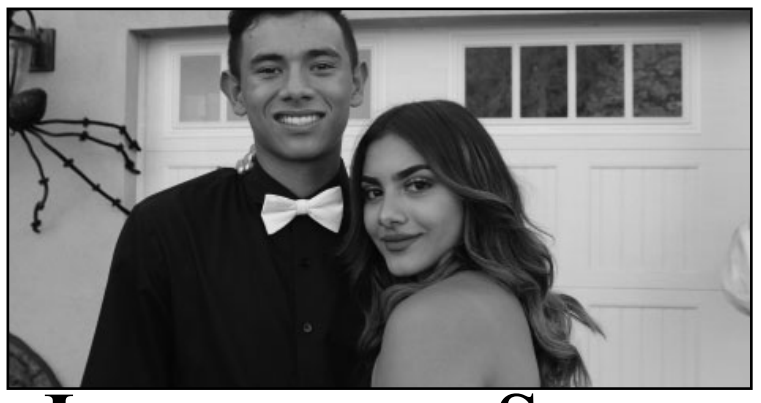
When Emma first saw Dominic she noticed that he had very nice eyes. Dominic thought Emma was very talkative. He took her to her first date which was at Dads Donuts. Emma knew Dominic was the one when she talked to him about things going on in her life and Dominic stood by her through it all. When they're together they like to go eat, watch movies and hang out with friends. Something they have in common is they both have hazel eyes and curly hair.

When Emma met Domonic's family she thought it was very awkward. When Dominic met Emma's family he had a lot in common with them and fit in right away. He says, "Emma's friends are like family," they hang out with each other everyday during lunch and after school or even in their free time.

For Valentine's Day they are planning to go to Disneyland, and for Prom they are planning to rent a limo with all their friends and go to an after party and a hotel afterwards.

After high school, Emma plans to go to CSUN and be a crisis counselor. Dominic is currently in a CHP program to be a police officer, and he's going to be going to a community college and study criminal justice.





Jocelyn and Sammy

By Isabella Bonino
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Here at Burroughs, a well-known senior couple is Jocelyn Salcido and Sammy Solis. Jocelyn and Sammy have been together for almost eight months. They began dating May 16th, 2018 after meeting in Mr. Fitz's U.S. History class during their Junior Year. Gotta love the Fitz.

Sammy and Jocelyn first met through mutual friends and then began talking more and more in Fitz's history class. Sammy and Jocelyn sat by each other in class, and everyday their relationship began to grow closer and closer.

When Sammy finally got the courage to ask Jocelyn to be his girlfriend, it was a for sure yes from Jocelyn. After Sammy asked her out, their first date was Mini Golfing at Castle Golfing. Jocelyn lost to Sammy "very badly" and expressed that Sammy is a "secret pro golfer."

Sammy refers to Jocelyn as not only his girlfriend but his "queen" as well as his "wife." Some of the things Sammy adores about Jocelyn are how goofy and cute she is. Jocelyn could not help but say the same about Sammy. Jocelyn and Sammy becoming closer and closer does not only make them boyfriend and girlfriend, but also best friends.

Jocelyn and Sammy barely spend time apart even when they aren't at school. They love to spend weekends together playing video games, cuddling, and watching movies. When Jocelyn is not with Sammy, she likes to practice her very talented make-up skills and play video games.. Jocelyn's goal after graduation is to become a registered nurse. She wants to first attend GCC and transfer somewhere after to continue her medical education. Sammy is unsure of his education path, yet he knows that Jocelyn is involved in his future.

Some of Jocelyn's favorite things about Sammy are his sense of humor and his amazing smile.

When Jocelyn and Sammy are together in the car going places, they love jamming out to all kinds of music but especially "What Would You Do For Love?"

As well as Jocelyn and Sammy having a great connection, their families bonded very well. Their parents click and get along very well. This not only strengthened their families' relationship, but their own because they have their parents' approval.

Jocelyn and Sammy all hang around each other's friends and are all very close. Their own friends say that Jocelyn will of course be attending Prom and Jocelyn claims that she is, "planning on wearing red to Prom and going to a Prom house to party after."

Sammy is planning an extravagant way to ask Jocelyn to prom, but he is unsure of the details yet. Jocelyn and Sammy hope to be a long lasting couple throughout and after Senior Year!

Julia and Andrew

By Marty Coha
Sports Editor

Julia Terrano and Andrew English have been dating since February 1, 2017. It all started when they met in Honors Biology Freshman year. Andrew thought Julia was really cute even though Julia's first impression was hatred. Andrew knew he liked her based off of her knowledge on the NFL. Julia, on the other hand, realized she liked him after she stopped hating him. Terrano's favorite thing about English is his eyes. English's favorite thing about Terrano is her smile.

When Andrew finally got the courage to ask her out to an ice skating date, she said yes. The date was during the holiday season. They finished off the night getting Boba. After this, English knew Julia was the one. Terrano felt differently. For her, she came to the conclusion that he was the one over time.

Now the couple goes out twice a week and they also have three classes together. They both like to eat together, play with English's dog, Daisy, and go to the movies.

Terrano was anxious to meet his parents, but they were very nice. Nerve racking is the perfect way to describe English's feelings towards meeting Julia's parents.

Andrew and Julia's plan for Prom is to go together and "have an awesome time." Andrew's plan for Valentine's Day is in the works because for English Valentine's isn't that big of a deal. If you ask about her Valentine's Day plans she will respond with "IDK."

On her own, Julia is known as a College Peer Mentor, a participator in ASB, and a Girl Scout. Her plans after high school involve going to a different college than her S.O.

Andrew English is a football player, a College Peer Mentor, and just like his girlfriend a participant in ASB. His plans for college entail studying sports management out of state.

English and Terrano's relationship can teach the students at John Burroughs High School two things; you don't need to public display of affection to be in love and even though you might hate someone right now in the near future that same person could be your future boo.

Kayla and Dylan

By Gisselle Herrera
Smoke Signal Staff

Kayla Beals and Dylan Young's story isn't another High School love story. In fact, it all began when Kayla and Dylan met each other in David Starr Jordan Middle School.

When Kayla first met Dylan in seventh grade, she said "he was really funny and was the class clown." Dylan thought Kayla was "cute and funny" but they were just friends at the time. This couple actually began dating in Middle School when Dylan asked out Kayla in front of her locker. Unfortunately, the couple only lasted three months, and according to Kayla, she said, "I think he thought I didn't like him because I never kissed him."

They spoke a little in ninth grade and after a few dates, they "officially" became a pair in tenth grade. This time, Dylan took Kayla to the view and asked her out and later went to the mall. He claimed, "I knew she was the one when I came back to her." Kayla knew he was the one because he made her "laugh about everything."

This adorable couple made it official (for the second time) on October 21, 2016 and have been going strong for a little over two years now.

Kayla Beals is seventeen and has been horseback riding ever since she was born. After spending three years at Burroughs, she switched to online school her senior year to help her busy schedule with work and horseback riding.

On the other hand, Dylan Young is eighteen and has been doing gymnastics since the age of two. Dylan continues to attend Burroughs without Kayla by his side all the time. With the pair having such busy schedules, they still manage to make time for each other once or twice a week.



Throughout their relationship, Kayla has learned that her favorite thing about Dylan is "his heart" and Dylan loves "her laugh." Not only that, but they also have many things in common. This pair have the same musical taste, enjoy eating at Sugarfish, like Tom Segura, enjoy watching movies, and love going to Disneyland.

Kayla and Dylan's love song is "Die For You" by The Weeknd that was released on the same year they began dating in High School.

The couple both get along with each other's friends and think they're funny. When meeting Dylan's family, Kayla was relieved to feel so welcomed into an amazing, funny family. And when meeting Kayla's family, Dylan enjoyed their company and also thought they were funny.

Looking forward to Prom, this lovely couple doesn't have set plans yet, but will "probably go to a Prom house or Sugarfish after."

After High School, Dylan Young is headed to Nebraska where he got accepted for a full scholarship due to his outstanding achievements in school and gymnastics.

Kayla hopes to attend USC and do the Olympics for horseback riding.

The couple hasn't discussed what they're going to do about their relationship, but they both hope they can do long distance. Overall, Kayla and Dylan's story is one love story to remember.

The *Smoke Signal* wishes them the best after high school and hope they live happily ever after.

Mckenzie and Julian

By Jada Reese
Photographer

Julian Ruvalcaba and Mckenzie Ellingwood are a Senior couple on campus. They met at school.

They have been together for a year and a half. Their anniversary date is July 4, 2017.

Julian is seventeen years old, loves to play football, and is indecisive on whether he wants to be an architect or personal trainer.

Mckenzie is eighteen and has a goal to finish makeup school next year and get a job in a makeup studio.

July 4th marks the day when the couple went to Disneyland. On this magical evening, Julian had asked Mckenzie to be his girlfriend underneath the Disney fireworks.

Before the sparks were flying (get it? because fireworks), there were steps that had to be taken to get where they are now. Julian's first impression of Mckenzie was that she was very pretty and funny. Mckenzie, on the other hand, thought Julian was a weirdo but funny and good looking.

Mckenzie realized she first liked her boyfriend by the way he made her feel safe and he wasn't sensitive when it came to jokes. However Julian knew he liked his girlfriend when they both laughed at the same jokes. They have a very similar sense of humor.

Mckenzie knew Julian was the one for her when they took summer school together. Being with each other and joking around a bunch they started to develop feelings. Julian knew she was the one because they sort of clicked very well.

They both share similar likings in each others laughs. Mckenzie even shared she loves how ticklish he is when he's happy. They also don't have any problems with each others friends because they have mostly the same ones.

They also have similar taste in movies and enjoy watching funny videos and memes together.

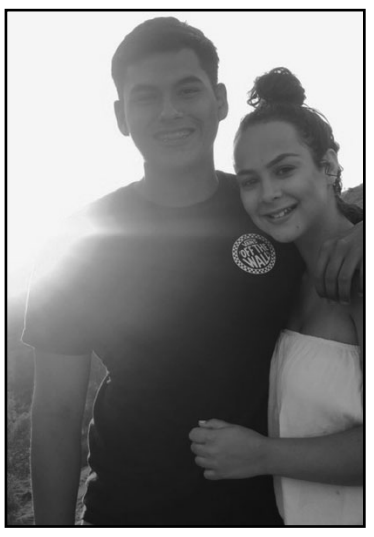
They love each others families as well. They both were nervous to meet each others parents but t the families were very welcoming and nice. Julian's family even invites Mckenzie to places as well.

They hang out four times a week.

Their first date was a classic date. They went to the movies to see "Planet Of The Apes." Ever since then their favorite thing to do together is cuddling and watching movies. A movie tradition for them is buying takis and hot cheetos, mixing them, and then watching a movie. It is a necessity.

Julian likes to be active and play sports and video games with Mckenzie as well.

Julian has some special secret stuff planned for Mckenzie for the upcoming Valentine's Day and their two year Anniversary.



Emma and Shawn

By Amare Cooke
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Can you imagine your anniversary being on this year's prom? Well this couple, Emma and Shawn, happen to be lucky enough for this to be true! They met through a mutual friend, and that mutual friend was able to get them together.

Emma was born in Burbank. Although she isn't involved in any activities inside Burroughs, she helps out at many homeless centers and helps her blind grandmother. She plans to take care of children in the future and possibly wants to be a pediatrician.



When Emma first saw Shawn, she didn't think much of him. It wasn't until she started talking to him that she started to like him. "I felt like we were childhood sweethearts. I knew I liked him because of our similar taste in music. We started talking about the same songs and artists, and when I discovered we liked the same music, I knew he was the one."

Her favorite thing to do with Shawn is go on "Netflix adventures," where they both find a cheaply made Netflix movie that is "so bad it's good." Once they are finished watching both movies, they pick which one was better or worse. Other than this, the couple hangs out every day inside and outside of school.

Emma's favorite thing about Shawn is the fact that he "gets her" unlike anyone else she has met.

Emma stated, "The thing that seems the most common between us is our music and opinions, but other than that, everything is polar opposite."

Shawn was born in Inglewood, but he grew up in Burbank and attended Stevenson Elementary and eventually John Muir Middle School. This is where he met his girlfriend Emma.

His friend thought that they might be a romantic match, so they invited Emma to the same spot where Shawn hung out, and once they started talking, they had mutual love for each other.

Emma ended up asking Shawn out under a certain tree on the John Muir campus on May 4, 2015. For Emma, it was a very romantic moment, but Shawn was scared and had no idea what was going to happen. Once Emma posed the question, Shawn replied, "Of course. I am just relieved, I thought you were going to murder me here or something."

Besides their "Netflix adventures" Shawn also enjoys going to the gym or exercising with Emma. Their favorite song together is Valentine by Atlas.

This year's prom will be their four-year anniversary, so they both have very intricate surprises for each other and want it to keep it a secret. For Valentine's day, they plan on going to Disneyland, and celebrating it two days after, on a Saturday. After high school, they both plan on going to the University of San Diego together.

If you see this wonderful couple, make sure to congratulate them on their four amazing years together!

Sara and Lynn

By Kimberly Ochoa
Smoke Signal Staff

Sara Bender and Lynn Hanada, both Seniors, have been together since February 2nd 2017, in other words for two years. They met sophomore year at school.

When asked about her first impression of Lynn Sara said, "My first impression of Lynn was that he was really funny and super cute. I wanted to be with him the second I even saw him. I knew I liked him when we began talking more. He was the sweetest and funniest person I've ever talked to."

Lynn said " My first impression of Sara was she was cute and funny."

Lynn decided to ask Sara out when they were walking back from Burger King with their friends after they had their first date at the movies.

Since then they been inseparable. They hang out almost everyday, especially during the weekends. Their favorite thing to do is to go out to get food and then eat it in the car while watching their favorite movies.

When asked what they thought of each others friends, they said "We have some of the same friends that we both like to hang out with, but we also have different groups that we hang out with. We both really like each other's friends."

When asked how it was to meet each others' parents Lynn said, " I was very nervous at first but when I got to know them they were very nice."

Sara said, "Meeting Lynn's family was very scary at first but they are such nice welcoming people so it was also very exciting to meet them."

When asked what their Valentine's plans are, Lynn and Sara both said, "I don't think we are planning anything big for Valentines Day, but we probably might go out and eat or watch a movie. We're definitely going to Prom together, but we really don't have exact plans for Prom yet."



Valentine's Day

Sara and Nathan

By Bella Santillano
Smoke Signal Staff

Nathan Piper and Sara Ciani got together on January 15, 2017. They met through mutual friends at school and have been with each other ever since. Nathan is currently eighteen and Sara is currently seventeen.

Nathan was head quarterback for Burroughs until the end of the 2019 season.

While they are both excited for their futures together, they're more excited for where ever life takes them.

One of the first things Sara noticed about Nathan was that he was very caring and super funny. She also loves that he has a lot of goals he wants to accomplish in life. She continued to talk about how they always have the best time together whether they go to dinner, see a movie, or just relax and hang out at each others' houses.

The first thing Nathan noticed about Sara was how outgoing she was. He claims that she doesn't care about anyone's opinions and isn't scared about anything. He also explained that she's always honest with him and has a great sense of humor. He loves that she can always put a smile on his face.

They love going out to eat with one another. They had their first date at Islands on Orange Grove in Burbank. On their first date, they realized they were best friends and were so ecstatic when they became more than friends. They typically go on dates every weekend and see each other everyday at school.

Nathan's parents love when Sara comes over to visit. Sara enjoys spending time with his family, especially his mom. Sara continued to talk about how good his mom cooks. They both enjoy spending time with each others' families.

Sara has her friends but she definitely loves hanging with the football boys during lunch. They'll all hang out together and have good interesting conversations in the quad.



For Valentine's Day they are planning to have a nice dinner at a restaurant.

They love spending quality time with one another and just having a nice conversation about their day and goals.

They are both extremely excited for Prom. Sara already has her dress picked out, and Nathan is super excited to spend the night with her. They both agreed that Prom is a very special event at the end of your Senior year. They've both been waiting for this event for a while now and are excited to go with one another.

They both plan on going to college after high school and are planning to keep their relationship going.

They're both so grateful that they met each other and love all the memories they've made together.

We can all only hope to find a relationship like this.

Sydney and Trent

By Ava Kramer
Smoke Signal Staff

With the new semester begun, love is in the air as we ramp up to Valentine's Day here at John Burroughs High School. First loves and teen romantic cliches always seem to revolve around these young high school couples, but seniors Sydney Persaud and Trent Corona have smashed the stereotypes.

New couples regularly pop up around campus with drama, enabling these overused teen labels. Trent and Sydney, however, will have been together for a surprising one year and eleven months come Valentine's day, showing that mature, adult high schoolers exist. Even the ones who can have a long, healthy, loving relationship.

When asked what Sydney loves most about Trent she said, "There's not one thing I like about him, but if I had to pick, it would be the way he treats me. He treats me with such respect and kindness, and that's something that took me a long time to find. No one has treated me as kind and respectful as he has."

Seeing this young, but mature, couple talk about the importance of a healthy relationship proves the progress we're making as a society.

The couple met at a mutual friends fifteenth birthday party. Sydney was the one to make the first move.

When asked about first impressions Trent said, "I was kinda shocked she was even talking to me. I saw her and I was just like, wow!"

After that, Trent and Sydney began to hang out more until one day, when the couple was out together at Six Flags Magic Mountain, Sydney confronted him

"I asked him if he was ever going to ask me out and then he asked me out" She said, "It was sort of a mutual thing."

Because of this, a playful debate began between the two. Sydney says that their first date was at Six Flags, the day she confronted him, but Trent says it was at the movies after the encounter.

Because these two have been in a relationship for so long, they've grown and matured together. It's lovely to see a happy couple really connect. When Trent was asked what his favorite thing about Sydney was there was no hesitation. "Her smile, just seeing that smile, its beautiful."

The genuine love they share is anything, but cliche. These two definitely complete each other in terms of personality and temperament.

"We generally have a similar mindset" said Sydney when asked about common interests. "But in the sense of the material we don't share all that much. I mean he likes Star Wars and I like Harry Potter, we get a blend."

After high school, the couple both plan to attend college. Although their paths may be different in terms of education, Sydney says that the couple are going to try to stay together.

"If we do we do, if we don't we don't, but it's definitely a goal. We'll probably stay together for a long time if we can make it through college in different places. I mean, I'm not just going to throw this away" Sydney said.



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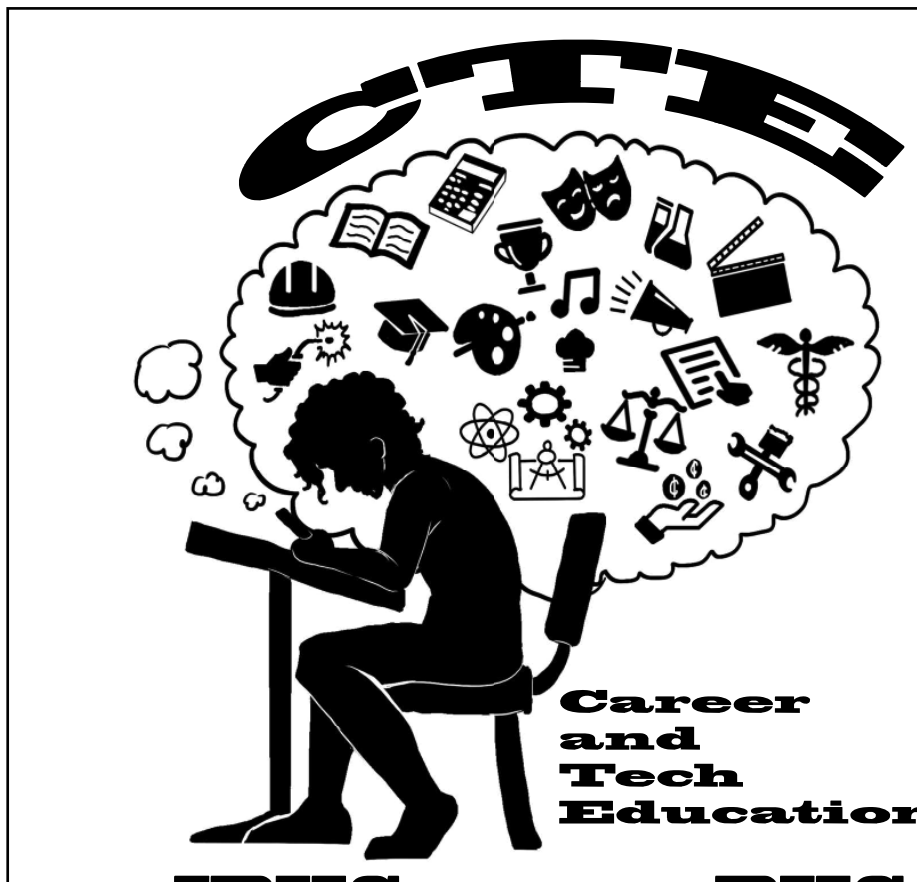
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Girls Water Polo

By Bianey Mendoza
Smoke Signal Staff

The Varsity coach for Girls Water Polo is Jake Cook and the JV coach is Martin Jennison. Both played water polo in high school, and Coach Martin was part of the Boys Water Polo team here at Burroughs.

The team captains for Varsity are Aleah Orozco and Amy Berberyan. Both girls are Seniors and have been playing water polo at Burroughs for four years. Both of them became great players by not only playing water polo inside of school but also outside.

November 13 the Girls Water Polo team went against Notre Dame but unfortunately lost 12-5. They also had another game on Thursday, November 15 against Alemany and ended the game at a close win at 12-10.

On November 29 the team beat Torrance High School 2-1 at a tournament but lost to Lakeside High School 11-4. The Water Polo team had another away tournament at Burbank High School and played San Marino High school and lost 11-0.

They also played Burbank High School later on that day and lost by a close cut at 6-5.

On December 11, we lost 7-5 against Monrovia High School but, we won against Glendale High School 14-7 that same week.

December 8, there was a big game against Crescenta Valley High School and we only lost by three points with the score ending at 9-6.

The next four games we won against Hoover High School 6-5, Pasadena High School 16-2, Arcadia High School 5-4, and our big game against our rival school Burbank High with the score 8-1.

The starters for Varsity are seniors Brianna Meneses, Aleah Orozco, Amy Berberyan, Jaelynn Bijasa, Sam Leano., and Juniors Ema Nathan and Maddie Lingad.

On Tuesday, January 29 and Thursday, January 31 they had two games at Arcadia High School. These two games decided if the team will go to CIF. They lost on Tuesday against Arcadia 7-2, but won on Thursday against Glendale with a score of 13-3.

The girls were able to make it to CIF playoffs, but unfortunately lost against El Segundo High School 10-0.

Girls Soccer

By Ava Kramer
Smoke Signal Staff

The John Burroughs High School's Girls' Soccer season has taken off and for the first time in over twenty years have claimed the league title. The Apaches at Arcadia High School had been the reigning champs for five years, but this time Burroughs was able to pull
out with a win against the team.

The season started off strong for Burroughs with wins against both Glendale and Muir.

Burroughs opened with a 8-0 shutout against Muir on December 4th. Forwards Lauren Bailey and Lily Gonzalez each had two goals as well as Midfielder and Captain Abbie Riggs.

Captain and defender Emily McHorney also scored during the game off a corner kick.

"It's fun as a defender to get some time up and a chance to score" said Captain Emily McHorney when asked about her goal.

At home on December 7th Burroughs crushed Glendale with a end score of 7-2 with goals from new comer Lily Gonzalez and returner Lauren Bailey, both forwards.

Then, on Tuesday December 11th Burroughs faced off against Crescenta Valley High School, a team that the girls' soccer program have had a long standing rivalry against. These two teams fought a long, hard battle before a tie was called. Although they'll be able to settle the score on January 2nd at John Burroughs High School.

In the 78th minute Captain Abbie Riggs made a free kick and sealed the deal for the team.

The Girls' also had a shutout against Hoover High School on December 14th right before winter break, scoring 6 goals

"In games like these we like to focus on playing out of the back and set pieces" says Captain Emily Mchorney "We use it as an opportunity to grow"

Both forwards Lauren Bailey and Trinity Vournes scored beautiful goals and midfielder Olivia Cashman helped lead her team to victory with 2 assists.

After break, on January 8th, Burroughs faced the league champions, Arcadia. In the end Burroughs lost 4-3 a hard defeat for the team who had control of the ball most of the game.

"We could've won, but we made mistakes, now we'll review, train, and come back for a win at home" said Coach Brady Riggs

Following the loss at Arcadia Burroughs played Burbank on January 11th. The bulldogs couldn't keep up and lost 7-0.

"I was glad we won against Burbank," says midfielder Cashman "We were fired up."

The next game Burroughs played was against Pasadena High School on January 12th. Burroughs Girls' Soccer won 4-0.

The win against Pasadena was well met because They'd previously given Arcadia, a big competitor, a run for their money.

Then, Burroughs faced up against Muir at the home field on January 15th and shut out the competition with a 13-0 lead. As commented on before playing against teams like Muir gives the girls a chance to work on structure and discipline during the game.

With an opponent like Muir it's easy to get lazy, but the Girls' team have their eyes on the prize and use every opportunity to improve their game.

On January 18th Burroughs got another win against Hoover High School. The end score was 2-1.

With the combined disadvantage of an away game and missing players our Burroughs Girls' Soccer team had to fight for it, but in the end they ended with a one goal lead against Hoover.

Then, on January 22nd Burroughs had a home game against Crescenta Valley who, at the time, was tied for league champs with Burroughs. However, in the end, Burroughs was able to hold onto their 1-0 lead.

Forward Lauren Bailey score in the second minute of the game securing the win. Defensively Burroughs was able to hold off Crescenta Valleys attack. After this game Burroughs had to win the rest of their games to win league.

Burroughs had a 6-1 win over Passadena after their win against CV High School on January 25th.

The game against Pasadena was a good opportunity for the younger girls to get some playing time in before the season ended.

Then, one of the girls hardest games came around. A home game against the five time league champions Arcadia High School. On January 29th though Burroughs was able to get the lead and win against Arcadia.

Arcadia got a goal against Burroughs in the thirteenth minute first. Coach Brady said that the goal was because of the Burroughs Girls Team Defensive style of play.

"I was too conservative at the beginning of the game" said Braddy. So, the girls switched it up putting the pressure onto Arcadia. This style of play led to the two goals by sophomore forwards Lauren Bailey and Lily Gonzalez. Another win for Burroughs Girls'
Soccer.

Then, Burroughs played against Burbank High School on senior day. With an end score of 5-1 the Burroughs girls soccer team won league for the first time since 1993.

On that same day Arcadia played CV and tied 0-0 making the Burroughs Girls soccer team sole Pacific League champs.

After the big win Burroughs Girls Soccer went on to playoffs against Artesia High School on February 6th.

The playoff win was icing on the cake for the girls team. The end score was 4-1 putting the girls on a nine time winning streak.

Because of this win the girls moved on to play a home game against Hemet High School on February 8th. The team was missing a few key players and sadly the girls weren't able to hold onto the winning streak and lost 4-2. Hemet outplayed Burroughs and upheld their 3rd place rank in CIF, to put it into perspective Burroughs is ranked 11th.

Although the season has drawn to a close their league championship title is something this team will never forget.

Girls Basketball

By Sabrina Monterrosa
Smoke Signal Staff

Our school's Girls Basketball season ended last week.

They made it all the way up to CIF.

Their last game was February 7 at Walnut High School.

The Burroughs Girls Varsity basketball team lost Thursday's away playoff game against Walnut by a score of 43-38.

This game was part of the 2019 CIF Southern Section Ford Girls Basketball Playoffs - Division 2AA tournament.

Before that game the game that sent them into CIF was their Burroughs vs. Burbank game against our city's rival school.

They played on January 31 2019. The girls won the away game against our rival school with a score of 51 - 41.

As for their games before they had a home Pacific League game against Arcadia and won with a score of 39-38 on January 29 2019.

On January 25, 2019, they won their League away game that Friday with a score of 51-37.

On Tuesday January 1 2019 the girls lost their home game against Crescenta Valley by a score of 32-39.

On January 18 they won their home game against Hoover by a score of 64-23.

January 15 2019 they won their home game against Muir by a score of 69-28.

On January 14 2019 the girls had an away non-League game against Heritage Christian in Northridge, CA. They beat Heritage Christian with a score of 57-37.

On January 11 2019 they played our city's rival team, Burbank High again. This game was a home game and the girls did great. They beat Burbank's team with a score of 71-34.

Tuesday January 8 2019 the girls had an away conference game at Arcadia high school. They unfortunately lost this game with a score of 34-29.

Friday January 4 they had a home game against Glendale High. They beat them with a score of 46-26.

December 29 2018 was a home tournament game against Mark Keppel. Unfortunately we lost by just a point with a score of 53-52.

December 28 2018 they lost their home tournament game against Saugus by a score of 53-37.

December 26 2018 the Varsity Girls won their home tournament game against El Camino Real by a score of 46-44.

On December 22 2018 they won their game against Pacifica with a score of 40-38.

December 20 2018 they lost their home game against Pasadena by a score of 57-34.

Congratulations to our school's girls varsity basketball team for a great season. And good luck to all the seniors with all their future plans and further successes.

And to all the Juniors good luck with the next season of girls basketball.

Shout out to Ariana!

Boys Basketball

By Jocelyn Salcido
Smoke Signal Staff

John Burroughs Boys Basketball are finished with this years season. Their last game was Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. Unfortunately, The Burroughs varsity basketball team lost Thursday's away conference game at Burbank High by a score of 83-49. Which means Burbank upgrades its record to 17-11 on the season.

The Burroughs Varsity Basketball team also lost their away conference game against Arcadia by a score of 67-55.

Unfortunately, the Burroughs varsity basketball team lost Friday's away conference game against Pasadena by a score of 83-46.

The boys varsity basketball team lost Tuesday's away conference game against Crescenta Valley. On January 22, 2019 by a score of 77-44. With the defeat, Burroughs moves to 11-13 on the year.

The Burroughs varsity (11-12) basketball knocked off the visiting of Hoover Tornadoes Friday's home conference game against Glendale, by a score of 78-59. On January, 19 2019 at 7:00pm.

The Indians lost Tuesday's Home conference game against Muir by a score of 66-63. On January 15, 2019 at 6:30pm. Mustangs now sport a 10-10 record. The Indians (10-12) will now prepare for their contest against Hoover.

The Burroughs varsity basketball team lost Thursday's away conference game against rival school Burbank by a score of 83-49.

The big game the Burroughs Rivalry against Burbank Bulldogs. Indians nipped the bulldogs by a score of 66-61 in Friday's home game on January 11, 2019. The Indians were winning the first quarter by 2 points 15-12. Second Quarter we went down by 7 points with 11-18. Third quarter Indians (10-11) will now prepare for their game against Muir.

The Burroughs Indians topped the visiting home game Arcadia Apaches basketball team by a score of 71-63. On Tuesdays league game. In their next game the Indians face the Burbank Bulldogs.

With the lost, Burroughs will attempt to upgrade on its 7-11 season record. Indians Lost Friday's home conference game against Glendale by a score of 67-55

Indians won Friday's away tournament game against Carpinteria by a score of (63-58). The Indians will now prepare for their outgoing against Bishop Diego.

The Burroughs varsity basketball overwhelmed the visiting Bishop Diego and won Saturday's neutral tournament game against Bishop Diego (Santa Barbara, CA) by a score of 77-39. Indians overwhelmed the Cardinals at the first quarter going in with 21-2. Ending in the 4th quarter with 20-10. The Indians (7-9) will now prepare for their outgoing against Glendale.

Indians Varsity Basketball team lost Friday's away conference game against Glendale by a score of 59-50.

In Tuesday's League outing, the Muir Mustangs beat the visiting of Burroughs Indians by a 56-51 score. The Indians now on a 5-5 record. They play Pacific on Friday, December 7th.

Boys Soccer

By Sergio Torres
Smoke Signal Staff

The John Burroughs Boys' Soccer Varsity team beat their rivals Burbank 4-0 on the 31st of January.

It was an amazing game. Burroughs dominated the whole game. Whether it was on possession or tackles, Burroughs was all over them.

It was a much needed win for them as well too, as they clinched the Pacific League title!

Congratulations to the boys that played their hearts out this season, it was well deserved.

Manny Gonzalez scored on amazing hat trick. A spectacular free kick from their goal keeper Tito Tijeda to make it four. An all-around good performance from the team.

They were in the title race with Crescenta Valley, but this win sealed the Championship. They ended with an amazing record of 15-5-3, and an even more impressive 10-2-2 in the Pacific League!

According to Sam Hawksworth, "We all put in great effort as a team."

Esteban Alcantar added that he was, "So proud of these guys, we all worked hard."

And Carter Wells said, "Totally deserved, these guys are so good."

The John Burroughs Boys' Varsity team beat Ventura in their first CIF game. The score was 1-0.

Manny Gonzalez scored the only goal of the game. A great header to put Burroughs in the lead in the first half.

Tito Tijeda made some spectacular saves in the first half keeping the score 1-0.

What a close game it was, the defending from both teams were great.

Burroughs had most of the possession.

Ventura gained momentum in the second half and came at Burroughs, but in the end the defending for Burroughs was great. A well-deserved win for them.

Carlos Rosales said about this win, "I had to leave the game, but they put in the extra effort for me."

Manny Gonzalez stated, "I couldn't have done it without these guys."

Tito Tijeda finished, stating, "Had to put in some saves but our forwards did the job."

In their final game of the season, against West Torrance this Saturday, February 9th, the boys sadly lost in overtime, 0-1.

Congratulations to Boys Soccer for a their Pacific League winning season!

This makes it Coach Kodama's eleventh League Championship, Congratulations to him and the entire team!