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Dancing With The Staff Was Greatest Of All Time

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For those of us that enjoy the glamor and elegance of Dancing with the Stars, as well as the simplicity and comfort of our very own school, look no further for fun and excitement than the John Burroughs High School's Dancing with the Staff! This dazzling event took place on Friday, January 26, 2018 in the John Burroughs High School auditorium.

The staff that performed as dancers included Mr. Carman, Ms. Gillett, Mr. Hogen, Mrs. Carlton, Mrs. Chung, Mr. Olivar, Ms. Masters, Coach Wes, and Mrs. Mayes in that order of performance. For the past month, these competitors put a great amount of work into learning and perfecting the pieces they performed for the rest of Burroughs to see.

As judges for the show we had Ms. Glenn, Mr. Brinton, and Mrs. Palaski. Finally, as hosts, we had the group of Knoop's come up and introduce the show as Coach Knoop and Mrs. Knoop took the stage at the beginning of the show.

The faculty performed in styles that mainly fell into the category of hip-hop, as well as some gymnastics where the staff members were flipping and stunting all across the stage. After all the competitors had performed their dance pieces, there was a 15-minute intermission. During intermission, the audience was allowed to vote for whom they wanted to win by visiting a link on their phone and simply clicking the staff member whom they wanted to win.

After intermission, one of the dance team's parents announced the winner of the Winter Formal basket raffle, followed by the calling up of Allison Torrico onto the stage for everybody to sing Happy Birthday to her.

The second act of the show was the Exhibition that was this time, full of soloists. The soloists a part of this portion of the show included Haley Powell, Gabe Vitug, Gretchen Calder, Adrien de Leon, and Emily O'Rourke in that order of performing.

After the soloists, Coach Pierce and Coach Gabby of the dance team performed a short and fast hip-hop piece, and were joined by a couple of the members from both the dance team and the All Male group.



After the Exhibition, all of the staff member performers were awarded a form of participation certificate before the awards were given out.

Once all the performers were on stage they announced the winners of first, second and third place. Beginning with Mr. Olivar coming in third place, followed by Mrs. Chung coming in second place, and finally the winner of the show, Mrs. Mayes coming in first place.

Mr. Olivar danced with student-dancers Deja and Gretchen, as they all wore tie dye shirts with their names on the back. As a group, they really got the crowd going from the very beginning, starting with his back tuck stunt put in the performance that got everybody excited and going!

Mrs. Chung danced with Daniel, and from the beginning were matching as they both wore sparkly gold jackets. When Mrs. Chung first stepped out onto the dance floor, there was certainly no holding her back! Throughout her performance, she danced like a professional, and wowed the crowd which earned her the second place reward in the show.

Mrs. Mayes danced with student-dancers Daniella, Talin, and Haley, whom all wore black shirts and matching camouflage pants. They started out their dance with props that looked like scanners, but surprised the crowd in the end as money came shooting out of them. From the beginning, they put on a great spectacle and certainly ended their dance strong as well which showed everyone in the crowd how much she deserved the winning spot.

During the show, there were two Winter Formal asks that occurred. The first one was just after Mr. Carman's piece when Angela Rubia shouted "hit it!" and the song "Dancing Queen" started playing, which then she asked her boyfriend, Joaquin to Winter Formal.

The second ask came after Mrs. Chung's dance when one of her dance partners, Angie, asked her boyfriend, Daniel, who was also Daniel to Winter Formal.

This year's Dancing with the Staff was definitely a dazzling one, and may have been the best one yet! Great job to everybody in the show that helped to make it an incredible one! Make sure to come and experience our great staff members perform next time at next year's show!

Pop Show Unplugged

By Stephanie Romero
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On January 20th at 5pm and 7:30pm a group of very talented students put together a little show at the colony theater. This talented group was our very own John Burroughs High School. The show was called Pop Show Unplugged.

Pop Show Unplugged was a very simple show. Nothing too overboard just a stage, mics, and instruments. Choir also puts together another show called Pop Show, that one is later on this year and has a lot more glam to it.

Not only was this show very simple, it was not too long either. There were around 20 acts and the show was only an hour long. Perfect for people who can not sit still for the longer choir shows.

This show was about more than just singing for an audience, it was about sending different kinds of messages to the audience. The students picked topics like world peace, bad relationships, family, and strength to sing about. Not only did they send out meaningful messages to the audience, but they also had a few jokes up their sleeves.

The main choirs putting on this show were Sound Sensations and Powerhouse. Both groups have their very own acapella groups. Sound Sensation's group is called Muses and Powerhouse's group is called Vocal Ensemble. Both of these amazing groups performed at the show.

Personally my favorite act of the night was "You're Welcome" from Moana sang by Coen Sosa, Craig Shippey, and Julian Jensen. They opened up they're song with a little joke having to do with saying you're welcome to all the students for all of their performances. All three young men did a great job singing it.

A very moving act was "Angel Down" sung by Grace Sessinghaus and Lauryn Hardy. These two lovely ladies decided to sing this song to bring awareness to all the bad things going on in the world. They did an absolutely incredible job.

Another great act was done by Miranda Hyman she sang her own original song called "Hey Jay." It was about a bad experience with a bad guy. Miranda did not just sing her song, she also played the guitar part for her song. Miranda's performance was beautifully executed.





Choir is a family, two sisters joined together for a wonderful act. Angelea and Mikayla Hayes sung "Safe and Sound." They had Miranda Hyman play the guitar for them. It is always great to see a pair of siblings sharing the stage to shine together.

A different duo that could pass as siblings are Zoe Sparks and Logan McHugh. They sang "Lemonade" together. These two young talented students decided to sing a song together because they both have red hair.

All of the acts were wonderful. Choir is a group full of talented kind hearted students.

Pop Show Unplugged was a delight to watch and I definitely would recommend to go see Pop Show later on this school year.

Winter Formal

By Gabriella Barnett
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On Saturday, February 3, 2018 our school's ASB hosted the annual Winter Formal that had a bit of magic in it as the whole night was revolved around a theme of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast.*

The outdoor area was decorated with dazzling lights, and carts occupied with licorice candy, as the dancing went on inside the big gym.

The dance started at 6:30PM and ended at 10PM. The front doors closed at 8PM, and students were not allowed to leave the dance until 9:30PM when they opened the doors back up.

When not dancing, students had the opportunity to receive a Caricature drawing of them and another person of their choice. Also available was a photo booth, and a table for palm reading.

"Winter formal was such a blast, loved the decorations! I'm so glad I went and danced with all my friends" said sophomore Alex Chen.

Inside the gym played both current songs and songs from years back that everybody was jumping around and singing along to.

Overall, this year's Winter Formal was a magical night to remember, all thanks to our school's hard-working ASB!

Upcoming Dates

February 14	Valentine's Day
February 16	VMA Mini Concert (6PM)
February 17	BUSD EdWalk on Bike Path
February 19	Presidents' Day (No School)
February 20-21	Spring Play Auditions
February 24	IMA Swing Night

Burbank Arts for All Event

By Sophia Moore and Megan Knutson
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On Thursday, January 18th, JBHS hosted its Burbank famous Arts for All day, in which students and artists alike compiled their best works to showcase to other JBHS students. This event gave one many opportunities that could help kick start one's appreciation for the arts, their creation, and all that they have to offer. One's creativity was brought out almost instantly when entering the quad area, as dozens of different dazzling stations were open and ready for visitors to stop by and explore.

To begin, possibly the most popular art display in the quad was the JBHS Dance Team's dance circle. Students were invited to take their chance and display their best moves for all to see alongside their peers.

Freshman dancer Haley Powell explained what it was like to be a part of this massive hip hop circle, and the dance team in general. Haley noted that this display was an example of what it's like being on dance team, and that "it was really fun because [she] loves to dance." Since the circle was a freestyle demonstration, it allowed for more freedom than choreographed dancing, which lead Haley to say that "freestyle is about having fun and just dancing, and [she] was glad that the rest of the school jumped in and had fun." The dance team's hip hop circle was definitely a popular, and fun, exhibit to attend!

Another interesting display, located on several tables covered in cookie dough, baking sheets filled with baked cookies, and pink frosting were a load of sugary treats that student-chefs from the Culinary Arts classes prepared for the students passing by.

The creation of this simple recipe began from the forming of the cookie dough into shapes such as stars, hearts, and butterflies that easily caught many people's eye. The cookies baked before the event were brought out to be decorated by student-chefs as well, to then be shared with the large crowd surrounding the tables.

They were claimed to be a hit by students like freshman Halle Mitchell who shares to have been "speechless" after "shoving it all in my mouth in one bite."

One of the more eye-catching displays at Arts for All were those of artist Randall Williams. The bright red hues of his acrylic on canvas work could be seen from all across the quad, and naturally attracted a lot of attention. These canvases, that took Williams three days to create, displayed popular characters like Batman and Harley Quinn, among others.

Additionally, Mr. Williams happily explained that he's been creating art all around Burbank for years, working first with chalk, and now, with all mediums.

He was also discussing why the art world is not a scary place, and how it's "more fun than you think" to become an artist to interested students, as well as speaking passionately about the history of art and how it has evolved over time. All in all, Mr. Randall Williams's display was not one to be missed at Arts for All day!

Tucked away in a nice spot on the far side of the quad lied a neat assortment of boxes and wooden creations, made by no other than the class of Cabinet Tech 2. A myriad of tools and creations were scattered across tables and chairs, all in an effort to display the incredible work the class has done. Another aspect of this corner that drew attention from the crowd was a pair of wooden stilts created by the students, reaching a height of around 6 ½ feet tall, that volunteers were able to walk around on, with a balance-assistance from students in the class.

Cabinet Tech 2 student Jose Iniguez explained that the class was displaying their "step stools, picture frames, boxes, and jewelry boxes," among other things. He added that all the wooden works were creations "[made] in class" to "showcase" what they do.

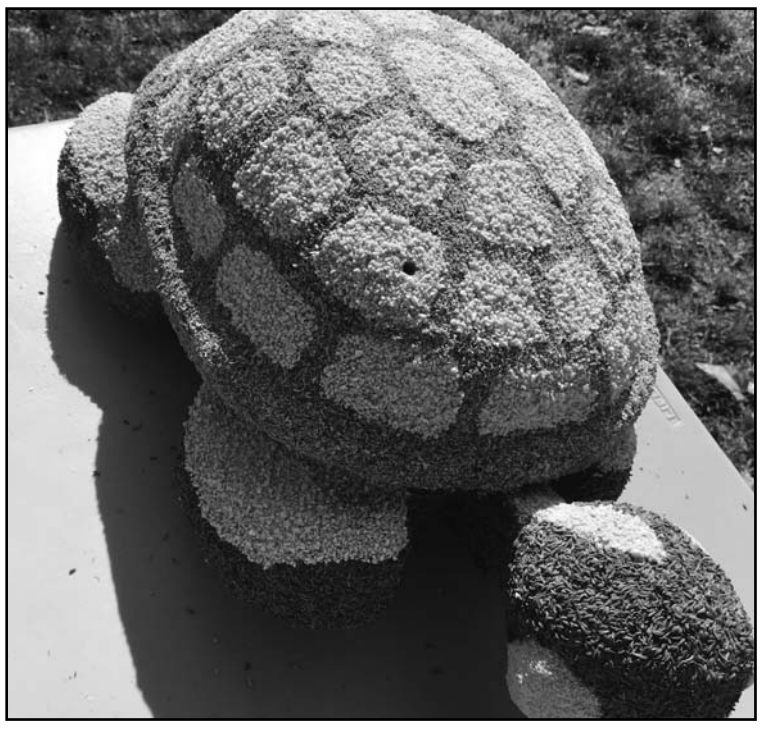
Another student, Jose Gonzalez, shared that the setup was also an interactive one. He described that one of the tools on display, "the scroll saw" could be used by curious students to "carve things out in wood," and "take it home." The scroll saw setup boasted small squares of wood with pre-drawn shapes on them to be used as a guide for first time testers.

Finally, James Hutchinson offered some words for those interested in cabinet tech. Hutchinson commented that "the lathe is the best tool in the shop because you can make bowls." These words of wisdom were just one of the many things one could find at the Cabinet Tech setup, alongside beautiful woodwork, on Arts for All day.









The JBHS Robotics Club offered a fun and interactive display at this year's presentation. Those who qualified for the SkillsUSA competition were displaying their creations of a robot on wheels that is merely controlled by a laptop for students to give a shot to try and make the robot pick up objects to place in another area. Obstacles handmade by the students were put out for the robot to roam around on when being controlled by a volunteer. Many people came to surprise with themselves when they learned what they could do with knowledge about robots they learned in such a short period of time.

No strangers to the Arts for All scene were Parks and Recs teachers Michael Hirsh and Roger Dudley, showing off their pottery work and wheel in an area in the middle of the quad. Michael Hirsh shares to be coming onto his 5th year of teaching pottery at the Creative Arts Center, and 4 years for Roger Dudley.

They explained that this year's Arts for All event was the fourth one they've attended thus far, and the main goal of their display is to "demonstrate ceramics." Out of all the difficulties that come with creating pottery, they shared "clean-up is the worst" as the material used in pottery cannot go down a sink of any sort, so washing one's hands in a sink is not an option.

AP Art Studio students Mia Fallon, Eleanor Grant, and Bella Mastrolia had a nice cool spot in the shade to create masterpieces on Arts for All day. The trio were working on individual pieces in preparation for the massive portfolio they have to submit at the end of the year.

They explained that in AP Art Studio, they work with "a variety of mediums," like digital art or just working on paper, and their display was very similar to what they do in class.

The girls mentioned that the goal of their display was to allow others to "appreciate art," and get a sense of what it's like to be enrolled in this class.

Additionally, one of their peers from the class, Sam Cruz, was drawing portraits for interested students. The AP Art Studio students were certainly attracting attention with their stellar art pieces.

Robert Hutt of the Burbank Tournament of Roses committee was in attendance on January 19th. Mr. Hutt was this year's construction chairman for Burbank's float in the Tournament of Roses parade that took place on January 1st.

Hutt explained that his job as construction chairman involved him "coordinating the construction of the float," as well as planning and "building structures and characters" for the float, based on the drawn design of the year.

He also mentioned that, along with coordinating the building of the characters to make them look like the design, Hutt is also responsible for "creating the animation effects," that make the floats so lively and fun.

Of course, Mr. Hutt said that everything on the Tournament of Roses float is all natural, so that provides a unique challenge for the committee and how they actually construct the float. Robert Hutt's display table was a very informative and interesting one to visit!

A display friendly to those who both do and don't know how to play an instrument was an area dedicated to the art of instrumental music. This setup allowed students to try playing any instrument out on display. Quite a symphony was formed from the contrasting instruments of electric guitars and violins, as both experienced and non-experienced students played together at the edge of the quad.

Another fun musical presentation, huddled in a circle were a small group of students whom are a part of our very own JBHS Choir program. The VMA's vocal ensemble attracted other students to come by and listen to art in the form of a song that they created with merely their voices. Together, they created one tune with the different levels of pitch, all together in an Capella fashion. Though their group was small, they were hard to miss as their voices traveled quite a distance across the quad.

From now on throughout life, many different varieties of art will be introduced, and one will be given the opportunity to test the waters and experiment with these varieties, in order to find the ones that help to express one's self and share who one is. Arts for All Day was the perfect introduction to the world of art and what it entails, for teachers and students alike. By and large, 2018's Arts for All day was a major success at JBHS!

Senior King



By Bella Primera
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Winter Formal is special to many different people for so many different reasons; for some being it is their first dance, and for others it is a fun chance to dress up nice and ask their significant other out for a night, however, for senior Matthew Ramos, Winter Formal 2018 was exceptional due to his Winter Formal King nomination that led to a victorious win.

Matthew said that he "did not expect it, to be honest, but for my senior year it was definitely one for the books." He also mentioned that he "did not expect to make it with the Winter Formal court this year, and the fact it's senior year is pretty cool."

For the magical night, revolving around the Disney theme of Beauty and the Beast, Matthew and Katelynn Monterey spent the evening together as it was a follow up on how much they have been talking. He decided to wear an outfit that he both was comfortable with and that he admired for how it made him look, as many would say he looked very handsome.

Matthew drove both his date and himself to Winter Formal, and after the dance, he attended one of the many after parties that were thrown by other dance attendees. Matthew likes to comparing school work to parties, "You can always retake a class but you can never relive a party."

Though Matthew does not currently have a job, he shares he is planning to be a paramedic and is currently looking forward to attending his 10 year reunion in 2028 which to him, "seems like a long time from now."

His biggest inspirations are his parents because he "wouldn't be here without them."

As a kid, Matthew participated in such sports that included baseball and soccer, however discontinued playing them once he reached high school.

Matthew describes his grades and academic quality throughout his years at Burroughs as "alright," and claims his favorite teacher to be Mrs.Carlton because of her kindness she gives to students like him.

Matthew is known for being himself always and never being a "show-off." He says he spends most of his free-time hanging out with friends relatable to many other teenagers in high school.

Senior Queen



By Leeza Poladyan
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As you all know, Winter Formal at John Burroughs High School was on Saturday, February 3rd, and one of our Winter Formal nominees was Vanessa Hernandez. Vanessa is a senior at JBHS who she says is looking forward to the rest of her senior year and enjoying all of the senior activities left. Besides Prom, this Winter Formal was Vanessa's final high school dance that she was very excited to be attending with her boyfriend, Ivan Davila, who is also a senior.

"It was surprising. I was shocked and excited that I got nominated, mostly because I didn't see it coming." she answered when asked about being a nominee this year.

The typical JBHS Winter Formal is a Sadie Hawkins dance, meaning girls ask guys. Vanessa was a bit nervous to ask her boyfriend this year. She surprised her boyfriend at his baseball practice with a poster that said, "My American Dream as an American teen would be to go with you to Winter Formal," referencing a Khalid song, being Ivan's favorite artist. The surprise also included Khalid concert tickets for the both of them!

The night of Winter Formal, the couple drove together in her boyfriend's car. Vanessa was wearing a white off-the-shoulder dress with long sleeves and matching white high heels. Her dress was from Fashion Nova and the heels were from Forever 21. To accessorize, she had on a beautiful, pink, heart-shaped necklace from Tiffany & Co. She said they had a wonderful time together both at the dance and even after!

After leaving Burroughs, Vanessa went out to eat dinner on a double date. She hung out with her boyfriend, her best friend, and her friend's boyfriend as well.

Some of you may know Vanessa from track in her freshman year at Burroughs. Other than that, she does not play any sports and is not a part of any clubs or other activities at school, or outside of school. She does really well in school and claims her senior year to be quite easy so far. Vanessa's favorite class is her TA period because she has permission to watch Netflix, that is if she is not doing anything else of course. She has a 3.0 GPA that she hopes to maintain for the rest of the semester.

In her free time, Vanessa is usually hanging out with her friends, or going on dates with her boyfriend. She also goes to the gym to work out and stay in shape since she doesn't play sports. Vanessa always makes time on her own time to play with her dogs as well. She does not have a job at the moment. As for her future, she hopes to have fun in college, just like she did in high school, making memories every step of the way! Vanessa says, "I can't wait to meet new people and make new friends when college starts."

Vanessa's plans are to attend Pierce Community College in the fall of 2018 and to later become a high school counselor when she grows up. She has an interest for becoming a cop as well, if her dream of working as a high school counselor doesn't end up working out. Vanessa says she is determined to finish off the year strong at Burroughs, then start off fresh in a few months at Pierce Community College. Her favorite quote that helps her get through any tough day is, "Don't let yesterday take too much of today."

Junior King



By Maggie Mohler
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Jake Howick is currently a junior here at Burroughs who was nominated for Winter Formal King on the magical night of this year's Winter Formal dance. He spent this event wearing a special, slim fit charcoal suit from Express, along with a purple and white boutonnière given to him by his date, who is also his girlfriend, Simone Beres.

After the unforgettable night, he excitedly shares "I was really surprised to get nominated. I've never gotten chosen for something like this!

Jake wishes his friends Michael and David good luck as he is "expecting it to play out just like the first time," he notes.

Around school, Jake is probably most known for his personality, but is not "something he should probably be saying himself." When he is not working hard to maintain his 4.2 GPA, Jake plays volleyball for the JBHS Boys' Volleyball team. Before being a part of this sport, he participated in both basketball and football.

In his academic life, Jake currently takes five AP classes throughout his regular school day. These consist of AP Physics, AP US History (or APUSH), AP English, and AP Statistics. His favorite class he has taken throughout the course of high school has to be the Honors Chemistry course he took with Mr. Sullivan. His favorite class out of those he takes this year is AP Statistics with Mrs. Hollingshed.

Along with his chaotic schedule filled with classes like his, Jake is also a proud part of our JBHS Powerhouse! Due to all of this on his plate, Jake has rarely any time to do anything outside of school; when free time passes by him, he enjoys hanging out with his friends and his girlfriend, Simone Beres.

He shares to have been very excited to attend the Winter Formal dance with his lovely girlfriend, Simone Beres. Ever since Homecoming of 2017, they have been attending the other special events put on by our school, as they share to be dating for a while now.

"Simone was a wonderful date! She is one hell of a dancer which made Winter Formal very fun."

Simone asked Jake to the dance with a sign that related to the game of anagrams they play together often.

Jake's biggest inspirations fall under the category of the most important people in his life, that includes Simone, as well as his family and his friends.

Simone was the driver who brought Jake and herself to Winter Formal. Afterwards, they went with their friend's house for dinner followed by a movie.

Before the votes were cast, Simone shares her thoughts on Jake as a nominee, as well as her hopes for him winning.

"Jake is a lovely nominee for winter formal king! He is such a hardworking guy who deserves to win Winter Formal king. Good luck Jake!"

Junior Queen



By Lanthy Nguyen
Smoke Signal Staff

The time between February and March is that of when our school's significant Winter Formal dance takes place, as classmates once again put their votes together for who they want to take the names of Winter Formal King and Queen. This year, the Junior Queen of the JBHS 2018 Winter Formal is junior Claire Flynn!

When Claire found out that she was a nominee for Winter Formal she was in disbelief.

She never thought that she would have been a nominee as she was shocked when hearing the news for the first time. Up until this day, she still doesn't believe the fact that she got nominated, and thinks it's crazy that she did, but is grateful for being nominated.

Outside of JBHS, Claire is involved in many extracurricular activities. She used to be on a softball team where she was a pitcher for seven years. Not only was she in softball, she was also in Karate for seven years at that time.

Around school grounds, Claire is known by her friends, and likely, by others too, for being a nerd. She remains passionate about screen writing and being on stage, which leads to the conclusion led to by her friends of her being a "drama geek."

Through the California Educational Theater Association, Claire has won first place in a film festival she participated in with sophomore Daria Clark. Her film focuses on problems that come with anxiety, as well as what it feels like to have a panic attack.

Claire is known as a nerd among her friends for a reason. Not only is she very successful with her hobbies, she is also quite successful in her academics. She currently has a 4.5 GPA, and aside from her other classes, is currently enrolled in American Sign Language (ASL) 3.

When not flustered by school work or school-related activities, Flynn dedicates most of her time to "The ChangeWorks Foundation" that she currently holds the place of. She co-founded this foundation when she was in seventh grade and is currently the chair in the 5Ocl3 nonprofit.

"The ChangeWorks Foundation" has raised over $30,000 that is going towards improving treatments for pediatric cancer patients. The foundation has given out multiple grants to families in need that struggle with keeping a financial balance in their lives.

For this new year of 2018 that has just begun, Claire has set some goals for herself to achieve over the course of a year, along with the ones she has previously set for herself to continue to work toward mastering. She is learning to accept and gain confidence in herself. Her future plan remains undecided, however, she is certain that she wants to be in either the Entertainment industry, or the Film industry.

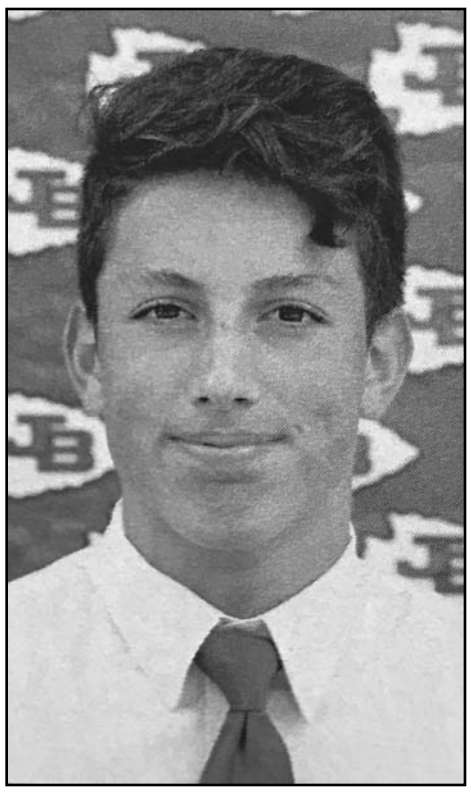
Ari Kretz, a sophomore at JBHS, shares her thoughts on Claire. "The light, love, and strength [that] Claire radiates is one of the most beautiful kind. Her compassion for others never ceases to amaze me, and I'm so grateful to call her my friend."

Another one of her friends, Ella Jennings, a junior at JBHS, shared that Claire is "one of those people that by simply being around them, makes you feel like you can do anything. She is always encouraging others to try new things and be themselves."

Not only does Claire remain on her successful path of life, but she also is very grateful for the opportunities that are currently offered to her at Burroughs and for all of her friends who put up with her in times when she needs.

Congratulations to Claire Flynn for being nominated as the Junior Queen for this year's JBHS Winter Formal! We hope your night was definitely one to remember, and the best of luck for any future nominations to come!

Sophomore King



By Camylle Robinson
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Carson Cardenaz is currently a sophomore here at Burroughs who is one of the Winter Formal nominees of this year's dance that took place on February 2nd with a magical "Be Our Guest!" theme. For this special night, he put together an all black outfit with a red bow tie.

He attended this year's Winter Formal with his girlfriend, Jennifer Soto Ramos. As he does not yet have his license, his parents will be driving the both of them to the dance. After the dance, they will either be heading to an after party or they will just have a nice candlelit dinner together.

Carson shares to not have been expecting to get nominated, but when he did, he was happy. However he claims to not entirely care about winning, since he only cares if his girlfriend is nominated; if there was a chance to win, he would want it to either be with her or not at all. Although winning isn't on his mind, he is very grateful to even be nominated and would like to thank anyone that took the time to nominate him.

Carson is very well-known around school, being one of the few underclassmen on the JBHS Varsity Football team. His hard work on the field has brought him to where he is today, and he looks forward to doing it all again next season.

When football isn't in season, he is busy playing basketball. He often doesn't have much free time because of the activities he participates in, but when he does, he likes to spend it with his girlfriend. Even though he doesn't really enjoy going to school, he still enjoys sports and hanging with his friends at school.

One of his favorite coaches is the basketball coach, Coach Wes. He truly looks up to him, similar to all the players. Coach Wes is a great role model and coach to Carson and his team.

As he is only a sophomore, he hasn't really thought about what he wants to do in the future, but with all his hard work, he will definitely be successful in whatever he goes into.

"Carson is one of the sweetest guys I know! Just by the way he treats his girl alone shows his true, loving character. He is always there for me and I can lean on him for anything. I just know he will go far in life," said one of his fellow acquaintances, Sara Donaldson.

Sophomore Queen



By Jake Von
Smoke Signal Staff

One of the biggest nights at JBHS this school year took place on February 3rd, being the, once again magical, Winter Formal Dance of 2018!

Neha Ramakrishnan was nominated as Sophomore Queen as a part of this year's Winter Formal court. She attended the event in a black dress with floral details at the bottom.

Accompanying her at the dance were her close friends.

When Neha got nominated she exclaimed, "I was really happy when i got nominated and I was pretty surprised because I know so many other amazing girls who I thought would have gotten nominated over me."

With this humbling attitude, Neha was quite honored and appreciative that her peers deem her princess-worthy for this year's winter formal court.

Around school she is known for her academic success, as she maintains a 4.4 GPA. Her peers mention how Neha is mostly known for being a girl that is "smart, chill, and really good at math."

She normally spends her free time singing, dancing, and watching her favorite series on Netflix, Gossip Girl. Despite Neha's busy schedule due to choir and school, she manages to find time to hang out with her friends.

She mentioned how her favorite math teacher, Mr. Peebles, who she has for AP Calculus AB, is a big inspiration for her and someone who makes her want to pursue in majoring, followed by obtaining a career in mathematics in the future.

In order to reach these goals, she plans on attending Stanford University after graduating from Burroughs in 2020, where we will see how far she goes from that point and onward!

Congratulations to Neha for her nomination big win at this year's Winter Formal!

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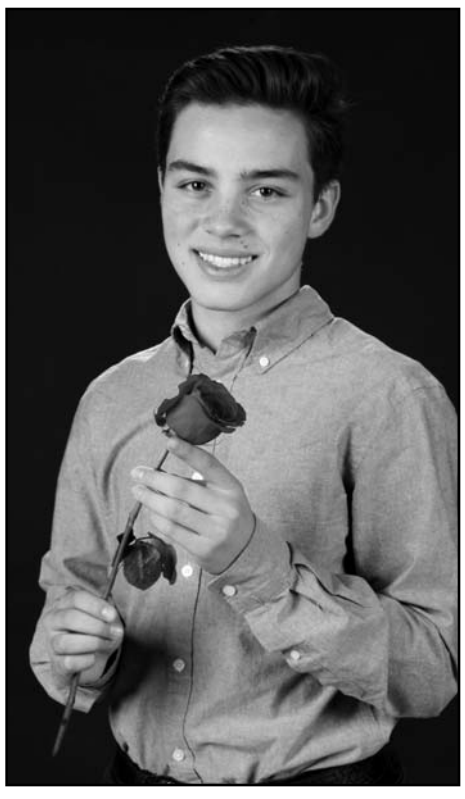
Freshman King



By Sophia Moore
Smoke Signal Staff

The Winter Formal dance is a night of elegance and good times with friends. A definite highlight of the event is the choosing of class princes and princesses, all from a voted pool of nominees.

One nominee, freshman Trey Sanchez, shares his experience on what it is like being nominated for this tremendous honor. According to him, Trey is planning on wearing "nothing special" to Winter Formal, which is taking place on February 3rd this year.

Additionally, he will be accompanying freshman Bridget Barrera to the Beauty and the Beast styled event. She asked him to attend the dance with an elaborate ask, in which Trey was asked to walk from the choir room to the quad.

First, according to Sanchez, Barrera started the ask off by telling him "to go to the choir room," and from there, she led him across the quad with his eyes closed, which then she presented the ask to him. Afterwards, he accepted her offer, and the two took pictures together.

Sanchez noted that the "whole day [of the nomination] was kind of crazy." He continued to say that his name was called on the list of nominees, but he "didn't hear it, so [his] friend told [Trey] that [he was] called," and Sanchez was still in disbelief. Trey stated that he "didn't expect it, because [he] didn't ask anyone to vote for [him.]." He was "definitely surprised, just like I was being nominated in the first place."

He claims he is excited to see all of his friends, but also is excited to spend the night with his date, Bridget.

Sanchez is typically known around campus for "being a nice person." He is a member of JBHS' Sound Waves choir, as well as a JV soccer player, and soon, in the spring, Trey shares that he will be playing on the JBHS Boys' Golf team.

He "didn't expect school to be how it is," however, Trey continued to say that he thinks he's "got it under control now." His favorite class is Honors Biology with Mrs. Tobin, because "she makes interesting topics fun to learn about."

In his free time, Trey Sanchez can be found "wast[ing his] life on Netflix and Youtube," but he also commented that "hanging out with friends is also a great option" for him.

Trey's goals for 2018 and the rest of the school year are to "make it through school," as well as to "make an impact on people" just by being himself.

His goals for the future are a little less definite, but he does have an idea of what he'll be doing after high school. He plans on "going to a good college," but he's not sure which college he'll be attending yet, as it is still far in the future. He claims that he "might want to make a living through business," but he did not expand on those plans.

Finally, Sanchez extended high praise towards his mother, and credited her as his biggest inspiration. He stated that "she came from Cuba when she was 14 and now she is very successful and she is amazing," which is why Trey holds her as his main inspiration, above others.

Though there is still a lot of mystery around who will be chosen to sit on the Winter Court, the best of wishes and luck are extended to Trey Sanchez for the night of.

Freshman Queen



By Logan Cocoran
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For this year's Winter Formal, many are getting in the mood for a lovely evening at our school for a dance with the theme of Beauty and the Beast, which will have some students walk away with a winning place in the Winter Formal Court, just like Ashley Best did with her winning position as Winter Formal princess!

As she at first was not quite sure what she was going to wear, she did end up going to with a guy named Tyler, but they are not dating yet and are soon to be official. He already asked her a little while ago, but since its girls ask guys she plans to ask him sometime next week She arrived in her Mom's G Wagon. She wants to go to have dinner at a restaurant preferably somewhere where she actually likes the food. When she found out that she got nominated she says she was beyond happy. "It's such an amazing opportunity for me and I'm so grateful! I did not expect it at all."

Her all-time favorite quote is "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken" stated by Oscar Wilde.

She is known for being too nice to others, as her friends constantly say and also know for her nice hair as her friends would say a lot too. She is in choir and also in dance. Dancing is one of her favorite activities In school she has a good track record but she says it can be difficult to get her work done sometimes. Her GPA is a 3.8. Her favorite class is dance with Ms. Pierce, but she also vastly enjoys Mrs. Freeman.

In her free time she loves to hang out with her family and friends. She also really enjoys to go shopping, dancing and taking pictures on her camera! She has always had a love for photography. She doesn't work anywhere professionally yet because she does not meet the age requirement, but she does help out at her mom's salon occasionally.

Her goals for 2018 are to just be a better person. She wants to explore more, and also to just focus on what's really important in her life and to stay on the right path. She hasn't finalized her college plans yet as she still has a lot of time before needing to make the big decision.

However, she has always dreamed of going to Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. Her inspiration in life is just seeing the natural beauty of our world and really appreciating it.



Grace and Kuyper

By Megan Mazer
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Grace Sessinghaus and Kuyper Krawczeniuk, Kuy for short, have been infatuated with each other since their freshman year. Grace and Kuy are both 17 year-old Seniors who have been involved in choir throughout high school.

Although it was not love at first sight by any means, they ended up being crazy about each other. First impressions don't mean everything, and this was definitely the case with these two as Grace found Kuy to be a conceited know-it-all, while Kuy thought Grace was a stuck-up popular girl. How wrong they both were!

After getting to know each other a little better, they realized their original judgments were totally false. Grace said, "I thought he was very attractive and I wanted to know more about him, because he seemed so guarded."

Grace and Kuy's first date was at "Romancing the Bean, and while it went really well," Kuy thought that "Grace was bored the entire time."

Kuy asked Grace to be his girlfriend in Grace's car while hanging out one day after school. They consider their anniversary to be December 5th, although technically their relationship has been ongoing since Freshman year.

This couple enjoys trying new restaurants with each other and watching "The Great British Baking Show" together. They see each other pretty much every day and try to go out on dates at least once a week.

Fitting in with each other's family and friends is no problem for Grace and Kuy. They have the same group of friends and both of their families are supportive of their relationship. Kuy immediately felt very comfortable with Grace's family, and Grace felt that, "His parents are very vibrant and talkative, like me, so that's always fun."

Grace and Kuy plan to go out for a romantic dinner on Valentine's Day. For prom, they will most likely rent a prom house with some friends, and, of course, attend the dance together.

Grace loves how much compassion Kuy possesses, and Kuy really appreciates her ability to communicate her emotions. The couple's song is "Say You Won't Let Go" by James Aurther, and they both share a deep-rooted love for music. For being so young, the two built a mature relationship on mutual trust, honesty, and love.

Looking towards the future, Grace and Kuy want to, "see where the wind takes us." They are both very passionate people, concerning their future careers (Grace is looking toward a career in the music industry while Kuy wants to "do cool stuff"") and everything in their lives--relationship or not--is heavily dependent on what colleges they go to.

When asked how Kuy knew that Grace was the one for him, he replied, "We click. In a world of seven billion people, it is statistically improbable that there is only one person for all of us, but we are great together and have fun together. We make each happy, and that's all that matters." Someone hand me a tissue because that answer was straight out of a romantic comedy.

Keely and Jose

By Jordan Palmer
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Jose Gonzalez and Keely Craig are one of the couples at John Burroughs High School. Jose is seventeen and a Senior, while Keely is sixteen and a Junior.

Their nicknames for each other are chicken parmesan and Jose the third.

They met through mutual friends. Keely's first impression of Jose was that he was shy and wears nice clothes. Jose's first impression of Keely was that she is very funny.

Their anniversary is September 29th and they have been dating about five months. They don't really go on formal dates but they hang out together or with their friends a lot.

They first new they liked each other when they figured out they had the same sense of humor and liked the same memes. When they go out together they like to go eat, watch movies, or just hang out at each other's houses.

They see each other every day at school but go on dates at least once a week. Keely's favorite thing about Jose is his smile.

Their senses of humor is what they feel they have in common. They both like each other's parents and have met them once or twice.

They also both like each other's friends because they were all friends before they started dating. They both currently don't have any plans for prom.

For Valentine's Day, they will probably just hang out and do what they normally do. They both feel that you should not appreciate someone just because it's a "holiday" and feel you should appreciate the person your dating every day.

Breanne and Daniel

By Gabriella Barnett
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Breanne Turner, eighteen, and Daniel Carney, eighteen, are currently one of the senior couples this year at John Burroughs High School. Breanne is cheer varsity captain. Her plan for after high school is to go to college and become a pharmacist. She wants to take her studies to Oregon State University.

It all started at Piper Hunt's surprise party, Sophomore year, when they first met. Daniel's first thoughts were, "She's funny and nice to all. And I thought she was really pretty." Breanne thought "He was really nice and had lots of character; I don't know anyone like him (in a good way)."

These feelings were mutual and still are to this day, because they are coming up on two years together; as of March 12, 2016. On March 12, Daniel asked Breanne out. They were on a hike together, "It was really sweet" Breanne states.

Their first date, was after school one day, and they went on a hike. Breanne explained, "It was really fun. It was a cool date because I really got to know him and we talked the whole time."

Breanne knew he was the one because of how amazing he treated her and supported her dreams. She says, "He can always put a smile on my face and I love him." Daniel doesn't quite know how he knew she was the one, though he does know it always and still is a good time with her. "I never get bored, it's always a good time."

Daniel and Breanne both enjoy doing these activities together; playing with dogs, watching TV shows, going out to eat and going to the beach. They hang-out and see each other every day!

Breanne is in love with Daniel's eyes. "He has really pretty eyes! They're blue and have yellow in them!" She is also in love with his funny personality. Daniel is in love with her smile, and he enjoys her corny jokes.



Allison and Maximus

By Dani O'Brien
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Allison Torrico, eighteen, and Maximus Frye, seventeen, are one of John Burrough's cutest couples. Max previously attended John Burroughs High School and Allison is currently a senior here at John Burroughs High School.

Allison and Max met in Ms. Mitchell's class freshman year, but did not actually talk until the homecoming dance, junior year because according to Allison, they are both "very shy."

Max said that he always thought Allison was cute, since he met her in freshman year and Allison, thought Max was "bomb." Allison always wanted to be his friend but could not find the courage to talk to him.

After "talking," for some time, Max officially asked Allison to be his girlfriend on her birthday, January 27, 2016 at the back of the Burroughs auditorium during *Dancing with the Staff*. They have been together for one year but they have technically been together for longer because it took Max a very long time to make it official.

Their first date was at Universal City Walk where they saw their favorite movie, *Trolls*. According to Allison, she did not talk much because she did not want to ruin anything and according to Max, she was a very good listener and would smile and laugh at what he would say.

Max knew he first liked Allison when "she turned around, looked at me and smiled very gently at me when I touched her hair. It was just a very comfortable connection, I liked that feeling, and wanted to keep talking to her."



Allison knew she first liked Max when they first started texting, because whenever she saw his name pop up on her phone screen, she got excited. Also, after the homecoming game, when they got a booth at Bob's Big Boy and held hands and talked.

Allison and Max only really get to see each other once a week on the weekends because he moved away and only comes to Burbank occasionally.

When asked what his favorite thing was about Allison, he said, "I don't have one favorite thing about her, but I love her laugh and her smile… I also love her touch, she's super gentle and has the softest hands ever, but she touches me with love and kindness and comfort." He also loves how shy she is in public and arond others, but can always be herself around him.

When Allison was asked the same question she explained, "I love everything about him, I can't choose one thing. I love his laugh, his smile, the way he thinks, his positive energy, his eyes, his hair, how he's so shy but when he's around me he's himself."

Allison and Max's song is "Say You Won't Let Go" by James Arthur.

When Allison first met Max's mom, she was very nervous and really wanted his mom to like her. When Max met Allison's parents he was also very nervous but says that he was "[himself] and polite."

They have not made any plans for Valentine's Day yet, but they know whatever they do, they will enjoy it because they are into such similar things.

They are of course planning on going to Prom together but Max does not want to tell his idea of what he is going to do to ask her because she will most likely read this article.

Allison and Max both plan to go to college and both want to save money up so they can rent an apartment and move in together so they can continue their lives and grow together.

Jessica and Anthony

By Paloma Anderson
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` Valentine's Day is the day of love and who is better to represent love than Jessica Amaya and Anthony Dugall Jessica is 17, on Varsity softball and is planning to study Business Marketing in college. Anthony is 19 and he plans on studying psychology in college.

This couple met in Mr. Carman's fifth period Video Production class. Anthony thought Jessi was gorgeous and a little weird. Jessie told her cousin he was extremely good looking and told her friend Aileen he was going to be hers.

On the night of prom, Anthony asked Jessie to be his girlfriend. The two have been together since April 29, 2017.

Their first date was at Baskin Robbins, where they got shakes. Jessica knew she liked Anthony when he was all she talked about, Anthony knew he liked Jessica because he felt comfortable around her and felt he could be himself.

Anthony knew Jessie was the one because she sticks by him through the hardest of times. Jessie knew Anthony was the one because he makes her the happiest person and always shows his unconditional love to her.

They both love watching movies and eating together. Since Anthony works every day except Saturday and Sunday. They hang out all day on the weekends. Jessica's favorite thing about Anthony is that he is both, her best friend and boyfriend.

Anthony's favorite thing about Jessie is she never fails to put a smile on his face. They both love dogs and their favorite song is "Honey Bun" by Kodak Black.

When Anthony first met Jessica's family, he was nervous and wanted to make a great first impression. Anthony's mother loves Jessica and takes her in as her own daughter. They both like the people who are supportive of their relationship.

Their plan for Valentine's Day involves going to dinner and doing something fun and special. They both plan on making the most of prom and dancing the night away. Anthony said that since it's her day, he wants her to enjoy herself.

Jessica's plan for after high school is to go to a Cal State to study Business and Marketing. Anthony already graduated from Burroughs in 2017 and right now he attends Los Angeles Valley College and eventually he plans on eventually becoming a therapist.



Celia and Olin

By Hannah Houston
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One of John Burroughs High Schools newest and cutest couples is Seniors, Celia Garcia and Olin Bernal. The two have been dating for five months, September 23rd marks the first day Celia and Olin started dating.

Their first date was at the movies where they saw *Saw II*, which Olin says was "super scary."

Olin did not need to ask in a big way, he says, "we just kinda became a thing."

Celia and Olin met last year in school. Olin knew he liked Celia when he realized how much he enjoyed being around her and how much she made him laugh, their chemistry was so natural.

What drew Olin to Celia at first was the fact that she was always funny, energetic, and cool. These are a few of the many qualities Olin loves about Celia, but out of all of those he thinks she is the nicest person he knows; while Celia's favorite thing about Olin are his eyes and his smile.

When the couple is not jamming out to "their song" *Baby* by Justin Bieber, they partake in their favorite activity together making and watching vlogs (video blogs).

Since they go to the same school, they see each other every day which they are grateful because they love spending time together and laughing.

Celia is very involved around school and in extracurriculars. Celia is seventeen years-old and has been in choir for four years and is in the Powerhouse Choir. After high school the two plan to go to college, but Olin is hopeful that they will stay together.

Similar to Prom and Valentine's Day, they both plan to spend the days together but no plans are concrete. However, Olin might be planning a secret romantic date.

Celia and Olin are a sweet and strong couple that have a lot in common and love spending time together. Their friends also love them together. Celia's friend, Lauryn Hardy says, " I think that Olin and Celia are a cute couple and they have a strong bond that everyone can see. I love them both."

When meeting each other's parents, both were nervous but it was well. Olin shares, "It was awesome! I met her family like 3 weeks after talking to her and they all love me and I love them."

Ruby and Leo

By Abbey Krueger
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Seniors, Leo Valdovinos and Ruby Haagerman are a couple here at John Burroughs High School. They began dating around six months ago, and when asked if they had any nicknames or pet names for each other, they responded with a definite "no."

Both Leo and Ruby are not in any after school activities, but Ruby in her free time likes to draw, and go to yoga classes and Leo has a love for film and old music. They met here at school in an art class, and immediately hit it off.

Leo's first impression of Ruby was, "She was quiet. I liked quiet. She also seemed really friendly, even without her saying anything." Ruby's first impression of Leo was, "He was so quiet I thought he was mad or something. But as soon as we started talking, I realized how nice and cool he was."

Leo asked Ruby to be his girlfriend on September 15, 2017 when they went to one of their favorite coffee shops, Aroma Cafe. Leo asked her out by saying, "I think we really get along, and I was thinking about it, and I can't think of a reason why we shouldn't be together." She agreed, and they started dating.

Leo knew he was first attracted to Ruby when he saw her in art class, and her artistic skills made him like her even more. Ruby first realized she was attracted to Leo when he started talking to her. She said, "He didn't talk like everybody else, and I liked him almost immediately." Leo knew she was "the one" when they spent more and more time together.

He claimed that he had never gotten along with someone as well as he did with Ruby. Ruby knew Leo was the one for her when they went hiking on their third date. She said it was so easy to just talk to each other and she knew she wanted to keep learning more about him.

They both said that their favorite thing to do together is hike at Runyon Canyon. Ruby said another thing that they enjoy doing is going to see movies, finding new places to eat, and going on adventures.

They spend time with each other typically three to four times a week. Sometimes they'll go on dates, and other times they will just "chill." Leo said it usually depends on their moods, and what they feel like doing.

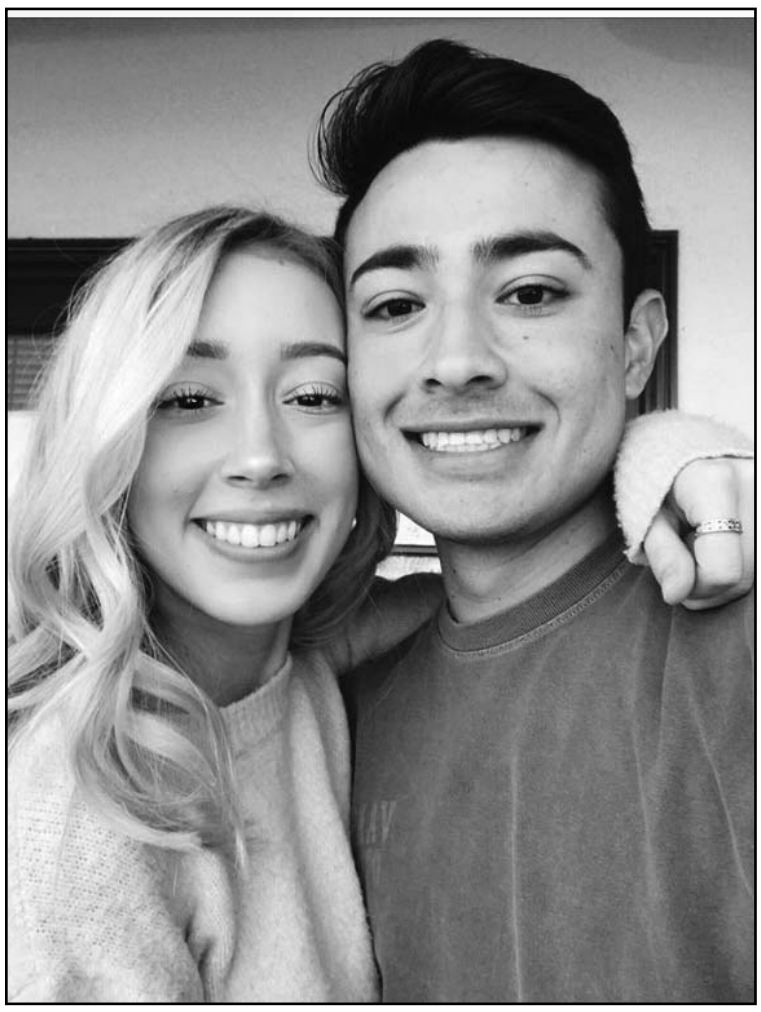
Leo's favorite thing about Ruby is how nice she is to everyone she meets. And Ruby said her favorite thing about Leo is, "He's so funny, even if he doesn't think so. He also always knows what to say, and how to say it. I'm a lucky girl."

Both Leo and Ruby have a love for art and nature. They love going on walks, hiking, and just spending time outdoors. They also love older music. Both of their favorite band is The Doors. Their song is "Girl" by The Beatles. Neither of them know why exactly, but they both love the song.

When Ruby met Leo's family, she said she was crazy nervous, but the second she walked in the door, she felt welcomed. When Leo met Ruby's family, it was practically the same thing. He got to meet her sister and brother as well as her parents, and thankfully Leo and Ruby's families love them as a couple.

Leo and Ruby don't have plans for Valentine's Day yet, but Leo said he is starting to plan something, but it is a surprise. Ruby told Leo she really does not want to go to Prom, and Leo said he was grateful because neither of them like school dances.

After high school they really do not know what's going to happen, but Ruby said "We're taking things day by day!" And Leo said, "We'll stay together as long as it feels right."



Sophia and Jacob

By Megan Mazer
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Sophia Kaloustian and Jacob Purdy are both 17-year-old seniors who have been a couple for over two and a half years! They also have both been in Powerhouse choir together for three years.

While they knew of each other in middle school, the two became closer in 9th grade through some mutual friends. Sophia's first thought was that Jacob was funny and kind. Jacob thought that she seemed like a really cool person.

One day, Jacob and Sophia were at a friend's house and they started actually having a one on one conversation for the first time. It was an instant connection. On their first date, Sophia and Jacob penny-boarded down the bike path and got ice-cream at Baskin Robbins.

Sophia said, "Jacob is kind and understanding and has the same sense of humor as me." This couple loves spending time together and they hangout almost every day. Jacob says that one of the best things they have in common is that, "We both love to make music and sing."

Sophia and Jacob love doing cover songs, playing video games, going out to eat, or hanging out at Jacob's house. Every couple has a song, and although Sophia and Jacob share multiple songs, their first one as a couple was "Happy" by Never Shout Never.

They fit into each other's lives easily because they have the same friends and participate in a lot of the same activities so even when school life gets hectic, they still get time to spend quality time together. Jacob said that at first meeting each other's families was, "very awkward," but that quickly faded and they both feel totally comfortable now.

Looking towards the future, Sophia and Jacob are both planning on staying local. Sophia hopes Jacob will ask her to Prom in a memorable way. Possibly sky-dive into the quad and proceed to lead a flash-mob straight to Sophia's lunch table?





Becca and Aaron

By Hannah Houston
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One of John Burroughs High School's cutest couples is seniors, Aaron Cohen and Becca Callahan or "Beccs" as Aaron calls her.

The two have been dating for nine months, and May 12th marks the first day Becca and Aaron started dating.

Their first date was at the Observatory, where Aaron later asked Becca to be his girlfriend.

Aaron and Becca met last year in Mr. Piper's APUSH class. Aaron knew he liked Becca when he realized the conversations they had were so organic and could last for hours.

You cannot do this with just anyone, so they both knew that this would be good match. It also did not hurt that Aaron thought she was always nice, respectful, and very pretty. These are a few of the many qualities Aaron loves about Becca.

Becca's favorite thing about Aaron are his dance moves. When the couple isn't jamming out to their song, *Sweet Creature* by Harry Styles, they partake in their favorite activity together, thrift shopping.

Since they go to the same school, they see each other every day, which they are grateful for because they love spending time together and going out to lunch.

Becca and Aaron are both very involved around school and in extracurricular activities.

Becca is in the renowned Powerhouse Choir and president of Pre-Med Club. Becca is looking into a career in the field of medicine and doctoring.

Aaron is in Golf and Vice President of Investment Club. After high school, the two plan to go to college.

Similar to Prom and Valentine's Day, they both plan to spend their time together but no plans are concrete.

Aaron and Becca are a sweet and strong couple that everyone loves, even their parents, who Becca said were scary and stressful to meet but ended up going well.

I'm sure they will each have bright futures individually and together.

Jackie and Nick

By Caitlyn Batchelor
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Jackie Barbosa and Nick Roman-Manna are both seventeen-year-olds, who make a great couple here at John Burroughs High School. They have been together since October 27, 2015, being over 2 years!

Jackie plays soccer, enjoys volunteering, and loves playing with her dogs. Nick played football, track, and was involved in *Young Life*.

This couple met here at Burroughs. Jackie's first impression of Nick was that he was very tall and extremely easy to talk to. Nick's first impression of Jackie was her height, her beauty, and extremely pretty eyes.

After lots of flirting, Nick finally asked Jackie to be his girlfriend during lunch on October 27, 2017 after someone in their friend group yelled to Nick, "just ask her out already!" Their first date was to the movies.

Jackie first noticed she liked Nick when she saw how genuinely nice he was and how he effortlessly made her laugh--his cute smile was just a plus.

Nick realized his feelings for Jackie when he would always find himself laughing with her and had a great time with her at Homecoming.

When they are together, they enjoy eating. Jackie and Nick try to spend time with each other as often as they can, but ultimately hang out about twice a week, outside of school.

Jackie's favorite thing about Nick is how caring and sweet he is, while Nick's favorite thing about Jackie is that she is always there to help him through any situation.

This couple has many things in common. They are both drama-free people, they enjoy adventurous outings, they are both athletic, tall, funny, they both enjoy the same music, and they like the same football team.

Their song is *Shot Through the Heart* by Bon Jovi.

When Jackie first met Nick's family, she was super nervous at first, but is now very close with them.

Nick was scared to meet Jackie's family. Both Jackie and Nick like each other's friends and find them funny.

For Valentine's Day, Nick is planning on taking Jackie to dinner at a nice restaurant, and hopefully see a movie as well.

Prom is a very special event for many people, and Jackie and Nick are planning on matching for this special night.

Before Prom, they will take many pictures, and they have yet to plan what they will do after.

After graduating from Burroughs in May, they plan on continuing to date, which will be convenient for them, since they are both planning on staying in the area.

Mrs. and Mr. Hollingshed

By Mackenzie Rivera
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Whoever said math and football do not go together clearly has not met Mr. and Mrs. Hollingshed, as we all know is the AP Statistics teacher, Mrs. Nicole Hollingshed and football coach, Mr. Earl Hollingshed are the cutest couple here at John Burroughs High School.

Some cute nicknames for this adorable couple include: babe, honey, and sugar lips.

This adventurous couple met while skydiving. When they first met, Mrs. Hollingshed thought "Meh, he's alright." and Mr. Hollingshed similarly thought "Meh, she's alright."

Earl Hollingshed asked Nicole Hollingshed out on a date. Their first date was at the lovely Cafe Francais in Paris, France.

"He asked if I wanted to fly to Paris on his private jet for dinner. I accepted." shared Nicole.

They both knew they first liked one another due to the fact that they both do not like being the center of attention.

The Hollingshed's knew that the other was "the one" because they "balance each others' crazy".

Several activities they enjoy doing together are needle point, traveling, and watching sports.

When asked "How often do you hang out/go on dates/see each other?" Mrs. Hollingshed simply replied, "Umm...we are married so we see each other EVERY day...like it or not."

Earl's favorite thing about Nicole is that she is "Mrs.Charm". Nicole's favorite thing about Earl is that he is "Mr. Patience". The best thing in common between this couple is neither one enjoys socializing.

Their song is "Keeper of the Stars" by Tracy Byrd.

When it came time to meet the families they both thought, "Meh...they're okay."

After meeting each others' friends, they again thought, "Meh...they're okay."

For Valentine's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Hollingshed plan on going to Seattle, Washington.

Everyone who knows them, including students agree that this couple was simply meant to be.

"Like two local maximums of a bimodal distribution, they were meant to be," stated JBHS Senior, Dominick Lee

"These two are like a cup of coffee in the morning, they make a perfect Couple. I love them a latte!" exclaimed JBHS Senior, Connie Rivera

"I think the new couple is actually like bread and butter. Mrs. Hollingshed in my opinion is the rock in this relationship, they are goals. In the future I hope my marriage is as strong and 'knuckled' down as theirs is." said JBHS Junior, Samantha Leano.



Kelley and Spencer

By Paloma Anderson
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Kelley McKeehan and Spencer Herndon-Hummel have been dating for just over two adventurous, loving, and fun years. They began dating December 17, 2015.

Senior at John Burroughs High School, Kelley McKeehan, is seventeen-years-old and is a captain of the JBHS Varsity Cheerleading team. Kelley met Spencer at school in Mrs. Glenn's English class in tenth grade. Kelley's first impression of Spencer was that he was super nice and they became friends instantly. She thought he was a super sweet guy and that he dressed so nice.

For their first date, they went to the movies and watched *Hotel Transylvania 2.*

Kelley knew that she first liked Spencer because he had all the right intentions, a heart of gold, and because he's super smart and really funny.

Her favorite thing about Spencer is his sense of humor. Kelley knew he was the one when she started noticing that he really brings out the best in her.

Kelley likes to go to the gym and watch "The Office" with Spencer and said that they hang out every other day.

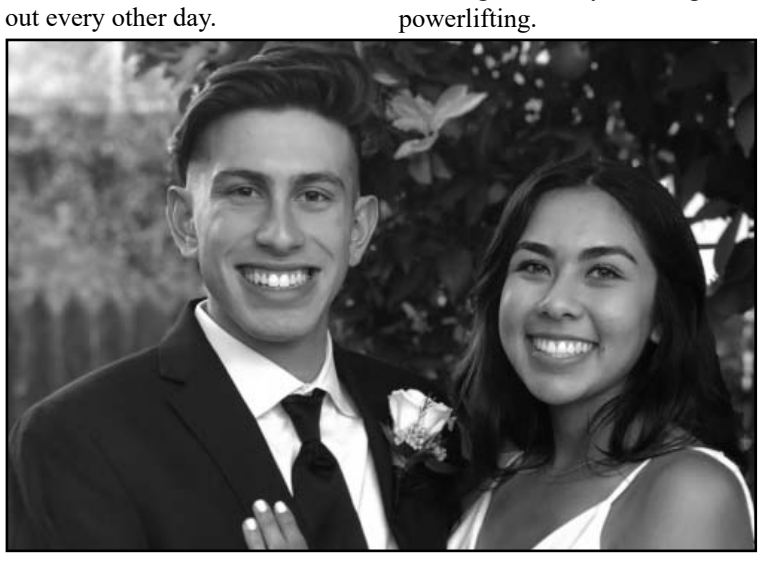


The things Kelley have in common with Spencer are that they both love eating and taking long naps. Kelley and Spencer both love each other's friends and love to hang out together with them.

Kelley said for Valentine's Day, they are going to have a really cool picnic and for prom they are planning to go to a nice dinner afterwards and the following day have a beach day.

After graduating from Burroughs in May, Kelley plans on attending college.

John Burroughs High School, Senior, Spencer Herndon-Hummel, is eighteen-years-old and is focusing on body-building and powerlifting.



Spencer first noticed Kelley when he saw her Freshman year in the hallway near all the health classrooms. His first impression of Kelley was that she had really nice legs and she was really pretty. Spencer asked her out at her house after they spent a fun day together.

Spencer first knew he liked Kelley because they could laugh together and have fun anywhere they went. He knew she was the one because he could not stop thinking about her and loved all the time they spent together.

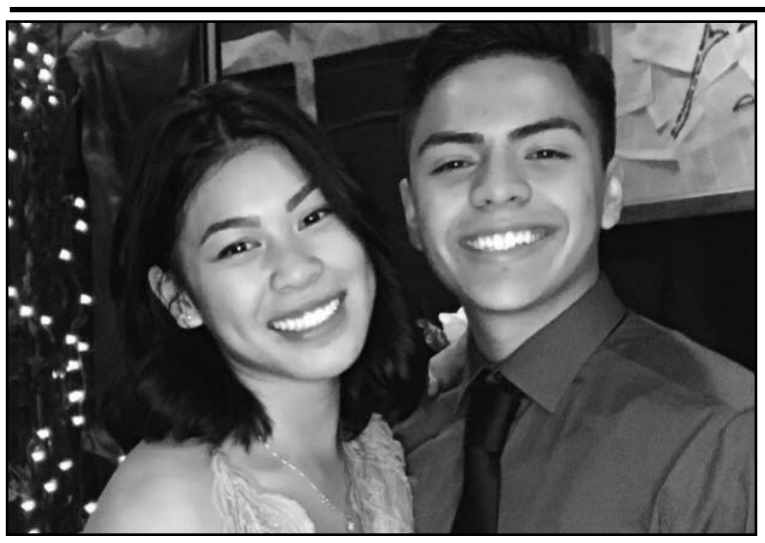
Spencer likes going to the gym, watching *The Office*, baking, and going to the beach with Kelley. He hangs out with Kelley almost every day and the things Spencer has in common with Kelley is that they both love bean burritos and making gains.

Spencer's favorite thing about Kelley is her laugh, smile, and personality. She has too many great qualities to pick just one.

Spencer thinks Kelley's friends are great and does not have any bad friends. Spencer is planning on renting a nice car and picking up Kelley for a really great night at prom.

After high school, Spencer plans on going to a University to study Kinesiology.

Valentine's



Megan and Chris

By Leeza Poladyan
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One of the extremely cute couples who attend our school are Seinors, Megan Manahan and Chris Escobar.

Chris met Megan freshman year at John Burroughs High School's annual Freshman Picnic. It was the end of freshman year when they began talking and getting to know each other. A few years later, they finally became official on April 4, 2017.

Although Megan and Chris became official in April, their first date was actually two months before that. Chris had a teddy bear delivered to Megan which asked if she wanted to go bowling on a Saturday night with some friends.

It was supposed to be the night of Valentine's Day but Chris ended up bailing that night because it rained really hard that weekend and he lives outside of Burbank. This left Megan bowling with some of their mutual friends on the night that was supposed to be Megan's and Chris' first date.

To make up for their first date that never happened, Chris took Megan ice skating for their actual first date, only to find out that Chris sucks at ice skating! They went to the rink at Pickwick with a group of friends, then later ended up at the Burbank Mall, playing arcade games until Megan had to go home.

Megan and Chris love spending time together. They try to hang out with each other every day after school, even if it is for about an hour. They love going on little dates to the park and having picnics together. They even have mutual friends!

They both enjoy talking to and hanging out with one another's friends. The couple has a lot in common as well. They share the same internet in TV shows, foods, and restaurants.

Meeting each other's families was awkward at first according to the couple, but it always is at first with any couple! They are both able to comfortably talk to each other's parents with small conversations now.

Megan's favorite thing about her boyfriend is the fact that he is super sassy, but sweet. He makes her feel safe and comfortable around him. She used to always get butterflies and get really nervous every time he would come up to her.

Chris has a lot of things he loves about his girl as well. He says she is smart, beautiful, and funny. He thinks it is cute how she can be very shy as well. His favorite thing about her is her sense of humor.

In the future, Megan and Chris hope to get the opportunity to attend the same college since they both plan on majoring in sciences. For Valentine's Day, they plan on spending the day together, giving each other gifts, and going out to dinner at a nice restaurant.

As for Prom that is also coming up, they plan to go to a nice restaurant after taking cute Prom pictures with all their friends.

These two are definitely one of the cutest couples at JBHS!

Sofie and Brandon

By Ryan Hunter
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Most couples, when they first meet, they think they are automatically attracted to each other. But for Brandon Giraldo and Sofie Reinoso, that was a different story.

They first met in their Spanish class during Freshman year and shared the same English class as well. Sofie thought Brandon was, "really nerdy" and Brandon says Sofia was, "cute but annoying."

Sofie, seventeen, comes from a cheer background and a family of five siblings. She is also a gifted singer and is an animal shelter volunteer. Brandon, also seventeen, comes from a big family as well with four siblings and is on the baseball team.

The two have been dating since April 18, 2016, but Sofie recalls Brandon being, "super shy" when he asked her out and "took forever to do it."

Their first date was a night at the movies and went to see *Zootopia*, which is now their favorite movie. They both felt really comfortable that night which is how they knew they first like d each other.

In their spare time, they enjoy watching movies, game nights, naps, listening to music, and of course, eating. When they're not in school they hang out only a few days a week.

Their relationship is so solid because they have so much in common. They are both animal lovers, they love to eat, and that are both involved in sports.

Before meeting each other's families, they were both very nervous but are now very comfortable around them.

Their plans for Valentine's Day include going out to dinner and spending a nice time with one another. After prom they plan on staying at a beach house.

Marley and Drew

By Sarah Lozano
Photographer Editor

With Valentine's Day around the corner senior couple Marlena Skrabak and Drew Gorsuch have been a couple at JBHS for around a month. With no pet names for one another besides calling Marlena "Marley" Drew would like to make it clear that his only pets name is pearl who is a cat who has shaped his life for the better.

Marlena has quite a few hobbies which include being on John Burroughs girls varsity swim, working as a lifeguard at the Verdugo Aquatic Facility for about three years now, Being the French club president and being apart of HOBY LA a youth leadership program.

Drew's hobbies include being a part of John Burroughs boys varsity volleyball and most importantly playing pickle ball with the boys. Drew first met Marley at a mutual friends Alyssa Best sweet 16th birthday party his first impression of Marley was that she had a really good smile and a nice laugh. Marley's first impression of Drew was that he was really funny and could make her laugh and she loved that.

Drew asked Marley out on a date that started at Lake shrine and ended at the restaurant Gladstone's in Malibu. Their anniversary is November 10, 2017, they spend their days going on dates to trendy cafes and restaurants that meet their standards.

The couple hangs out every Friday or Sunday because Saturdays are for the boys. They have based their relationship on a love for the rapper Drake. Through this making the saying opposites attract a true one. Their song is "Pick up the phone" by the legendary Travis Scott.

It was a rough beginning when it came to Drew meeting Marley's parents but things take time and their working on it, on the other hand Drew's parents love Marley and feel that she's a great influence for their son.

When asked about friends drew explained how they get along with one another's friends and even exclaiming "She can hang with the boys, what more could I ask for?"

With Valentine's Day on its way Drew has planned a special evening for Marlena that he knows she'll love, and with prom down the line when asked about their plans for the dance they both explained how they plan on going together and after they plan to go out to a nice dinner and drew is going to take her home before curfew which is 10:00

With similar plans after high school, the couple wants to both attend a university and in regards to their relationship they both believe in living in the moment and they can't see that far ahead but they are hoping for the best and hope their futures have each other in them.



Alex and Josh

By Stephanie Romero
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The new couple, Seniors, Alex Saucedo and Josh Llamas just recently made it official on December 8th, 2017.

Who do we have to thank for getting this couple together? A little birdy named Snapchat is responsible for getting these two lovebirds together. They started talking around Homecoming time, so Josh made the brave decisions to ask her. She of course said yes. After a few dates Josh said the 5 simple words to make it official, "will you be my girlfriend". A sweet simple ask was the way he went to making Alex his girlfriend.

Their first official date together was at Shakey's and the mall. On that first date Alex bought Josh a necklace that he NEVER takes off now. Josh says his favorite thing to do with Alex is go to the mall. Alex however does not have a favorite activity, she just enjoys being with Josh no matter what they are doing. Josh and Alex try to hang out as much as possible, but they are busy people; once or twice a week is how often they get to hang out.

Josh and Alex are fairly similar. They both have soccer playing experience, so occasionally the will kick the ball around together. Another thing they have in common is that they both wear glasses; couples that can not see together, stay together. A common thing they do together is go out and eat because they both really enjoy food. Personality wise, Alex is a lot more shy than Josh; however he is still not considered the outgoing kind of guy.

What do these two love birds like about eachother? Josh loves the fact that Alex is so caring, it really warms his heart. The thing that first caught his eye was how independent she is, that is when he knew he wanted her to be his. Alex is head over heels for him in all aspects. Her favorite thing about Josh are his chubby cheeks, she thinks they are so so cute! Not only does she like him for his looks, but she really appreciates how nice he is and the fact that he laughs at her jokes, even when they are dumb. However the very first thing that caught her eye when she saw him was the way he dresses. She really likes his style and how he puts pieces of clothing together to make his outfits his own. There is definitely a spark between these two!

Just because they get along, does not necessarily mean they get along with each others friends and families. When Josh first met her family it was a very awkward experience for him and he could not emphasize that enough. He just needs to talk them a little more and soon enough he will be feeling like apart of the family. As for her friends, he can only handle so much of them; although he thinks they are funny, he also thinks they are annoying. Alex just recently met Josh's mom and grandmother, she was really scared. She had no reason to be scared because turns out they are both really nice. As for his friends, they make her uncomfortable.

Both of these lovebirds plan to stay together in the future. They do not have specific Valentines Day plans already, but they do know that they will be spending it together. Josh says that regardless of what they do he will be spoiling her with flowers, chocolate, and a teddy bear. Prom is also in their future as a couple. I hear a cute promposal coming.

Alex and Josh are very happy together and can not wait for all their future memories as a couple.



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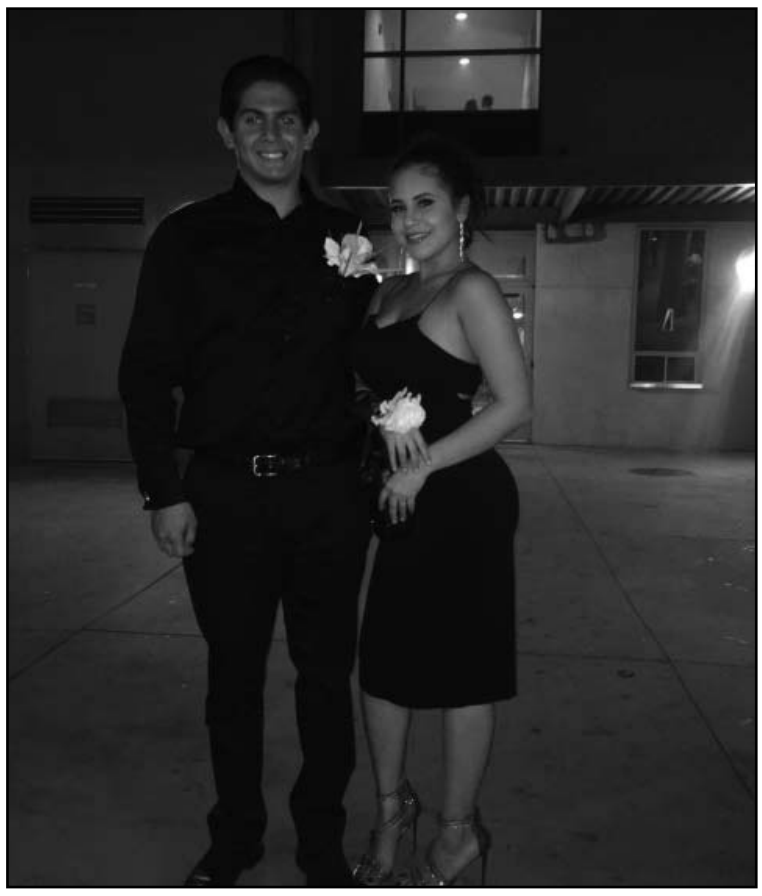


Marnelle and Rafael

By Sophia Moore
Smoke Signal Staff

With Valentine's Day here, love is clearly in the air. It is hard not to catch the love bug when couples like Marnelle Calingo and Rafael Radillo exist.

Marnelle and Rafael met each other at John Burroughs High School, but their relationship has spanned way further than the school grounds.

Rafael asked Marnelle out, and he explained that, upon first impressions, she was "special." Obviously the chemistry was there, because Marnelle and Rafael are happily spending their eighth month together!

Rafael describes Marnelle as always being able to "make him laugh and feel happy," and he just knew she was "the one" for him. The two like each other so much because they always manage to make one another happy.

When asked how the happy couple knew that they were right for one another, Rafael responded to the question by explaining that while "talking with her," he just knew that they had to be together.

Marnelle and Rafael like to hang out with one another, both at school and outside of it. They can be found hanging out at lunch together or after school, as well as in either of the two classes they share with one another.

In addition to hanging out in person, when Marnelle and Rafael are found apart from one another, they have been known to call and text each other. Rafael explained that not only do they call and text each other every day, but it's also the "highlight of the day." How sweet!

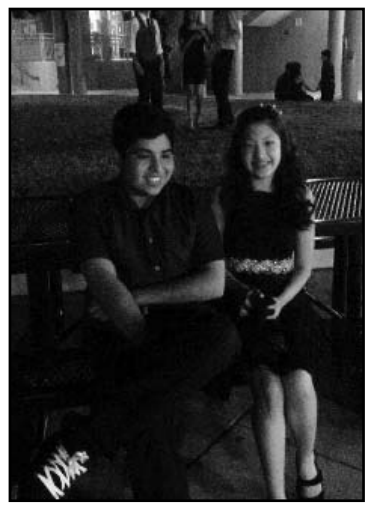
When asked what they like about one another, both of them responded with the swiftness and certainty that only a happy couple can possess. They both said, without a doubt, that they like "everything" about each other.

Marnelle and Rafael were both very honest when asked about what exactly they had in common with each other. The top answer that they had appeared to be that they are "both shy." Additionally, the couple explained that they do "not yet" have any particular song for each other or their relationship, but they seemed hopeful that someday soon they will.

Marnelle and Rafael have both met each other's families, and they each had something interesting to say about the event. Rafael claimed that meeting Marnelle's family was "scary," and that he was "nervous." He also mentioned that he "thinks they don't like [him]" to which Marnelle offered words of reassurance and smiles.

Marnelle on the other hand, thinks that "maybe" they like her. Again this claim was met with many smiles and kind words.

When asked what Marnelle and Rafael thought of each other's friends, there were some mixed emotions. Rafael explained that Marnelle hangs out with his friends sometimes, and she commented on them, saying



that they were "good." Rafael added onto this comment by supplying that they were "weird," to which some good-natured laughs were supplied.

The couple has some tentative plans for Valentine's Day, but Rafael knows for sure what he is going to do for Marnelle. He explained that he wants to "buy her flowers, [a] teddy bear, rings, [and] everything sweet." He was very sure about his plan, and the smiles were surely genuine and very sweet.

The couple is not yet sure what they are doing for Prom, but it definitely looks like a "possibility." They again are not sure what the future holds for them, but there was mention of college, and just big plans in general.

Marnelle Calingo and Rafael Radillo are one of the many happy couples at JBHS, and are definitely a good one. All the best is wished upon them for this special Valentine's Day.

Katie and Nick

By Camylle Robinson
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Katie Alpeza and Nick D'Agostaro are a well-known couple here at John Burroughs High School. They have been together since middle school and are now both 17.

Nick plays waterpolo here at John Burroughs High School and is a certified Lifeguard, but in the future he plans to become an electrical engineer.

Katie loves everything about art and wishes to do cartoons in the future. Sometimes Katie likes to call Nick, Nick "Lemonsweet" and Nick likes to call her "KT."

They have known each other for a very long time originally being in class together in the second grade, but didn't actually meet until the sixth grade at Luther Burbank Middle school during the dreaded Tuesday run.

Katie always thought of Nick as a goofy and sweet guy. Even with these thoughts about each other, they didn't officially start dating until the eighth grade when nick asked Katie out at his birthday party. She had said no at first, but as a joke.

They then went on their first date at City Walk and they watched *Ride Along* with a another couple. They started to really like each other when they found out that they had so many things in common such as; their passion for animals, they are both too sensitive and they are both Mexican.

She is attracted to his weirdness and kindness. She loves that he gets her humor and has the same taste in movies. Nick likes that she is her own person and kind of follows her own rules. He says she is the "coolest cat".

Together they enjoy watching movies, painting together, discussing politics issues and judging things together. They hang out everyday and go on dates every weekend. His favorite thing about her is that she is selfless and her favorite thing about him is his honesty and generosity.

Every couple has a song that they like to listen to together and their songs include *Cutie Pie* by One Way and *Ready to Take a Chance* by Barry Manalow. When they first met each other's parents, Katie's family automatically loved him and Nick loves her family for that.

They both kind of hang out in the same group but don't exactly have the same friends. Nick thinks that her friends are super nice and fun to hang out with and Katie thinks his friends care about him alot.

They have been together for four years now. Their anniversary being January 25th. They have many plans for the year to come. On Valentine's Day, they plan to to eat at *71 Above* in downtown LA.

For prom, they plan to go together of course and join their friends at a prom house afterwards.

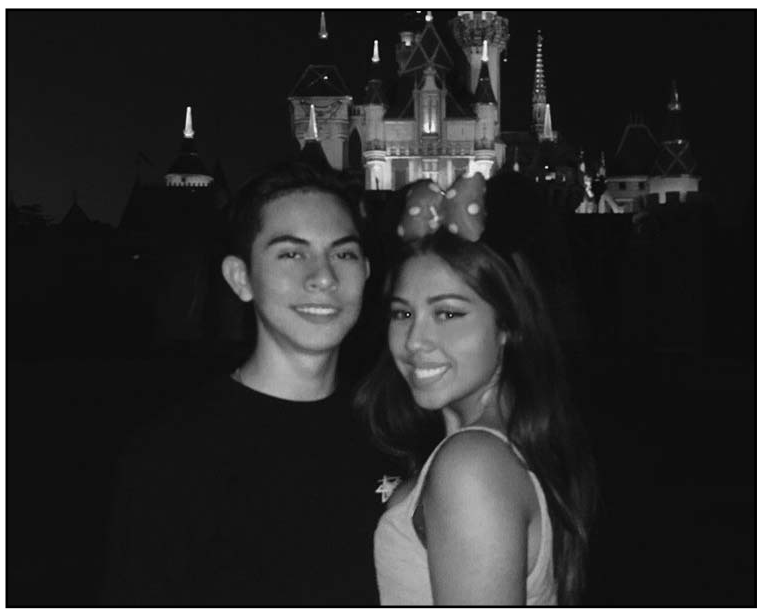
Their plans after high school include both going to community college. Nick wants to then go to Cal State LA to help him fulfill his dream of becoming an engineer.

Katie and Nick love eachother very much and are one of the cutest couples here at John Burroughs High school.



Kara and Ever Forever

By Caitlyn Batchelor
Feature Editor



Senior Kara Spaulding who is 17, and her boyfriend Ever Jauregui, who is 19, who graduated class of 2016, have been dating for over two years now! The official date they got together is November 22, 2015.

Kara and Ever first met at Fresh and Easy during her freshman year. Ever approached Kara, who was grocery shopping with her mom, and asked her for her phone number. When they first met, Ever was very outgoing and Kara was unsure about him, but they ended up getting along extremely well and he is a really nice guy.

The first time they spent time together was when Ever invited Kara to go to the school play, "George Washington Slept Here," with him since they would both be receiving extra credit for it. After hitting it off at the play, they enjoyed lunch at King Taco. They decided to go for food therbecause Kara was craving Mexican food and they wanted to go somewhere outside of Burbank. Since the plans were so last minute, Kara felt very awkward and intimidated.

Kara first realized her feelings towards Ever when they got into their first disagreement and she went out with friends to get her mind off of it but was stuck thinking about him all night, wishing he'd text her. She knew he was the one when he began introducing her to all his favorite food places and she fell in love with Mrs. Jauregi, Ever's mom's cooking. Kara states, "I can't imagine my life without it."

Kara and Ever enjoy going on random adventures in different cities, exploring and trying new things. They often times find themselves at Chick-fil-A or the beach. They also love taking naps.

Ever and Kara see each other everyday after school and go out together throughout their weekends and breaks. This couple's song is "Don't" by Bryson Tiller.

Kara loves that Ever always manages to put himself first, but still treats her like a queen each and every day and deals with all of her stubbornness and mood swings. He is also extremely patient and never fails to put a smile on her face.

Both of them love to sleep and shop. They enjoy shopping together since they both have the same sense of style, and even pick out each others outfits. They are both foodies and like eating together as well. Additionally, they share the same music taste, which is a plus.

Kara first met Ever's parents after their first date. When asking about Ever's parents, Kara said, "they were so sweet and immediately treated me like one of their own." When Kara's family met Ever, she was incredibly nervous. Ever gets along quite well with Kara's friends but when it comes to Ever's friends, Kara gets quite nervous, although they are quite funny and fun to be around.

Ever never fails to surprise Kara. This will be their second time going to prom together, and they are both looking forward to it.

In the future, both of them plan to work someplace in the medical field and are hoping to travel a lot.

Stephanie and Ryan

By Rozette Alajijian
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Valentine's Day is here and it's couple season. There are many couples at John Burroughs High School but I got to interview Stephanie Romero and Ryan Macasaddu. Although the questions I asked were not very funny, the answers I got back were very funny.

When asked about their background, Stephanie explained how she used to be a gymnast and how she is now working as a gymnastics coach for toddlers. When asking Ryan the same question, he said that he likes tostada de ceviche. He also said "I like long walks on the beach while the sun is setting, and dogs they're cool". Very good answer Ryan.

Stephanie and Ryan met in class sophomore year and Ryan said Mr. Hedin hooked him up. I was also told that Ryan asked her out with his words by just asking her.

Stephanie and Ryan have been together since July 1, 2017, so about six months. Now when I was told their first date I thought it was actually really cute. They told me that they watched *Beauty and the Beast* outside on the grass while eating tacos.

When asked each of them how they knew they liked one another, Stephanie said "when I thought 'I like this kid'". He liked her too.

When asked how they knew they were the one for each of them, the responses were great. Stephanie said "when he took me to eat Chick-fil-A" and Ryan said "I don't think she's the one she's the two". These answers just make it so obvious how they are meant to be together.

Ryan told me that their favorite thing to do together is nothing and Stephanie said it's to eat and play Mario kart together. They said that they also see each other whenever they want and at lunch sometimes. They also try and go out on dates at least twice a month. When I asked the question what their favorite thing about each other is, I was confused by Ryan's answer because he said "I like him" so that's that but on the other hand Stephanie said "his smile."

Now get ready for some more sarcastic answers. When I asked them what they have in common Ryan said nothing and Stephanie's answer was they are both humans and they both like to eat. Stephanie says their song is the *ABC song* when I asked Ryan about their song he said "Who is their? There's another guy?"

Ryan also explained that when he met her parents he said "I'm having Carne Asada with her mom". Also said that Stephanie and her friends like to play pickleball but he loves them. When I asked what they were planning for Valentine's Day Ryan said he's probably going to have to go to school and Stephanie said "go to Chick-fil-A and get a chicken nugget tray with Chick-fil-A sauce".

For prom planning, Stephanie said she is hoping to go and Ryan said "I don't know, ASB plans prom not me" which is true. Now for the last question they both had similar answers. I asked what their plans are for after high school and Ryan said college and Stephanie said "to go to more school."



Sasha and Jacob

By Kaela Kaekul
Sports Editor

Love is in the air and couples spend the day showing their significant other just how much they mean to them. One couple particularly have plans to spend the night with a candle lit dinner in the backyard and slow dance the night away especially if it's to Frank Sinatra or Tony Bennett.

Seniors, Sasha Calderon and Jacob Barrera have been a couple for going on ten months and can't get over how much the other makes them swoon.

When Sasha had first met Jacob she thought he was the most handsome person ever, she says how "he came off extremely shy but sweet." Whereas Jacob had thought Sasha to be very outgoing and goal oriented which just made her more appealing to him. They remember the first time they met each other in the library at lunch it was "almost like a movie scene" they stated.

When time had came around for their very first date they were both more than nervous. Jacob had planned for them to go to Universal CityWalk to have dinner and just be with each other. This night became extra special because this is where they had their first kiss! As time passed, Jacob had finally asked Sasha to be his on April 26th, 2017 after school with a poem he had written for her.

Sasha's absolute favorite thing about Jacob would have to be his smile and his personality, especially how kind and dedicated he is. For Jacob he absolutely adores Sasha's eyes and her laugh would have to be his favorite sound ever.

Jacob and Sasha love to just be with each other, they don't even have to be doing anything adventurous, as long as they are together they have fun. When they are with each other they usually watch Netflix or watch a bunch of 80s movies.

Jacob is a baseball player here at JBHS so making Sasha practice with him is always a good time. They have time everyday to hang out and make the most out of it. Their song would have to be Michael Jackson's classic "Rock With You".

As time passed, it was finally time to meet each other's parents. Sasha had heard how Jacob's parents could be and was a little nervous but it was an automatic connection when they finally met.

Sasha loves Jacob's family so much especially his sister and brother. Jacob was more than nervous, he had stated how he was practically "pooping himself" because he was meeting them for the first time especially meeting her father but he clicked with both her parents instantly and care for them both deeply.

As seniors they both are excited for prom because they've been waiting for this moment their entire life. They plan to have the time of their lives, celebrate with friends, and "get lit" as Sasha exclaimed. When high school comes close to an end they both plan to go to college, hopefully near each other, and just continue to grow together.

If they do not get to go to school near each other, it will be hard for both of them but they plan to make it work. Sasha and Jacob plan to spend the rest of their Senior year having the time of their lives with their friends and each other until the time comes for all of them to move on to college but that's the least of their worries right now.

As long as they have each other, they know life will be a smooth ride.



Rachel and Joe

By Amanda Rabadi
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On March 27, at Luther Burbank Middle School, Joseph Ledbetter and Rachel Favela had officially gotten together as a couple. To this day, they have been together and are going on to their sixth year as a couple. Rachel's first impression to Joe was that he had a great sense of humor and that he was very shy and quiet. Joseph didn't quite ask Rachel out. He had walked up to her after class and said "Rachel you're my girlfriend now" and she was left speechless.

Their official date was going to the theaters to watch *Moana* in 2016. She knew he was the one because Joe wasn't like other people, he was unique. Their couples song is "All of Me" by John Legend. They also have the same friends and adore them all. Joe says that their friends are "great, especially Amanda!"

Everyone at John Burroughs High School knows them for being the cutest couple that has lasted almost six years! They are together most of their day and they actually love each others company.

When asked about Valentines Day and what Joe has planned out, he said that it was a secret and for her to find out. Not only are they boyfriend and girlfriend, but they're also best friends.

They both look forward to seeing each other. When they're not together, they are still thinking of each other. They bring the best out of each other. Rachel and Joe love to hangout and laugh together. Joseph says, "I'm going to wife her after college and have a family with her and grow old together." Rachel says that her plans after high school is to "get my dream job after college, marry Joseph, and have a family and grow old together."

Hopefully their plans to grow old together and have a family together work out because they are one cute couple! Most people aren't lucky enough to find a love so pure. Happy Valentines Day to all the couples out there, especially Rachel and Joseph!





Beatriz and Kevin

By Bella Primera
Photographer

Beatriz Romero and Kevin Hebri have been dating since September 16, 2017. They first met in their 10th grade English class and they started dating officially at a party that they both went to.

Kevin's first impression of Beatriz was that she was weird. Beatriz first thought that Kevin was sweet, and cool.

Beatriz said that Kevin's personality and eyes first drew her to him and she just knew that he was the one. Kevin said that he knew Beatriz was the one when because she was nice and was never rude.

Kevin describes Beatriz's parents as nice and said he was nervous to meet them. Beatriz said that Kevin's parents were very nice and she was not too nervous about meeting them.

Kevin plans to take Beatriz out to the movies for Valentines Day and Beatriz would like to go to a nice dinner.

One thing that the couple has in common is their love for burritos and Buffalo Wild Wings.

They both enjoy going to the movies or watching movies on Netflix. They also go hiking together.

Kevin, who is eighteen, plays football and is also a part of the Police Cadet Program. Beatriz, who is also eighteen, is a part of dance production and is studying pre-med.

After High School, Beatriz plans on going to community college and then she will take the next steps to becoming a nurse. Kevin plans on going to Pasadena Community College and will try to become a police officer.

Coral Cafe

By Camylle Robinson
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Coral Cafe is a casual diner, open 24/7, serving American-Mexican coffee-shop grub waffles and huevos rancheros. It is located at 3321 Burbank Blvd, Burbank, CA 91505.

It is very close to school. If you order online you could definitely go there for lunch and make it back to school with time to spare. Since it's a sit down restaurant it would be better to go after school.

When I walked in, I was immediately greeted by someone. I have been to Coral Cafe a handful of times and out of all the times, it's never been really crowded to the point that I had to wait to be seated.

When I was seated, the wait staff came right away to give us drinks, but it took the staff awhile to come back to order our food. There isn't a lot of workers so once we got our food, it was hard to get their attention again

Looking around, everyone looked like they were enjoying their food. The food is really great there and they have a wide variety of options to choose from. I would say that the prices are reasonable as well. It's just like normal sit down prices except they like to add the gratuity to your bill which immediately adds about two dollars or more to your bill, not including tax.

By the time the food came, it looked great. They do a good job making it look visually appealing. Everything is usually cooked right except I have ordered a burger well done before and got it medium rare, but many restaurants make this same mistake.

Although Coral Cafe has a big menu, some things on the menu are better than others. They are a diner so their breakfast is usually what I go for. Not only are the pancakes very delicious, but they are pretty cheap as well. When eating them, they immediately melted in my mouth. They taste very similar to Bea Bea's, but not as good. I was still very satisfied with them though. Another time I went to Coral Cafe I wasn't too pleased. I decided to order an avocado salad which should have been delicious, but they forgot the avocado!

When I finally got him to come back he told me that they ran out of avocado which was pretty frustrating. It was an overpriced salad mostly because of the avocado and if they didn't have avocado he should have told me before making it. They tried to compensate with extra bacon but it was not the same.

Though that time wasn't good my overall impression is that it is a very nice diner. It's a very peaceful environment and is a good place to eat with your friends or family.

The decor is kind of plain because of the lack of decoration. Very simplistic. There is three different rooms to eat at. The first one being small booths, the second one being bigger booths, and the back is for big groups. You could also eat outside if you like. The tables are pretty large, but definitely could be renovated.

Their breakfast is very delicious and I would love to have another pancake meal. I also want to try their salmon next time I go because when I went with my friends there was a special for the salmon dish and it came with a side of seasoned vegetables that I tried. It was so bomb. The strongest parts of the evening was being there with my friends and having a good time and the weakest was the whole avocado incident. I would definitely go back, but next time I will just stick to the breakfast.

Eat N' Park

By Jessica Amaya
Smoke Signal Staff

There are plenty of old diners in Burbank who have great meals ready to be served. Eat N' Park is a delicious restaurant that has a variety of menu choices to choose from.

Eat N' Park is located on West Victory Blvd. They are open everyday from 6AM-1: 45PM. Not only is it very easy to find, but parking is also very easy to look for because of the street space.

As you walk in the door, the workers happily greet you. They are very friendly and helpful to one's needs. Being seated takes no longer than fifteen minutes, which is very satisfying.

Everyone seated seems to be enjoying their surroundings and their own company. This restaurant gives a home sense of feeling. Eat N' Park restaurant itself is relaxing. The menu has amazing choices from delicious breakfast items to yummy lunch/dinner food items. It ranges in price, but overall is pretty reasonable and cheap for the amount of food given. It's visually pleasing and appetizing to the customer.

Everything is cooked to the extent you ask for. After taking the first bite, usually the customer has a sense of satisfaction behind it. These dishes are meant to be homemade meals rather than fast food kind of meals. The food is definitely worth the short wait, time, and cheap price.

Walking into Eat N' Park, the setting is very comfortable. The restaurant smells like breakfast cooking in the morning. The restaurant is pleasant with enough space for the amount of food received.

After leaving, one thing to definitely try next time is the breakfast items. They had sparked all the cravings known to man. Eventually, I will go back especially if I have time to sit and eat at a nice, well known diner.

Occasionally, Eat N' Park has busier hours than usual. From 9AM-12PM are the busiest hours. Everyone seems to want to enjoy a nice breakfast or lunch at that time. This restaurant is very well-known around Burbank.

Other people from different cities rarely come to diners in Burbank. They are definitely missing out.

Never knowing what to eat can be very frustrating, especially if you're super hungry. Eat N' Park is a quick, delicious, well-known place to have a nice breakfast, lunch, or dinner!

Harry's Family Restaurant

By Sophia Moore
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When it comes to Burbank diners, Harry's Family Restaurant is surely one that springs to mind. Located on San Fernando Boulevard, Harry's is about as vintage diner as you can get. The restaurant is open twenty-four hours a day, every day of the week, and its' menu boasts a wide variety of dishes to choose from.

When I went to Harry's, my experience took about an hour out of my time. I was greeted to an empty restaurant, there were literally only two other people eating at the time of my arrival. I was greeted with a, "sit wherever you want," and menus shortly thereafter.

When surveying the menu to decide what to eat at Harry's, I was completely overwhelmed. There were so many options to choose from, I had a hard time picking just one dish to review and since our order was taken so quickly after being seated, I made an impulsive decision for my meal choice by ordering the barbecue dip.

The decently-priced food came out shortly after being ordered, only to be met with disappointment. I had ordered a barbecue dip and was expecting a sandwich with some sort of barbecue element to it, and was instead greeted by a French dip sandwich and fries. In my sadness, I took note that the plating of the dish had minimal effort put into it, and the sandwich itself appeared to be a few cuts of roast beef on bread.

Putting my judgments aside, I prepared myself for the initial bite of the sandwich. As I dipped the sandwich into the dip, a ton of roast beef fell out of the bread and into the dip bowl, making my first bite that of salty, soggy bread.

If the first bite was bad, the rest of the sandwich was worse. Roast beef kept falling off the sandwich and into the dip bowl as I soaked my sandwich in the soggy concoction. In fact, I feel as if my entire meal was just bread and the dip, and the rest of it was lost on the plate. Needless to say, with all the roast beef coming out of my sandwich, and the meal not being the one I ordered in the first place, my stomach was met with a sub-par sandwich.

However, this meal's saving grace was the fries. The glorious, perfectly crisp fries were the best part of my dinner at Harry's. The fries had just the right amount of salt, and were crispy on the outside but soft on the inside, making them the perfect potato treat. The fries were by far my favorite thing about my night at Harry's, and I would most definitely recommend them.

By and large, my meal was negative. The fries did redeem Harry's quite a bit, but I could never get over the fact that my order was wrong, and my meal was fifty percent soggy bread, fifty percent salty dip. Had my order been fulfilled correctly, perhaps there would be a different review.

Harry's Family Restaurant is a Burbank staple, but maybe not for dinner. The decor of the building transports you to another moment in time, and the vinyl booths bring you nothing but closer to your family. I would say that, even though I didn't have the best time at Harry's, that shouldn't stop one from visiting this Burbank staple. The staff is nice and the fries are good, and if one were to order a comfort food, like a grilled cheese or a burger, one would not be disappointed. Don't get too fancy with your orders, as diners only do so many things well. I would definitely recommend playing it safe with your order, at least for the first time at Harry's, and at any diner, really.

Harry's Family Restaurant is not a bad place. The nostalgic factor that engulfs one when walking through the doors is enough to occupy your interest, at least for a little while. Personally, I enjoy going to Harry's, and I can see myself going back, but not for dinner. I think Harry's is strictly a breakfast diner only, for me, even if it is available twenty-four hours.

Go to Harry's Family Restaurant for the sake of family time and comfort, but never for the sake of trying something special and unique. Harry's does comfort food very well, and breakfast even better. If you're in the mood for a classic diner in Burbank, I would recommend Harry's as a safe option.

Final Rating: 3.5 stars out of 5

Frank's Coffee Shop

By Erwin Ludwing
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Frank's is a classic diner located at 916 W Olive Ave, Burbank, Ca 91506 near Burbank City Park & Recreation. Frank's has been around for about 60 years and has been filmed countless of time in films and shows such as Gone Girl, Justified, CSI and Mad Men. It's open every day from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The service there was generous and fast. Their prices are reasonable and they have choices of a typical diner.

Their presentation of the diner was mixed for me, it smells like coffee and they didn't necessarily attempt to make the food look too appealing. While they do try to make the place festive with some decorations it just doesn't fit with the mostly open windowed space. A good thing I can say about their presentation is they have large tables. Their bathroom are clean and small. Besides the presentation I can say the food is pretty good, but the bun on my hamburger I was eating didn't seem fully cooked. The hamburger tasted good. It was definitely better than some hamburger joints close to Burroughs. Besides the main course, the drinks and sides were somewhat outstanding. The shakes were savory and the fries were tasty. Honestly, I would come back mostly for these as they are worth the price.

At lunch you could have the opportunity to eat there with time to come back depending on what you buy, but I'm afraid that might be the only time you might actually have to eat there as one of the weakest aspects about the diner is the hours.

They leave little opportunity for most to go on weekdays.

This might be because of the fact that, mostly, Frank's Coffee Shop is so iconic as a mainstay of Hollywood Cinema, that most of their hours are devoted to movie and television shoots, and not actually providing food. So, for you cinephiles out there, make sure to check it out.

Overall, it was a good diner and a nice atmosphere, and I would definitely go more often if the hours were reworked but other than that I would recommend it.

Lancer's

By Logan Corcorran
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When I went to Lancer's I was pleasantly surprised by how good it was. The service was really fast. My drink came very quickly! I had a Philly cheese steak which was really delicious. There was lots of cheese and meat on it but, unfortunately, there was no ketchup on it when I got it.

There was also a fruit side that came with it. It was really good. I walked into the bathroom and although it was clean, there was one broken tile that should probably get fixed. Later after I got back from the bathroom I ordered a vanilla milk shake. I felt like it had too much milk and not enough ice cream. It was somewhat tasty. The restaurant had a great overall feel, for some reason the diner is a great attraction to old people.

Almost every seat had an old group or couple in it.

The waiters were okay. The first one that came to our table talked really quietly so it was impossible to hear what she said, but eventually she spoke up a little bit and we were able to communicate.

The second waiter that came to our table was confused. When I said I didn't want anything more to drink he seemed to have trouble understanding me.

The way you pay for the food is kind of annoying; they have to write out the receipts themselves instead of a machine typing it up which wasted a lot of time.

Then after they give us our check we had to walk up to the counter and sit for about a half an hour for them to actually check us out. It would be a lot simpler if they just left the check and then I gave them my credit card so they could swipe it and I could leave.

Old school is not always better. My overall rating of the experience and the food is 3 out of 10.

Norm's Hamburger

By Ryan Hunter
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As many people know, there isn't much to do in Burbank but eat and shop. So why not eat at one of the best diners Burbank has to offer, Norm's! Norm's is a small diner open from 6am to 4pm. It also not far from Burroughs so you can make it there, and back, with food, during lunch.

After walking in you get hit in the face with the smell of bacon and hot oil, you will surely be greeted by someone ready to take your order. The building is definitely going to be packed, especially on Saturdays, but rest assured the food is worth the wait.

The menu has a wide variety of meals to choose from ranging from classic American food like hamburgers and sandwiches, to authentic Mexican dishes like burritos. The prices are also very reasonable as well. You can get a tasty, half pound burrito for six dollars!

The cooks in the kitchen are able to effortlessly make the food visually appealing. Rather than focusing on quantity over quality, they do both, and make the food taste and look good while still giving you plenty of it. The food is also cooked to perfection. I, personally have never had any issues with the quality of the food, and have been eating at the establishment for over a year.

I have eaten from many dishes in my life but none of them even come close to Norm's. Other restaurants just don't put the same care into their food and customer service.

If I could describe the ambiance of the restaurant it would be minimal.

It's a small building so there isn't much to decorate like other, more popular chains, like Denny's or iHOP. There are a few paintings of hamburgers, a TV, and that's all. Its clear they let the food speak for itself.

Looking back, I would definitely pick this small, local diner, over any other breakfast chain. I would definitely recommend this restaurant to anybody looking for a great meal at an affordable price. And I would also recommend it to anybody looking for the best breakfast burrito in Burbank.

Tallyrand

By Mike Altawil
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Tallyrand's is a diner located on Olive Ave, to the left of 7/11, that has been serving hearty breakfasts, roasted turkey, burgers and other diner classics for 50 plus years. The diner is open from 6AM to 10PM, so students can order and eat from there during school hours. The issue is that students may not have enough time to be seated and served there, if they are walking unless they call in their order.

My experience at Tallyrand's was not the best, but it was satisfactory for what was happening at the moment.

When I walked in, with my dad and my sister, I was greeted with a smile from the ladies behind the counter who told me to choose my own seat. We chose a booth next to the long windows where we were immediately asked what we wanted to drink. The kind lady took our orders of water and gave them to us quickly.

Looking around the diner, we saw many elders eating here, and they were enjoying their time. The vibe in the diner was homelike and comfortable, especially with all the decorations they had up for Thanksgiving.

Looking at the menu, Tallyrand's has a big collection of plates to be served, From burgers to seafood. They have it all. The prices on their choices are low and affordable, meaning anyone with at least ten dollars can get a meal. Our waitress took our orders and, in about fifteen minutes later, we were served.

I ordered the turkey sandwich, my dad got fish and chips and my sister got a sundae. For their presentation, the food did match the pictures they had, especially the sundae.

The food itself was definitely depressing. When I stabbed my gravy drenched sandwich with my fork, the thing fell apart, which I thought was good so I could get to the turkey. The two balls of mashed potatoes were dry as sand. Even with the gravy, the mashed potatoes, amazingly, disregarded the saturation and remained dry, and also tasteless. After that trip, I went straight into the turkey, but, yet again, that was dry as well. I travelled all over my plate, from the turkey to the stuffing then to the bread, but everything was dry. I ended up not being able to finish my food because my stomach thought I was eating dirt.

The dish, compared to other diners I ate at, was sad. It lacked taste and a homemade taste to it that all diners try to perfect. The dish looked and tasted depressing, so the dish was not exciting.

My sister and agreed that the food was not the best. My dad and I, the only two that actually ordered meals, agreed that the dishes were dry. Leaving there, I decided to never come back because my stomach was mad at me for eating such bad food. The strongest aspect of the diner had to be the calm esque that it had.

In all fairness, the diner looked great with its decorations. The decorations were the same small plush turkeys set on the desk and other tables, but it gave the diner a welcoming feeling. For the diner's smell, I didn't think anything smelt weird or good, it smelt just like air, nothing else. The seats were big enough for huge groups, but booths for only a squad of four.

In all, Tallyrand's is a visually appealing diner, with the plushies and yellow leaves, but the food did not have a good taste, nor a taste at all.



Boys Basketball

By Caitlyn Batchelor
Feature Editor

This 2017-2018 season Boys Varsity Basketball were more than ready to get back on the court! Team captains, Senior, DJ Hubbell, and Junior, Zion Bazzel, both Point Guards along with coaches, Allan Ellis and John Elliot, lead the boys to multiple successful games.

DJ and Zion have been playing basketball at JBHS since Freshman year and they both manage to push the other boys to do their very best.

Although all the boys played very well, player Zion Bazzel, 6'0, Point Guard, Junior, and Omar Searcy, 6'0, small forward, Senior, have lead the Indians to less success this season than they hoped.

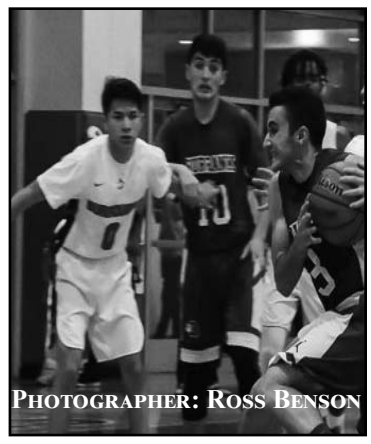
Boys basketball unfortunately lost roughly 10 games including game against rivals Burbank High, but they won against Pacifica (55-42), Rio Mesa (50-48), Hoover (68-47), Glendale (81-70), and Arcadia (70-61).

Although we did not manage to take the win, our boys played a very good game against Burbank! The Indians were off to a good start and were in the lead all of the first quarter. The Bulldogs managed to catch up and ultimately beat us, 59-51.

Though this season was a tough one the boys know they can always bounce back next year. However, for the seniors of this 2017-2018 season they will be onto bigger and better things.

DJ Hubbell states, "This season was a fun one despite the fact that we had some struggles along the way. I'm sad this season is over but I really enjoyed playing my last year ever."

Good luck to all the boys and what they will do in the future.



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Girls Soccer

By Megan Knutson
News Editor

This fall another sports team begins its journey to athletically representing Burroughs! As our JBHS Girls' Soccer team kicks off their 2017-2018 season with strong goals and desires set ahead for both teams to achieve throughout the new year of growth and development ahead of them.

The girls on Varsity readily return to their current teammates for and other season, after saying goodbye to those, whom are now alumni of Burroughs, as well as welcoming new players that are both moving up from the JV team, and also those who are new to Burroughs in all.

Head of the program as well as the main coach, Brady Riggs, has set few, but meaningful goals for this upcoming season that would change the program's status and history moving forward.

Riggs aspires to beat their main competitors they face in the soccer program, that other sports teams at Burroughs may share, including our rival, Burbank High, and Arcadia. He shares, "Beating Burbank twice, to beat Arcadia at least once, and win a playoff game. That would be an accomplishment."

The captains who have courageously led their team to great successes in the past are stepping up again this season to lead their teammates with determination and pride, as all three varsity captains, Maddy Sena, Abby Riggs, and Carina Sierra begin to achieve their set goals in another year of being in the soccer program.

The girls had an away game Immaculate Heart on November 28th, that ended with a proud winning score of 3-2, Indians. This was the first official league game the girls played together, and still showed a great collaboration on the field from the first minute.

The girls went out for their second league game a few days later against Eagle Rock on December 1st, the girls walked away with a big win against the school as they put 7 goals into the back of their net, while not letting 1 goal into ours. The girls had another successful game finished by the girls as they went up against Pasadena on December 8th, to walk away with a win of 4-2 after a big fight was put forth.

The following game began shortly after the first one against Westminster, which the girls came out of with their first loss of the season. Even though the scores read to be a loss for Burroughs, some of our captains shared what they noticed and learned about the game moving forward. Senior captain Carina Sierra shared "I think we have to start off with more energy. We tend to come alive in the second half and it affects us."

After a slower series of games over the weekend, the girls proceeded to a strong, homefield-win of 4-1 against Louisville on December 12th. The game against Hoover was another game that our girls walked away with the final score at 4-0.

These games were only preparation for one of the most important games of the league, going against Arcadia. Unfortunately, our girls gave up a goal in the last few minutes of the game after a full game of fighting, leaving the final score to be 0-1.

Captain Abby Riggs also shares her idea of the game Arcadia brings to the field saying, "Arcadia is always a strong competitor as they have taken the league title back to back for years, but we also give them a good game...We played a very good game and had possession throughout...We finished that game the way we should play every minute and I couldn't have been more proud of us." However, having regrets as the captain, she notes, "My regret as a captain for that game is not starting the game like we started the second half. Our warm-up was slow and it showed at the start." Also claiming her and her teammates began to "play the game not wanting to lose instead of trying to win."

Sharing to have been the game that brought out the most competitiveness in her, Sierra shares, "...I think it would have had to [be] Arcadia. We started off slow, but after the second half we played with everything we had. We had everything until the last second. They got a goal during the end of the game but we came alive and pushed every last ounce of strength we had. They've been our biggest competition so we try know we have to play our best."

Continuing on through league games, next up to play against was Glendale on their home field on January 5th which led to taking home another win of 3-0. Also with a winning score of 5-0, the girls beat Hoover for the second time in league on January 9th.

Of course, we cannot forget about the original rivalry between Burroughs and Burbank, especially on the soccer field. After one of the most fun games to watch for those in the stands, the girls ended the game with a victorious 4-0 win on the home field, leaving everybody in the stands ecstatic. Sierra shares what the energy going around during the game was like while playing on the field, sharing, "I think the energy of the girls was just so pumped up and we played our best for all the seniors on the team. We played our game like we should and didn't play down to their level. We did our best." As the atmosphere during the Burbank game was her favorite, Carina shares, "We played so confidently as a team, and it was fun seeing how our playing made the Bulldogs shut down and get frustrated."

Rigg's favorite part of the whole game she claims had to be "when [teammate] Anna Kasper showed a muller girl how to count ten yards." Summing up how she felt about the game and playing them, she elaborated on "how sweet it was to kick their [...] on the field [and] not letting them get a shot off all game."

Soon after the rivalry games, Pasadena was beaten by us on our home field as well with an ending score of 3-1 on January 23rd.

Throughout the soccer season, both the varsity and junior varsity teams have grown closer together through (lots of) wins, and some curveballs thrown at them every now and then that mess up expectations for a game, but in the end, came to be worth it all.

Currently, both teams are finishing the season with a few more games and team dinners. The JV team is continuing to hold their outstanding record of being nearly undefeated, with only one goal being scored on them throughout the whole season. The varsity team is also ending the season very successfully with only a few more important games left until the girls all go their separate ways again until next time.

Fantastic job to all of the girls in the JBHS Girls' Soccer program that contributed to making history in the soccer program at our school!

Girls Water Polo

By Lauren Olea
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On January 9, 2018, the John Burroughs High School Girls' Varsity Water Polo had an intense game versus Crescenta Valley. Although the Indians lost 11-6 against CV they were able to keep their pride they lost the first game of the new year. The game which was held at Burroughs was heroically saved by top defensive Emma Nathan the star player of the game who managed to have 12 blocks that was able to keep Burroughs in the game. Hopefully the new year goes very good for them, with a lot of experienced returners to lead the team through tough games.

On January 16, 2018 the John Burroughs Girls' Varsity Water Polo had one of the most important games to them competing against Burbank High School. We were lucky to be able to beat Burbank on their home field with a score of 12-5, Indians. The girls were able to put their rivalry against Burbank aside and play their hardest, which was able to show with the exciting win against them. During this game everyone was a star player with an all-around good team effort and with everyone contributing to the win. Hopefully these ladies will be able to continue this season with as much effort and hard work as they showed during the Burbank game and that they are able to reach their goal of winning at least 2nd place in league or making it past the first round of CIF.

This past game the Girls' Varsity Water Polo team was able to beat Arcadia with the Indians winning with a close game of 9-8. Thankfully we were able to beat Arcadia on their own field on January 25, 2018. We were able to beat this team because the girls came together and were able to successfully work as one to take out the other team. The star player of the game was none other than our captain, senior Gwen Turla who was able to score 4 goals including one of them being the winning shot. After talking with Coach Jacob he says "The girls stayed positive and were able to work hard till the very end". The team is looking very good. Good comradery among all the girls, they are able to stay motivated and work very hard.



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Boys Soccer

By Mikaela Kaekul
Sports Editor

In this 2017-2018 season the John Burroughs High School Varsity Boys Soccer team were more than ready to get back into the game!

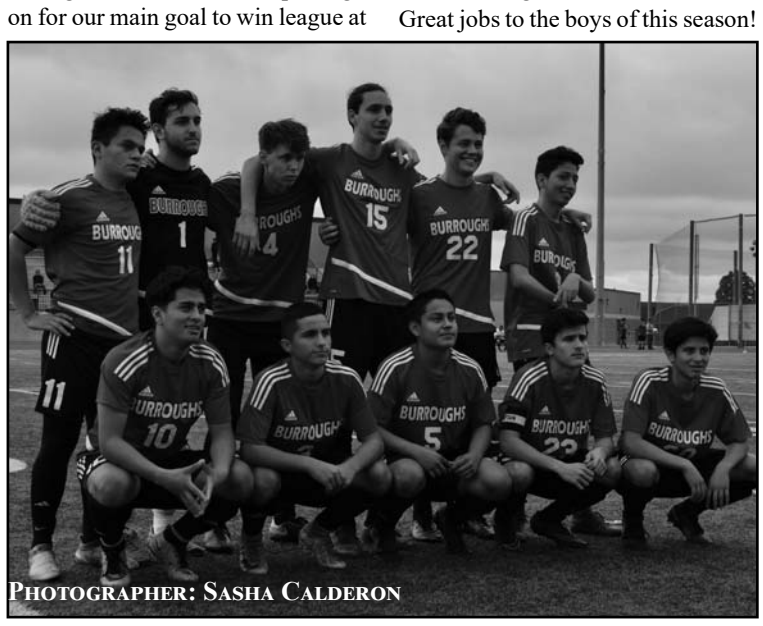
Starting off the season the boys had their first game against Pasadena High School which ended with a win for the boys at 4-2, Indians. After that the boys have been dominating the field with a few bumps in the road. Unfortunately there were some games that ended with a loss for Burroughs. One of which was the game against Arcadia on January 3rd, 2018 at their field with the final score of 3-1, Apaches. Senior Jake Von the loss was due to two red cards received early in the game which caused for a lack of players on the field. Next loss was against considerably one of our biggest rivals, Crescenta Valley High School on January 12, 2018 with a final score of 4-0 with CV in the lead. On January 26th the boys played Arcadia once again and unfortunately lost 2-1, Apaches. Unfortunately on the 2nd of February the boys had a tough loss to CV with the final score being 4-3.

After the two unfortunate losses the boys team bounced back and dominated the field with nonstop wins! On the 30th of December the boys beat Valencia High with the score at 3-1, Indians. Next was against Glendale on the th of January with a score of 2-0, Indians. The next few wins were against Hoover High (2-0), Muir High (3-2), Burbank High (1-0), and Pasadena High (4-3).

Senior Jake Von states, "With the win against Pasadena it helps us go on for our main goal to win league at the end of season!"

With the end of the season the boys played with their full potential in these last few games. Against Glendale High on the 30th of January the boys had taken the win with a final score of 4-1. The second to last game of the season the boys played against Muir and beat them 4-3.

The last game of the season was a great one for the boys, the final score of the game was 5-3, Indians. Great jobs to the boys of this season!



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Girls Basketball

By Jordan Palmer
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This 2017-2018 Basketball season the head coach of the Burroughs Varsity Girls Basketball Team is Vicky Oganyan. Ms.Oganyan had gone to Glendale High School, and went to college at Cal State Northridge. She loves the game of basketball and helping younger players improve their skills and sharing the passion of the game.

The goals for the year are to get better each practice and game individually and collectively. The varsity team does not really have a set of captains currently but they plan on rotating around the team but the senior returner is Marin Grote.

Marin has been in the program for four years on varsity. She's a center, a great rebounder, and a good defender. Ariana Farias is another returning player who's starting point guard and has been on varsity for three years. There currently is no star player and the talent is evenly distributed everyone contributes in their own way.

The team motto is Tribe at Work "We have a common commitment to working hard and to each other". Their strength as a team is determined by their close knit ties and their success is defined by their restless effort.

The team got ready for the season by doing strength and conditioning year round. During the summer they played over fifty games in various different tournaments. Summer and fall are dedicated to individual skill development.

On January 29th The Varsity Girls Basketball team played against Hoover High School. Burroughs won 60-13. Varsity coach Ms.Oganyan felt that the team won because they pressured the ball and got a lot of steals.

The star players of the game were Asia Morales, Faith Boulanger, and Jill Kukawski. Asia Morales scored 10 points. Faith Boulanger scored seven points and got two rebounds. Jill Kukawski scored seven points. The Varsity team has also recently won another game on January 31st against Glendale High leaving the final score at 40-29, Indians. Then they versed CV on the 2nd of February and won 50-36. The girls also beat Pasadena High by the final score of 41-40.

On February 8th, the girls team versed Burroughs biggest rivals, the Burbank High Bulldogs. The game was a tough one but in the end the girls won with the final score of 54-41..

This season was a big one for the girls especially the seniors this year but they stuck out and played with their whole heart because they know they will always have this to look back on in the near future.

Congrats to girls basketball team this year for all they've done. To the seniors of this 2017-2018 thank you for all you've done for the team this past season and the years prior!