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Welcome Back

Open House is filled with students (and a few parents)

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The school was buzzing with activity after school on Sept. 11. The band kids were practicing their instruments, the teachers started getting together at the quad area, and people were working together to set up stands and posters. Then from 5:00 to 7:00, parents and students, (or maybe just a student without a parent), started entering into the school and walking around to where their teacher's stands were.

"I would definitely say there were more kids than parents," said Kirstin Clark, who did bring her parent. "I think that parents don't show because by high school, parents don't care about their kids' education. Also, parents work. It's hard for them to get to school by 5pm."

Some students may have been plagued with guilt for their bad grades, but



others could have strolled up with a grin and a wink to their teacher.

"I went to Open House mostly for extra credit and to check out the clubs, since I want to try something new. I enjoyed Poly for its drinks. I came by myself. I looked forward to seeing all my COPs and ROTC classes," said Nichole Galindo.

Some of the stands that were set up were Science, Physical Education, English, History, and World Language. The purpose of Open House is for parents to meet with their children's teachers to know how their child is doing in their class, with students having the incentive to come for extra credit from their teachers. If a student is at risk for failure, this would be the time for the teacher to tell the parent, but if all was well, the teacher might put in a good word or two about the student and tell the student to keep up the good work.

"I went to Open House with my mom to meet my teachers, as well as to see what's happening at school. I had no teachers I didn't want to see, but I wanted to see Mr. Okonkwo because I got along with him and wanted to see how he was doing. I wanted to buy a German donut, but I had to leave early," said Janie Igoe.

The evening started with a small speech by Mr. Michael Bedard honoring those who died 18 years ago during the 9/11 attacks. ROTC presented the colors and the band played *The National Anthem*.

"We played *The Fight Song*, *Hey Baby*, *Seven Nation Army*, and *Mars*, to name a few. I played as a drill major, which was a little different from what I'm used to playing. I'm used to playing with the band, with my section, but this time I had to conduct the entire band," said Hannah Garcia.

Band played throughout the evening, with their final performance at 6:45. Cheer, Poly, and various solo singers entertained the crowd as they bought Tiki punch from Poly Club or German donuts from the German Club. The Taco Man did a brisk business. Mrs. Ruby Navarro arranged for the Taco Man to be on campus.

"No one sponsored the taco vendor. The taco vendor instead discounted the price of the food for everyone," she said.

"The Taco Man was someone who was selling food at Open House, near the German club. I ate two tacos and they tasted good, the rice was good too," said Kirstin Clark.

At around 6:55, some of the teachers started folding up the tables and taking down their posters. There were a few students around, who were either waiting for a ride, ones who helped sell, and those who were with their parents who were still talking with their teachers.

At attention: Mr. Michael Bedard gives a short speech to honor those who died on the 18th anniversary of 9/11 during Open House.

NEWS

Losing her battle

Mrs. Yolanda Ortiz dies from cancer

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Staff Writers

Mrs. Yolanda Ortiz, long time Spanish teacher, died on Sat., Aug. 17 after a long battle with cancer. The funeral service was held on Aug. 30 at the Iglesia Apostolica Fuente de Verdad in Rancho Cucamonga at 11am; she was then buried at Green Acres Memorial Park & Cemetery in Bloomington. Staff members such as Mr. David Rojas, Mrs. Leticia De La Torre, Ms. Herrera, Ms. Carmen Vega and Ms. Patricia Pahner were present at the service.



Mrs. Ortiz taught Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1 and AP Spanish. Seniors may remember her because the class of 2020 was the last class she taught.

"She was like a grandma to me. We would always talk to each other when I would show up to class early. She would ask about how my knee was and we

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This is the yearbook story the Bruin Yearbook ran in 2015 when Mrs. Ortiz was first diagnosed with cancer. We are running it in its entirety.

By Cynthia Rivera, staff writer from 2014-2015

"They thought it was harmless," said Mrs. Yolanda Ortiz. "It wasn't until I had a mammogram and did an ultrasound that I found out my tumor was cancerous."

June of 2013 was the month Mrs. Ortiz had discovered a lump on her left breast. When she first consulted her doctor, they discovered a small tumor. Mrs. Ortiz had scheduled an appointment for a mammogram. An ultrasound had inspected the lump on her breast and the lump was proven to be cancerous, stage 2. "I was distressed. When I told my family, they couldn't believe it because nobody had ever been diagnosed with cancer before."

Prior to getting the lump removed, the surgeon asked if she wanted to remove only the cancerous area or the whole thing. Mrs. Ortiz chose to remove everything. Two weeks into recovery, she had another surgery to remove the excess infected area.

After the surgery, she received chemotherapy treatment
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Rushing to join a club

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On Aug. 29, clubs set themselves up for Club Day during both lunches. The entire quad area looked like rush hour as students moved to and fro from club stand to club stand. There was German Club, BTC, Robotics, Latino Culture Club, Cambridge Hospice (not a club yet, but willing to do volunteer work), Vibe, Key Club, Cooking Club, Class year dance, and more. Robotics Club took the opportunity to show off one of their robots.

"That was just a test robot. It was made by designing the base then choosing to use a pulley wheel system connected to a gearbox double motor system. We then wired that to a Wi-Fi control system with Robo. Io," said Michelle Argumedo. "We don't really use it anymore except for school events like club rush to show off what the club is capable of accomplishing."

"I joined Swim Club and Agape Club. I joined Swim because I have a pool at my home, and swimming is a great exercise. Also, I've been told that I'm a good swimmer. I joined Agape club because my family is religious, and I love to learn the word of the lord. I'd join both again next year if I like them," said Emmanuel Mulato.

Twenty-five various clubs set up to collect new members. Students seemed to automatically be drawn to certain clubs, and huge lines were formed. With the large lines and people moving to and fro, it was hard for people to hear themselves.

"With all the people, it makes sense that it was loud

during Club Rush," recalled Denisse Osuna.

The newly formed Cooking Club was very popular. Darwin Manansala, club secretary, said, "We had so many people sign up that we had to close our booth second lunch." They had 36 sign-ups first lunch alone.

Amongst all the noise, other clubs relied on showing off their posters and their activities. In this market flow of ideas and clubs, those who were the loudest could convince students to join. If any of the ones manning the stands were nervous or didn't have enough gumption to reach out to the students, they could expect to not gain many sign-ups, unless the club was blessed with people who wanted to sign up anyways.

"Thirty-two people signed up for Agape Club, and I hope they show, but it's natural if they don't. I was quite satisfied with the outcome, and I would set up again for next year. It was a fun opportunity to reach out to the students in school," said Herbert Vega.



Andrea Lomeli signs up to join BTC. "I joined Drama Club because I get to express myself and be who I am there."

NEWS

Spirit, talent and courage

The final four compete for the title of Mr. and Ms. Bruin

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At 3:00pm there were four participants, eight yearbook kids, and ASB advisor Misty Wright running around trying to fix the sound speakers for the event in the nearly empty auditorium. In the meantime, Mr. Ryan Duckworth was tinkering with the spotlight, when Alexandra Alvarez came into the auditorium with two other friends to see Margarita Ortiz-Navarro participate. Alexandra sat down and turned to them, saying, "We're gonna cheer for Maggie (Margarita) when she's onstage." Her friends agreed with the statement.

The annual Mr. and Ms. Bruin pageant was to begin at 3:15, but took a few minutes longer due to trouble with lights. The judges, nine in total, had their individual ballots. There

were 16 contestants in total the day before the actual event, but only four made the final cut. At 3:21, Ms. Wright announced the start of the event.

The four candidates were judged for things like their uniqueness and poise, but could be disqualified for inappropriate behavior. There were four rounds in total: the introduction round, the talent round, the beach or sport attire round, and the formal attire round.

"I spent a good week practicing my poem, and I chose to do a poem because I love writing. My poem was called *The Sun and The Moon*. I joined because I already did a pageant, so I decided to do another at school. Getting changed for the clothing round took a good two or three minutes. It was a little bit hard and like a sport, you gotta push yourself," said Margarita.

Tickets were sold for \$1 at the business office and \$2 at the door, but were free with ASB cards. Unfortunately, the event was not well attended, with only nine tickets officially sold.

"My favorite act was Mekhi Stewart; he did a great job dancing, I was very astounded. He came out looking sharp. I also liked the wardrobe round. He was outstanding," said Mr. Israel Fuentes, school board member and one of the judges.

Andrew Veloz and Lizbeth Felix were the MCs of the event.

After all the rounds were over, there was considerable time given to the judges to confer with each other. In the end, the new Mr. Bruin was Mekhi Stewart and the new Ms. Bruin was Alina Sanchez. After the results came out, following a big round of applause for the participants, all four participants and a few oth-

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Final four: The four students that made the final Mr. and Ms. Bruin competition on Sept. 18 are Manuel Lievanos, Margarita Ortiz-Navarro, Mekhi Stewart and Alina Sanchez as they wear their formal attire.

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from Kaiser at Ontario. Mrs. Ortiz had gone through three different treatments before she stopped to receive a second opinion and alternative treatment. "I learned from a friend of mine, who just happened to be a doctor that Salvador Sanchez, an engineer in Mexico, could help with my illness."

Sanchez had asked for blood tests to determine what percentage of cancerous cells were still in her body. Salvador looked at her tests and he determined that she was cancer free,

despite the fact that the Kaiser doctors told her that she would never be cancer free.

"He has been treating people like myself for 40 years. They have been told that they had a limited time to live, but with his treatment, they went to live on for more than 20 years. Many people from around the world have sought out his help. I am very thankful for his acquaintance."

NATION

What's in the news

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Staff Writer

New Governor of Puerto Rico

On Aug. 2, Puerto Rico's Governor Ricardo Rossello announced his resignation after the island's largest protest called for his removal over a scandal involving leaked private chats, as well as corruption. Rossello named former congressional representative Pedro Pierluisi as the new governor. Pierluisi was sworn in on Aug. 2 but only lasted five days as the president of the Senate argued that Pierluisi's elevation was not valid because he was only confirmed by the House, not the Senate.



Two Mass Shootings within 24 hours

On Aug. 3, a gunman entered a Walmart in El Paso, Texas killing 20 people and injuring 26. The gunman was later identified as Patrick Crusis and has been indicted by a grand jury on one count of capital murder charge of multiple individuals. Crusis is expected to face federal charges in the case. Just 13 hours later, a gunman opened fire at a bar in Dayton, Ohio. Ten people were killed, including



the gunman, who was identified as 24 year-old Connor Stephen Betts. Police are still trying to determine the shooter's motive.

Jeffrey Epstein found Dead

On Aug. 10, Jeffrey Epstein, an American financier, was found dead by an apparent suicide in his prison cell. Epstein was awaiting federal charges after being arrested in July for the sex trafficking of minors in Florida and New York. Epstein was placed on suicide watch a week before his death but no guards checked on him for three hours the night of his death. His death is still under investigation by the FBI.



First Death linked to Vaping

On Aug. 24, Illinois officials reported the first death linked to vaping. A patient in Illinois was hospitalized for a severe lung illness and died. The patient reported that they had recently used an e-cigarette. Since then, there have been seven deaths in the U.S. linked to vaping. More than half of all reported cases are in people younger than 25. People who became ill experienced cough, shortness of breath and chest pain, and in some cases nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain. Michigan was the first state to ban the sale of flavored e-cigarettes and New York quickly followed. Retailers who violate the ban face a fine of up to \$2,000 per violation.



California Boat Fire

On Sept. 2, a 75-foot commercial diving boat was wrapping up its Labor Day excursion when suddenly it burst into flames off the coast of Santa Cruz Island. The 34 passengers that were sleeping below deck were trapped and killed. Five crew members that were not below deck managed to survive by jumping overboard. Pathologists believe the victims died of smoke inhalation. Authorities still have not determined a cause of the fire but there are signs the origin of the fire was in the galley, possibly started by cell phones that were overheating while recharging.



Hurricane Dorian

On Sept. 1, Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas as the most powerful tropical cyclone. Dorian first struck the Abaco Islands with maximum sustained winds of 185 mph. Dorian later struck Grand Bahama at a similar intensity. The damage to the islands was catastrophic as most structures were flattened or swept to sea. From the damages, at least 70,000 people were left homeless. Dorian proceeded along the coasts of the Southeastern United States and Atlantic Canada. The exact death toll is unknown and there are currently 1,300 people missing. Dorian is estimated to have left \$7 million dollars in damages.



Area 51 Raid

On Sept. 20, at least 2,000 visitors arrived to the Nevada desert to raid Area 51. Area 51 is the secretive U.S. military base known among conspiracy theorists and in popular culture as the place the government stashed alien spacecrafts (and aliens). The event began as a meme that spread from Facebook to Instagram, TikTok, Reddit, Discord and Twitter... morphing along the way. Many joked about wanting to see the aliens. A strong military presence surrounded the area, but only five people were arrested.



Trump's Leaked Calls to Ukraine

On Sept. 25, a whistleblower in Trump's administration released information about a call between Trump and the president of Ukraine. The call appears to reveal that President Trump asked the president of Ukraine to investigate the son of Joe Biden, a potential opponent to Trump in the 2020 election. Democrats in the House of Representatives are moving forward with an impeachment inquiry to explore whether Trump should be put on trial. The U.S. Senate is currently controlled by the Republican party by 53 senators to 47 Democrats and independents. Twenty Republicans would have to vote against him to oust him.



SPORTS

CROSSING THE LINE

Zoe Del Manzano
Staff Writer

After a let down at the first race the Woodbridge Invitational was a chance to redeem themselves. Jorge Mariscal said, "I think the Woodbridge race was a fun, exciting race and compared to my other races I think I did better in this race because I got a 15:45 and at the last one I got a 16:22."

One of the freshmen girls had a difficult time shaking off the nerves at the beginning of the race.

"It was hard to shake the nerves but once the race started, I was able to focus and shake off the nerves," said Alondra Mayorga.

Running on an injury, Ashley Rodriguez ran a 19:26 and felt like she could have done better. "I would say Rosemead was the best because I wanted to beat my personal record of 19:13," said Ashley. After the let down Ashley is ready to beat her best score and is trying to recover quickly.

After the race the team stayed and watched the older races. Kevin Solorzano said, "I was shocked by how fast they were. All I could say was 'wow.' We were offered food and that was ok, I only had some fries." The race also offered different foods for those there. At the end of it all the school took fifth place out of the many schools there.

Frosh Girls 9/21 League
187th place - Alondra Mayorga 26:50.6
195th place - Lysandra Baca 27:51.2

Frosh Boys 9/21 League
161th place - Bryan Haro 19:33.3
187th place - Alan Nava 19:57.8
245th place - Gabriel Diaz 20:33.9

Soph Boys 9/21 League
99th place - Victor Santos 17:55.3
270th place - Jose Ceja 19:43.2
318th place - Gustavo Velasco 20:38.2

Boys Varsity 9/21 League
19th place - Jorge Mariscal 15:45.3
42nd place - Kevin Solorzano 16:07.1
86th place - Alexander Martinez 16:32.5

Girls Varsity 9/21 League
12th place- Camila Rodriguez 18:44.7
19th place- Jesenia Lopez 19:02.1
30th place- Ashley Rodriguez 19:26.6

Let the ponies run: Yuritz Gonzalez and Gabina Navarro, members of the JV cross country team, let their legs and pony tails fly at the Woodbridge Invitational Sept. 20-21.



Injured setter sets tone

Lizzette Rivas, Tayli Rocha
Staff Writers

"I was sad because I really love playing. Not being able to play felt like torture," said varsity volleyball setter Gissele Ruiz.

Gissele, varsity volleyball's only setter, injured her knee this season and was unable to participate in the first two games of the season. Gissele's inability to play could have possibly made a difference against schools like Kaiser and Summit High School.

"Last season for two weeks I was unable to play and now again it's history repeating itself. Last season I just had to wear a brace, but this year I injured myself way worse that I needed crutches," said Gissele.

"Just with me setting doesn't mean we will win. It is a team effort, not just one person playing. We all have to give it our all and push to win," said Gissele.

Varsity's season has been off to a rocky start winning two out of fifteen pre-season games and zero out of four season games. "Varsity is going good but they just need to communicate and give each other better energy like how JV does," said Kayla Dones.

Junior Varsity has been off to a good start since pre season. Winning nine out of twelve pre season games and losing only one game of four season games.

With six more games left in the season, it could be possible for the varsity team to make a comeback.

"I feel that varsity's progress has changed a lot from the beginning of the season, we've grown closer and learned a lot more about the game," said Adriana Gonzalez.

"Varsity is a good team over all they just need to cheer on each other and believe in one another. JV is a very good team we have come together to form a wonderful team," said JV player Makenah Castaneda.

"Everyone can do better by practicing and pushing for a goal to achieve," said Gissele.

Varsity volleyball	
8/22 Nuview Bridge	3-0W
8/29 Chaffey	2-3L
9/03 Perris	2-3L
9/04 Serrano	0-3L
9/25 Colton	1-3L
10/2 GT	0-3L
10/4 Kaiser	0-3L

JV Volleyball	
8/22 Nuview Bridge	25-11W
8/29 Chaffey	2-1W
9/03 Perris	0-2L
9/04 Serrano	0-2L
9/25 Colton	2-1W
9/27 Fontana	2-0W
10/4 Kaiser	2-1W

OPINIONS

Where have all the clubs gone

Darwin Manansala, Brandon Garcia, Jago Legaspi, Anthony Brown
Editors

Like a cheap magician unwantedly sent to a kids' 16th birthday party, the school has once again added another roadblock to how students enjoy their time outside of long study sessions. Throughout the years leading to 2019, clubs have complained against things like the ban on selling food during school hours, the unending sea that is paperwork, and the ever so disappointing communication system on campus. Yet among these list of grievances lay a factor that has proven to be an even greater foe to the newer clubs on campus. The lack of teacher involvement in clubs and after school activities.

Earianna Johnson the secretary of the Theater Club said, "So many student ideas are going into the trash. There has to be more teachers interested in being with the students to not only pursue their ideas, but also ensure that everyone can be involved in the clubs they want on campus."

Although, as heartfelt as that statement is, it's a lot easier said than done. Students aren't the only one displeased with the current club situation. Many teachers cannot help the students as much as they'd like to due to several responsibilities on campus.

Mr. Jesse Guiles, an English teacher, said, "Teachers are expected to complete more tasks now, more than ever, and I believe teacher's have less time now then they did in the past. This is very unfortunate, a lot of Bloomington students have interests and talents that they probably can't take advantage of, due to the lack

of advisors."

Mrs. Christina Mojica, another English teacher, said, "I can't speak for everyone but many teachers on campus are dealing with kids on a daily basis, during and after school. Many teachers have families outside of school and they feel that because they're not getting paid (for advising a club) they are distancing themselves from their families. It's such a shame that many clubs are going unnoticed."

As hard as it is for clubs to raise money via food sales, some club advisors support the regulation of only selling after school hours.

ASB Business accounting and cheer coach, Mrs. Connie Barrera said, "Sure, it limits clubs as far as candy sells. But I think it's good because students don't need that much candy and chips in their diet anyways so I think it's kind of a good balance."

But, like a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat there's always more. Let's say you do manage to find an advisor. Unfortunately, things only get harder from there like it was for Margarita Ortiz-Navarro, who's Conspiracy Club lost its grip and vanished before our very eyes.

Margarita said, "Not only do you need an advisor, you need a well-oiled group to complete all that paperwork. It's not something you can just do alone. This isn't fair, it shouldn't be this hard for clubs to be formed and maintained on campus. Students have a lot of responsibilities as is, and there's a lot of things that they can and can't fulfill. It's just too much."

However, despite the major setbacks and neglect clubs have faced over the recent school years, some clubs have remained adamant on formation and maintenance. Clubs like the Cooking Club remains steadfast on their quest to run a successful club on campus.

Daniel Villalobos, president of the Cooking Club, said, "The key is persistence and tenacity. You're gonna fail and lose several times, that's what you're signing up for. A lot of people may say, 'This is ridiculous,' or, 'Knowing you, this will never work,' but you don't need them. Stick with it. Keep trying. Part of what makes a club a club, is persistence, patience, and the drive to do better."

The more the merrier: Spanish Club members Gisselle Rendon and Adriana Rios attempt to get a few more converts to their club on Club Day Aug. 29.



Link Crew has been cruisin'

Mackenzie Buell, Jessica Morales-Holguin
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It's that time of the year again for a Link Crew Movie Night. This time, they planned a double feature that students got to choose. Link Crew had a voting table outside their

room for a week so the students could choose what movie they wanted to watch.

"I voted for **Coraline**, it's a spooky Halloween movie so it goes with the theme, and

I'm excited to go since it's my last year here," said senior Yadira Vazquez-Villasenor.

The voting table was a "great turn out" said Mr. Matt Sutherland. "We had over 700

votes, and we decided to go with a double feature since the votes were close together, **Coraline** and **The Nightmare Before Christmas**. We're expecting a great turn out."

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OPINIONS

Dressed for Persecution

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It's the beginning of school, summer is still present and that includes the glaring sun beating down upon the student population. Surviving the heat is near impossible but with the appropriate attire, it makes the summer heat a bit more bearable.

Walking on campus as you look around you're in shock. Boys wearing the shortest of shorts topped with a crop top, stomach on display as well as, heaven forbid, their shoulders! Do they have any decency? Not to mention the girls, baggy shirts promoting gang violence and sagging pants. It's scandalous to say the least. And yet, we wonder. If it were the boys who wore cropped tops and spaghetti straps, would the new dress code be as strict as it is?

Let's face it, part of the controversy of the school dress code is that it's sexist; hence the outrage that many students have expressed.

"I think the dress code is dumb because it's only enforced against girls when guys break the dress code too. I see half of these guys wearing gang or sports related clothing, yet they get to walk around campus like that. Girls wear things to express themselves and I think that's better to just let them, rather than forcing them to wear something that they don't feel confident in," said Leanna Leyva.

"We definitely see more girls in here than boys. Girls come in here with tube tops, strapless shirts, spaghetti straps, and their midriff displayed the majority of the time. But boys are mainly dress coded for their caps, logos that show professional sports and the sagging of their pants," said the AP Secretaries. However, when we asked for actual stats, we were told, "I'm sure there is a way to get that on Zangle, but we don't have access to that."

Maybe these stats should be available to everyone, with a push of a button. We have a very sneaky feeling that boys are given a free pass, considering that the Dodgers are in the playoffs and we have seen dozens of boys wearing their Dodger

hats and shirts.

Not only this, but girls are made to feel uncomfortable and embarrassed after this referral.

The school agenda that was provided to students has a dress code policy that students must follow or else accept the consequences. Upon closer inspection, it has raised some questions.

One of the rules in the handbook states that no logos or sport team merchandise are allowed. So whenever a kid is wearing a shirt or a hoodie with the logo of a company like Vans, Nike, Aeropostale or a sports team like the Dodgers, Raiders, Barcelona, this is technically considered dress code. Why isn't this dress code policy being enforced as other ones?

Why is wearing a logo considered a bad thing? What's wrong with expressing favorite brands and teams on clothing?

Another thing the student handbook states is:

"No head coverings are allowed to be worn on school grounds except for school protective hats that fit the following descriptive..." which then describes the appropriate hats allowed on campus. Since it states "head coverings" this makes us wonder, what about religious head coverings like hijabs, niqab, and burqas?

"I didn't know my hijab was against dress code. I understand the whole hat thing but the way the policy states 'head coverings' makes it confusing. The school needs to re-write the dress code because it's not like they can tell me to take it off. If they do, well I guess I'll see them in court," Razan Shalabi laughed.

If religious coverings are allowed the district should review and revise the policy before printing and distributing the student handbook. This statement may offend those who choose to express their religion openly.

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Code...

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And why did the school board change the policy? Do they think that spaghetti straps lead to lower test scores?

This new policy states that:

“Clothing must cover the chest, torso, bottom, and undergarments. This includes spaghetti-strap tops, low-cut tops that show cleavage, crop tops, halter strapless, or off-the-shoulder, “Muscle” shirts, open back clothing, transparent or see-through clothing, clothes with holes that do not completely cover the chest, torso, bottom, and undergarments. Tops must have 1” (2 finger width) straps and completely cover torso. Skirts, shorts, or rips in jeans that are shorter than mid-thigh are also prohibited.”

For boys the two things that are applied to them is: no muscle shirts and no sagging their pants. Simple and easy to follow. Girls however have more constrictions to dress under.

Is the school against girls? Are school officials going to go around with a ruler and measure the strap on girls’ tops? Don’t we have better things to worry about?

Mr. /Ms. Bruin

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ers went onstage and started dancing to some music as the event formally ended. In addition, since all the participants were good sports, Mrs. Wright decided to give all participants a free homecoming ticket.

“I did a ballet and contemporary mix because those are the styles that represent my personality the most, they allow me to channel my most deep and dark emotions in a safe way. I danced to **Lost without You** by Freya Ridings. That song is about many types of pain and hurt and has allowed me to find myself. I participated because I felt like I had

the qualities needed to be Mr. Bruin, and I wanted to showcase my dancing abilities that I have not allowed many people to see. It was pretty hard to change clothes during the show, especially changing from sportswear to evening wear, because there was less time for me to change compared to others and I also had to help Ms. Bruin, Alina Sanchez, into her evening gown. It felt amazing that the judges selected me to be the embodiment of school spirit at Bloomington High School and I also felt very proud that I had the courage to even participate,” said Mekhi

Stewart.

“I’ve had my song for Mr. and Mrs. Bruin since the beginning of school, it was **Define Gravity** by Wicked. I participated because I thought it would be fun, and I like performing. Mrs. Wright also needed people, and I knew she could rely on me. I was in my dress from the start, but when I was getting changed into my athletic outfit, I needed more time. I was trying to throw on my clothes when I went out. I liked Mr. and Ms. Bruin because I liked just participating and having fun. I took the fashion as a joke. I made both dresses, with the red salsa one being made last minute. I was supposed to get a free homecoming ticket, but I had a senior packet, so that’s being figured out,” said winner Alina Sanchez.

Meeting of the minds: Potential candidates for Mr. and Ms. Bruin meet with ASB advisor Ms. Misty Wright. From left are: Everardo Gonzalez, Jared Espinosa, Mia Arellano, Alina Sanchez, Brettina Burdette, Jose Palacios, Manuel Lievanos, Justin Huerta, and Margarita Ortiz-Navarro.



Mrs. Ortiz

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would just talk about things for like ten minutes while we waited for the rest of the class. I remember bumping into her once at the doctors, and that was the last time I saw her. She was very kind and had a good heart,” said Arturo Franco.

She was also the one who started the Salsa Eating Contest. She was a teacher here at Bloomington High School for 14 years until she left due to her illness.

The following is a translation of Ortiz’s Obituary:

“Yolanda Estela Payan Villegas was born in Parral, Chihuahua on April 29, 1963. She is the oldest daughter of five kids of Anastasio Payan and Soledad Villegas Luna. She was raised in a modest but stable home with Christian principles. Since a young age she was interested in education and led to her teaching career. One of her greatest experiences was working at La Sierra of Chihuahua teaching the Native American kids in the area. In 2003

she began her career at Bloomington.

She married Salvador Ortiz on July 3, 1989. On the 14th of December of 1990, they were blessed with the birth of Heidy Ortiz-Payan and the 19th of March of 1994 brought the birth of Alejandro Ortiz-Payan.

In 2013 she was diagnosed with breast cancer, it took a few years for metastasis to take affect on her bones. Something beautiful her husband will always remember is when she found out she had cancer, she read the Bible four times, after which she would say to her husband: ‘If it weren’t for this cancer, I would never have found God.’

On the 23rd of March of 2014, Yolanda was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ to forgive her sins.

The family of Yolanda lived full of love and kindness, they participated in the serenity and peace she transmitted onto others.

On the Aug.17 of 2019, our beloved Yolanda slept in the arms of God.”

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Link Crew movie

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Students were excited, especially since their favorite movie was picked, but some were not, Aisha Campos being one of them.

“Am I disappointed? Yes. Am I surprised? No. I really wanted **Corpse Bride** to win because it’s an underrated movie, and **Coraline** is overrated,” said Aisha.

Link Crew members wanted to show different movies for their first Movie Night, they all agreed in the end it didn’t matter what movie it was, it was about getting together and enjoying the company.

“I enjoyed it, it was very fun but I was sad that the movies I picked did not get chosen but I still liked the movies that played,” said Estephania Pacheco.

Sept. 27 was a busy day after school for Link Crew members. Two after school events, Fall Fest and their Movie Night were scheduled. Link Crew, sold Hot Cheetos with cheese at the Fall Fest. Then turned right around and set up for their own event.

As the night went on, Link Crew had several clubs selling delicious treats to snack on while watching the movies. They also set up games to play outside if you just wanted to spend time with your friends.

Link Crew sold Hot Cheetos with cheese & drinks, Bloomington Theatre Club sold churro sundaes, Spirit Squad sold popcorn, Poly sold tiki punch, NHS had a nacho bar, band sold pizza and lemonade, and Key Club sold Capri-Suns. It was a great event as a lot of students came and some even brought their family/siblings.

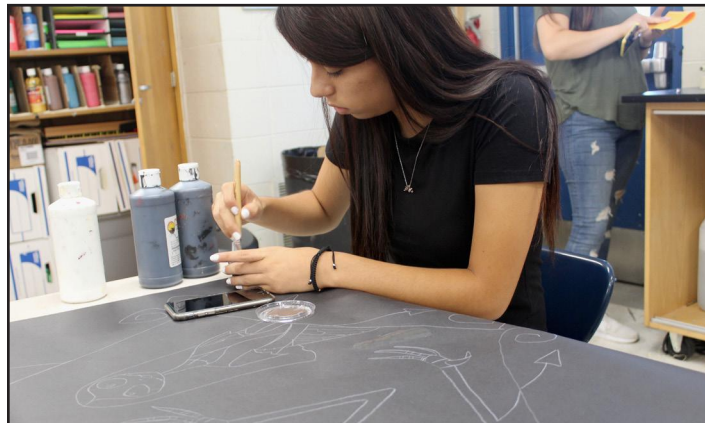
Overall, the first movie night went well.

“I think there should’ve been more chairs for people to watch the movie, but the movies that were picked were good and I really liked them. I also liked how clubs were still selling at movie night especially after Herbstfest. Besides not having enough chairs it was a great turn out!” said Daniela Brito.

Although there were many positive comments, some people had a few negative things to say about the event. “Movie Night was pretty whack, I couldn’t see the movie clearly but the food was good,” Luis Ramirez and Daisy Camacho explained.

For most people Movie Night was a success and people seemed to really enjoy it!

In the spirit: Dessire Garcia works on a movie night promotional poster. Link Crew made \$231 selling Hot Cheetos and cheese, snow cones, and drinks.



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Malina Abreo and Jacob Jones take down the Colors for the evening. “I was recommended by one of my cadets that I should be the one to handle the flag because I worked hard for it,” said Malina. “Every morning I have to be here at school by 6 a.m and then I have to wait after school to take it down.”

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