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Homecoming 2024: A Night In Greece

By Jacob Felts
Cub Reporter

John Burroughs High School just recently held its 2024 Homecoming event! The official theme was revealed earlier this semester in late September to be "A Night in Greece" and the event was held on Saturday, October 19th with doors opening at 6:30PM and the party officially ending at 10:00PM later that night.

The school was beautified for the occasion incredibly with ornaments and decor handcrafted and assembled by our Associated Student Body. As students walked through Building 1, waiting in line to enter the area where festivities were taking place, they saw the walls decorated with faux-marble pillars, vines, flowers, trees, even vinyl records and hand-drawn posters, reading "DONNA AND THE DYNAMOS! FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY OCT. 19" among other exciting things. There was a banner at the start of the hall welcoming students reading "HOTEL BELLA DONNA," of course from the 2008 film, sticking with the Greek theme, *Mamma Mia!*

Inside the premises the film itself was also being shown, displayed via enormous projection onto the face of Building 7, with bleachers set up in the middle of the quad for students to sit and enjoy the film. There were of course other areas set up with happenings for students to indulge in and enjoy. Probably most notable, a DJ was set up in front of the cafeteria to play popular pop and rap tracks for the students in the area to have fun and party to. He manifested a consistently huge crowd throughout the night, with mosh-pits starting regularly when he played certain key hits.

A favorite of everyone involved was "FE!N" by Travis Scott, which was played around four times. Everyone loved it every single time he played it, with students rushing from across the quad to the party area simply from hearing the first bright synth patches at the start of the song. Like moths to a flame, or Batman seeing the Bat-Signal shot upon the night sky and knowing that he is needed, they heard the song playing from across the school and knew immediately that they needed to mosh.



Guest Photographer: Lily Pynchon



Photographer: April Pickering





Guest Photographer: Brandon Godoy

The school also offered complimentary refreshments, including pretzels by way of two food carts set up in front of the big gym, and free water bottles on a table in the middle of the quad as well. However, they did eventually run out of water bottles, and ended up solving the problem by replacing them with paper Gatorade cups.

There was also a photo area set up in front of the library available to any students who'd like to remember this special occasion with an artifact for the future, for them to have pictures taken of them or their friend group.

What's important though, is how the students themselves actually felt about the event. Was this year's homecoming celebration was really that great? Did people really have that much fun? The answer is a resounding yes! Students the day after had to say that they had a lot of fun, and noticed even how much effort was put into the dance this year.

"I thought the night was so fun like the music was so much better than last year and the decorations were super cute," says Rebecca Giedt, "I was in the mosh pit for a while which was so much fun and scary since people were like pushing but overall it was the best HoCo I've seen and have been to."

Aaron Vasquez felt that, "Homecoming was pretty cool, I loved the upbeat music, the mosh pits, and the churros. I mainly danced with my friends, it was such a fun night."

Dakota Benz said that "This was my favorite theme I've seen all of high school and as a senior I'm lucky to end off my year with this as my last HoCo."

Overall, John Burroughs High School Homecoming 2024 appears to have been a great success, many students feeling that it was one of the best they've experienced, and as a Senior, one that they feel satisfied with and proud to have as their last. Hopefully this points to the John Burroughs only having even more fantastic, if not even better Homecomings into the future.

Remembering Mrs. Lombardo

By Zoe Belknap
Guest Cub Reporter

On September 24th, a bench dedication featuring speeches and performances took place at Bret Harte Elementary School to honor the late Karyn Lombardo, a beloved Kindergarten teacher and community member. Karyn Lombardo tragically passed away on May 7th of this year at fifty-seven years old.

Anyone who attended Bret Harte can tell you how much of a light Karyn Lombrado was in the lives of her community.

Stories of her positivity and kind smile are told by just about everyone who had the opportunity to meet her, not even just former students.

"I still think of her as one of my favorite teachers and people ever because I don't know she just like radiated this kindness," says one of her former students, Georgia Dedakian.

After her passing, many former students, parents, Bret Harte staff, and family members came together to find a way to honor her legacy. Led by Sam Benson, the Bret Harte Fundraising Committee President,



Guest Photographer: Kristi Dadekian

the school decided to gather donations to have the bench outside of her classroom be painted in her memory.

Generously, the City of Burbank donated the bench and had it painted by Kevin Smith and Jake Reese, artists at Muralism, a company designed around uplifting artists on the spectrum.

The painting on the bench is based on Shel Silverstein's book "The Giving Tree." The mural depicts a small boy reaching up for an apple being given to him by the tree. Along with being very fitting to Mrs. Lombardo's life as a generous teacher to her students, this book was also one of her favorites. In the thirty years she worked at Bret Harte, she read it to her students for each one.

For many people who had the privilege of knowing her, this book represented all that was great about Mrs. Lombardo. In the story, the tree gives the boy everything she can, just as Mrs. Lombardo did every day. Students and teachers alike remember Karyn Lombardo as a genuinely good person who was always giving and loving to all students. Even after kids had long progressed from her Kindergarten class, Mrs. Lombardo would still go out of her way to care for and support them, because that's just the kind of person she was. Everyone has at least one teacher that changed their lives forever, and for hundreds and hundreds of kids that teacher was Mrs. Lombardo.

To reflect this shared sentiment of her incredible positive impact, Bret Harte alumni from John Burroughs High School's Vocal Music Association performed "For Good," from the 2003 musical *Wicked*. With the lyrics, "Because I knew you / I have been changed for good," this song was the perfect choice to exemplify how much Karyn Lombardo benefited the lives of the people around her.

The inscription on the bench reads, "And the tree was happy."

Though Mrs. Lombardo's great absence at Bret Harte and in Burbank will be felt for a long time, there was no better way to preserve her memory than this.

With a ceremony and bench bursting at the seams with happiness and love, Mrs. Lombardo's essence was undoubtedly captured to be remembered for years to come.

Our condolences go out to her family and loved ones.

31st Annual College and Career Fair

By Melanie Derkeverkian Haftvani
Cub Reporter

This year's Burbank Unified School District College and Career Fair on September 21st, 2024 had over 80 stands. Representatives from colleges, universities, military branches, and other institutions were present.

Notably, eight out of nine University of California (UC) schools were there, UC Berkeley being the one that didn't attend. A couple stands were for answering questions about college, from organizations that sell guidance for higher education applicants.

The event lasted from 9AM till 12PM, going on for several hours. Two financial aid workshops were presented by Dennis Schroeder, the Financial Aid Director at LA Mission College. These took place from 9:30AM to 10:30AM and from 10:45AM to 11:45AM.

One of the "other" stands that was there was GAIN Federal Credit Union. GAIN talked to attendees about their Independent Advantage program, which teaches teens about financial literacy and gives them the opportunity to apply for a credit card. The free 4-night program allows high school students to build a credit score this way.

Another stand at the 31st Annual College and Career Fair was for the Career Technical Education (CTE) program. CTE dual enrollment works with Glendale Community College and Los Angeles Valley College to provide the opportunity for high schoolers to take college classes for free. These classes give students college credit which goes toward your college grade point average. That is alongside high school credit for the classes.

As previously mentioned, some institutions were giving advice for applying to college. Navigatio College Consulting is one of these institutions. They emphasized the importance of taking time on your applications, writing everything you've done and then going back to proofread. Written on their tip handout, they suggest being concise and clear in your essays while providing necessary context.

There was certainly something for everyone at this year's annual College and Career Fair. Glendale Community College was one of the most frequently visited stands just below UC Los Angeles. Their UC Transfer Admission Guarantee program is an incredible one. The program gives qualifying students guaranteed admission into one of the following UCs of their choosing: UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, or UC Santa Cruz.

For those interested in joining the military, four military branches were at the fair. The Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy all had people actively serving in the military speaking to students. For those interested in joining the military, our school offers the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test (ASVAB) during school hours for free. Passing this test is required to join, and the test is also for those wanting to see what career might suit them the best.

Looking forward to next year's College and Career Fair, there will hopefully be the same amount of attendees, or more. Best of luck to all Seniors in their journey post graduation, whatever that may be!

Bricks And Minifigs Opens In Burbank

By Aiden Francoeur
Cub Reporter

Burbank's very own Magnolia Blvd. is known for it's wide variety of locally owned restaurants, stores and more. The latest addition to this wide collection of small businesses is that of "Bricks and Minifigs," a Lego reselling store. Located on 1919 W. Magnolia Blvd, Bricks and Minifigs is just one of the several Bricks and Minifigs locations that have been popping up all around the country.

The owners, Van & Jon Gaboudian, have known about the brand for a long time, and like many others have wanted a Bricks and Minifigs location in the San Fernando Valley for a while. According to Van, their biggest goal is to "Help the San Fernando Valley LEGO community flourish," and according to him, he "wants this store to be a place where fans can meet and show off their creations, or find that white whale they've been looking for."

On the 28th of September, Bricks and Minifigs (or BAM for short) hosted a "buy event" in which Lego fans of Burbank could come to it and get either cash or store credit for their Lego. According to the owners, the event was so successful that there will not likely be another event.

A month later, BAM Burbank hosted another event, this time being their Grand Opening on the 28th of October. They are open 7 days a week, from 11AM to 7PM.

Regarding trading Lego, you can bring in your used or new Lego anytime, and if you want to maximize your value, make sure to bring your sets in built, as it is impossible to tell if it is either nearly or fully complete by looking at a bag of bricks. BAM Burbank also has a rewards system, so for every $100 spent at this location, you will receive $5 to use in store.

For anybody looking to work at this location, you must be 18 to process trades as an employee. Looking ahead, the Lego community here in Burbank will continue to build, brick by brick, due to this new location.

Sophomore Class Holds Talent Show

By John Anderegg
Editor-In-Chief

JBHS' Sophomore class held their annual Talent Show in the auditorium from 6PM-8PM on Friday, September 27th. The show featured students from all grade levels showcasing their skills for a prize of $100. Talent Show serves as the Sophomore class' major fundraiser for the year, meaning every person who showed up to watch directly contributed to the activities hosted by this year's Sophomore class!

Austin Carter, 1st place winner of the Talent Show, performed a movie themed mashup including songs like "Summer Nights" from *Grease*, the main title theme from *Jaws*, "Barbie Girl" by Aqua, and more. "When I was preparing I was working a lot, but there's this feeling of nervousness that comes in like 'Am I going to perform well?' but once I go up and do it, all that nervousness goes away and I think I did really well. It felt great," Austin said. "I wasn't really expecting to win. I didn't even think I was gonna place 'cause there were some other really cool acts, I thought they would place. I didn't think I'd win. I've been in Talent Show every year and this is the first year I've won. It felt like all the practice paid off."

Battina Diaz took 2nd place by performing Olivia Rodrigo's song "All I Want." "I signed up for the talent show because I thought it was a really cool opportunity to show my skills and see what people thought of it," Battina commented. "I always take the chance to improve on my skills whenever I can and I love doing it! It was a lot of fun to perform at the Talent Show and I would definitely recommend it, whether you're scared to do it or not. It was a wonderful experience!"

Jacob Huges won 3rd place with The Beatles's song "Across The Universe" and a guitar arrangement of "The Entertainer." "I feel really honored and I'm really grateful to my friends and family that showed," Jacob said. "It feels really nice because I've been doing the Talent Show since Freshman year."

An honorary mention went to Peyton Miller. "I practiced a lot. I was a little surprised because I didn't think people would vote for me but I'm happy that people appreciated the work I did. It was fun and I think it was very well put together," Peyton said.

Congratulations to Austin, Battina, and Jacob for winning this year's Sophomore class Talent Show! All money raised during the show will go towards future ASB activities, so be on the lookout for any upcoming events!

IMA Concert

By Charles Yungul
Cub Reporter

On Thursday, October 10th, the John Burroughs High School Instrumental Music Association had its first concert of the year to show of its students growth in rhythm reading, and musicianship, entitled "It's About Time," which featured the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Orchestra, and Concert Band, as well as for the first time since the pandemic, performances from small ensembles and combos. Some of the music played featured odd time signatures, complex polyphonic syncopations, and popular melodies from A-list films, such as "Star Wars Medley," "Jurassic Park," and a selection of songs from the hit TV show "Doctor Who: Through Time and Space."

David Espana, the Instrumental Music Director whose integral role in conducting each band, and management in set design, projections, and other visual effects for the concert, noted that "Just as a clock relies on each gear to keep perfect time, this concert was a success thanks to the efforts of everyone involved." In addition to expressing his gratitude for each facet of what made the concert a success, such as: Tech Crew's amazing projections and spotlights, the Band Booster's continuous financial support, and their instrumental coaches, he also pointed attention to their "new string and percussion instruments," which were provided by the Burbank Arts and Education Foundation. This is the second year that the JBHS IMA has had a strings program as a part of its Symphonic Orchestra, formerly known as Symphonic Band.

The concert thematically centered around the motifs of stylistic differences in various elements of pop music throughout the years, hence the name. The Concert Band kicked off the night with "Star Wars Medley," and "Centuria." The latter piece was a unique appetizer for what was to come in the concert as it took the typical orchestral contour of most band performances, and used it to reference the various songs and marches, played in marching bands, and made popular by composers such as John Phillip Sousa.

After the Concert Band took the stage, Symphonic Band played the pieces "Danse Macabre," and the Concert's title track "It's About Time." "Danse Macabre" is about Death itself becoming reborn at midnight on Halloween, and "It's About Time" featured three popular melodies from the musical "Porgy and Bess," the film "Casablanca," and the standard "Time After Time." The Wind Ensemble performed the American Folk Song "Shenandoah," and a tribute piece to Gordon Goodwin, and George Gershwin entitled "Sevens." Finally the bands came together to perform "Jurassic Park," "Doctor Who: Through Time and Space," and "Fantasy Adventure at the Movies."

Queen Tobie Siems

By Valentina Victoria
Cub Reporter

Homecoming just went by so here's a few things about your new Homecoming Queen, Tobie Siems.

Tobie is an amazing student here at Burroughs, she's excelling as a student by having a GPA of 3.9 and has taken over five APs and multiple Honors classes throughout her four years of high school.

Her favorite teachers have been Mr. Brinton and Mr. Frakenbush who teach History.

She's also part of many extracurricular activities such as the JBHS Drama Department and Teen Court which she is the ambassador for. Tobie is also a part of Link Crew and is the Student Commissioner for the 2024-25 school year.

For sports she is a part of the Varsity Girls Tennis Team.

She is also a part of the Hiking Club and the Improv Club. During her free time, Tobie enjoys doing many things such as art. Her main artistic interest right now is chalk art and drawing which she shares on an art account on Instagram. Other hobbies she enjoys right now is acting and cooking which she has been doing for many years now.



Guest Photographer: Aly Stoliker

As of now Tobie doesn't have a job but she previously had a summer job this past year as a camp counselor at McCambridge Summer Days Parks and Rec. She has also done many other volunteer work at other summer camps and other work in different places.

As for the dance Tobie wore a light blue dress that matched the Greece theme perfectly and she went with her boyfriend Winston Bromhead who she's been with for nine months. He drove them there but first went to take pictures at the Johnny Carson Park with all of their friends. Afterwards, they went to hang out with some friends and to get food.

When Tobie got nominated she said she felt very excited and thinks it's a very cool thing especially since she was nominated alongside her boyfriend who asked her to be his Homecoming date two weeks before with a poster and flowers. Winston said "Tobie is an amazing person. She's talented and kind to everyone around her. I'm so excited to be going to Homecoming with her."

Tobie said "As I leave Burroughs, I have no regrets; being part of Homecoming court with my boyfriend Winston is one of my highlights, and I'm looking forward to what the future brings."

Her goals for the future are to go to a prestigious college and hopefully major in something that has to do with public speaking. Tobie feels like that is really her passion and has always found public speaking to be easy while also enjoying spreading awareness to causes she's passionate about.

Tobie's biggest inspiration has always been her mom; she says she has always been a hard worker and always told her to follow her dreams.

From us at the *Paw Print* we would like to thank Tobie and congratulate her on being Burroughs 2024 Homecoming Queen.

King Daniel Ortiz

By Christian Garay-Dang-Mendez
Cub Reporter

Daniel Oritz was this year's Homecoming King. At the dance he wore a black tux and black shoes, and went with friends.

When asked how he felt about being nominated he said he didn't know that all his friends went behind his back and asked the organizers for his name to be on the list. He didn't know how to feel about it but he was excited and didn't know what to expect.

When he won he felt extremely happy and he said it was unexpected but it would be a good memory and a core memory from high school.

Daniel says, "Whatever you choose you don't do it because you have to but because you want to and do it with pride, joy and do put 100 percent always"

One of his best friends since elementary school Marcello Estrada said, " Daniel is a very good person, is nice and caring and speaks his mind, he also has good leadership qualities and is funny.



Guest Photographer: Ashley Carter

Daniel is known for being on the Football team, ASB, Latinos Unidos, and other various clubs around campus.

He is also a very good student with a 3.2 GPA. AP Literature is his favorite class and Mrs. Hacker is his favorite teacher because she keeps it real with everyone. He likes ASB because he likes that they host all the events and likes to work on them.

What he likes to do in his free time is spend time with family and friends and he enjoys car watching. His goal for Senior year is to make as many memories as possible.

His plans for college are to go to Santa Monica Community College and play football then he wants to transfer to a four year university and then major in Mechanical Engineering.

After he graduates from university and gets his degree in Mechanical Engineering he wants to pay his parents back. He eventually wants to start a family and then he would like to reunite with his team every ten years. He has self-motivation and his family motivates him but also his friends and teammates push him to give it 100 percent.

Princess Giada Villafuerte

By Sofia Negrete
Cub Reporter

Congratulations to Giada Villafuerte, Homecoming Royalty!

Giada, known for being a cheerleader and a kind friend won this year's Homecoming Royalty. Going to Homecoming, her parents dropped her off with her wearing a sparkling pink dress along with some beautiful heels.

When she was announced as a nominee for Royalty, she felt really good and shocked and not too long after, when she was announced Homecoming Royalty, she felt surprised and didn't expect it. A quote she gave was "Live life, party hard."


Guest Photographer: Ashley Carter

In her free time Giada likes to read, draw, dance and have fun with family.

Her in school activities are Cheer and Latinos Unidos.

Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Pavel and her favorite class is Biotechnology.

Her plans for college are to attend community college and then attend a four year university.

Giada also wants to be a professional performer or a medical researcher.

Her goals for the year are to do well in school and to have fun as it is her last year in high school.

Some of her biggest inspirations are her Cheer Coaches, Coach Tristen and Coach Mark, her Dance teachers Mrs. Amy, Maestro Miguel and Maestro Josue.

Giada has said that she's very grateful to anyone that has helped her along the way, especially her family and close friends and hopes to accomplish more in her future. Congratulations Giada!

Prince Silas Schulz

By Jayda Lara Tran
Cub Reporter

On October 19, 2024, in a night of celebration, Silas Schulz was crowned as a Homecoming Prince for this year.

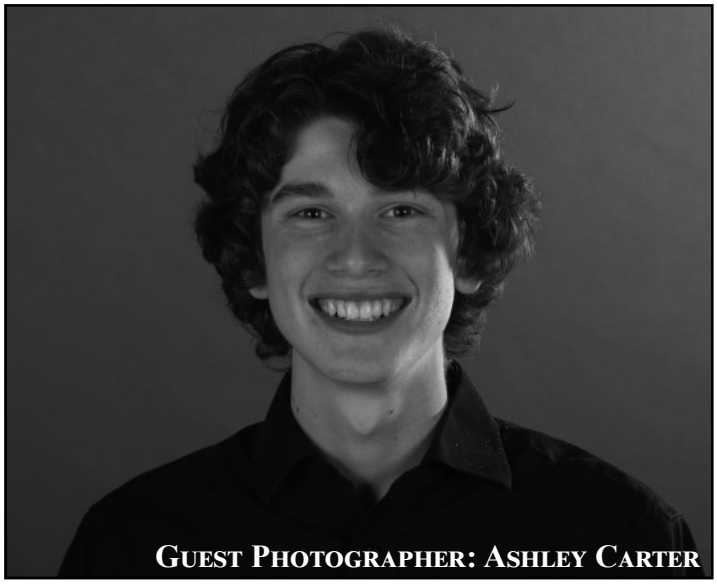
Last year, he went dressed as Flynn Rider from Disney's *Tangled*. This year, he wore a sharp black suit and he attended the dance with a few of his close friends.

Getting nominated wasn't too much of a surprise since he had known that his friends were planning on voting for him.

After Homecoming, he spent the rest of his night hanging out with a group of close friends.

A quote Silas wanted to give summing up how his Senior year is going so far is, "I don't have a quote, I don't have time for that."

His dedication to the arts and his extraordinary talent has made him stand out and very well-known in the fine arts department. Silas joined Soundwaves during his Sophomore year, second semester. He is now in multiple VMA choirs including, Powerhouse, Men At Work, and Neo Chromatics. He is also in Drama's Play Pro class; you might have even seen him playing the Pied Piper for Drama's "Shrek the Musical" last school year. This is his second year in Link Crew and fourth year in Teen Court.


Guest Photographer: Ashley Carter

Teen court is top on his list for his favorite clubs and thinks everyone should check it out! Teen court is not only fun but greatly helps with students trying to live without a past haunting them. They do their absolute best to help students and erase crimes off their permanent record. They help with getting enough community service hours and much more that can affect your chances of things like getting a job or just overall having a better early adulthood.

Silas has never failed at maintaining an excellent academic record but his focus will always be more based on the arts. He found it difficult to pick just one class as his favorite since each class had their own elements which made them so intriguing. Three of the classes he chose as his favorite were, Choir, Photography, and AP literature.

Outside of school hours, he has recently been finding himself either filming a prescreen, applying to a college, or at rehearsal. When he does have free time, he is either at home writing songs or poetry. His current occupation is dog sitting for his friendly neighbors!

The only goal he has planned for this year like many others is to get into a good college. Out of all the schools he's applying to, he's particularly excited about the possibility of attending Carnegie Mellon University. He plans on doing musical theater or acting and Carnegie's fine arts reputation make it a school that stands out the most for him. He has already spent time on their campus for their musical theater program and has envisioned himself thriving in their welcoming environment.

He is also very fortunate to have so many career path options for him. Other than acting and musical theater, he can also visualize himself doing poetry or song writing. His biggest inspirations are his parents. Both his parents did musical theater so Silas was familiar with a lot of shows since he often went to watch his parents acting.

Before Silas began pursuing his musical theater path, he struggled with anxiety. His parents were the biggest push to convince him to start his exploration into the arts. He once had to be incentive with money to even go to rehearsals. He believes that if it hadn't been for his parents, he never would have discovered his passion in it all. He will continue to make a great reputation wherever he goes and fulfill all his dreams.

Silas is more than proud to be crowned as this year's Homecoming King and very fortunate that this once-in-a-lifetime experience was able to happen to him.

Princess Lana Dadekian

By Elizabeth Browngardt
Cub Reporter

Homecoming 2024 was a night to remember. With the theme of "A Night in Greece," Homecoming was filled with excitement and many memories. This night was especially exciting for Lana Dadekian, who became John Burroughs Royalty. Congratulations Lana!

Lana is a Senior here at John Burroughs High School who was crowned Homecoming Royalty thanks to the voting of her fellow class members. She drove herself to the event and arrived wearing a stunning dress with silver jewelry. Lana spent the night dancing and enjoying her Senior Homecoming with all of her friends.

When Lana first heard her name announced as a member of the Homecoming Court, she was surprised and didn't expect it. She candidly shared her initial reaction, saying, "Oh wait, that's my name." Lana is deeply grateful to have been chosen as part of the Homecoming Royalty.



Guest Photographer: Aly Stoliker

After the amazing night, she went to a party at her friend's house. Lana felt like it was the perfect way to wrap up her magical night. Homecoming 2024 was truly a night to remember for her and her friends.

Lana is well-known at John Burroughs High School for her dedication to the Choir. As the President of the VMA Choir, she has been a committed member for all four years of high school. Although she enjoys her film and TV class, Choir remains her top passion. Despite her busy schedule filled with extracurricular activities, Lana finds time to ride her bike, paint, and spend time with friends.

Looking ahead, Lana aims to achieve straight A's and gain admission to a college for musical theater. She is inspired by her sister who is also pursuing musical theater in college. Lana aspires to follow in her sister's footsteps and make her proud.

Lana is very thankful for everyone who voted and is honored to be a part of the 2024 Homecoming Court. She will continue to show her school spirit and aim to achieve her goals.

Prince Micah Abbey

By David Romero
Cub Reporter

One of this year's Homecoming Princes, Micah Abbey, truly captured the spirit of Burroughs High School with his unforgettable evening.

Abbey, known for his laid-back, yet leadership-driven presence, made quite the statement at the event. He sported a sleek look in a black-and-white ensemble featuring a crisp white shirt, a white tie, and a work jacket. The understated but stylish outfit added to the classically cool aura that everyone has come to admire about him.

Micah attended Homecoming alongside his friend Hal Callaway. They shared plenty of laughs throughout the night.

After the dance, the celebration continued with some post-Homecoming bites at Chick-fil-A, followed by an after-party with friends, rounding off a night to remember.



Guest Photographer: Aly Stoliker

When asked how it felt to be nominated, Micah admitted, "I was surprised since I didn't ask anyone to vote for me. But it felt pretty cool and joyful to know people thought of me."

His reaction to being crowned Homecoming King was a mix of shock and pride, saying that the moment meant a lot, especially considering the overwhelming support from his classmates. A man of few words, Micah kept it short and sweet with a simple, "Thanks, guys," during his crowning moment. His humility and gratitude made the win all the more special for everyone watching.

Outside of Homecoming, Micah is known for his leadership as Senior Class President and his involvement in ASB, Water Polo, and the Surf Club. Despite his busy schedule, he continues to excel academically, with his favorite class this year being CPM.

Known for balancing academics, athletics, and his passions seamlessly, Micah also works part-time as a lifeguard in Verdugo and is involved in acting at Nick Animation Studios.

As for the future, Micah has big plans to attend a Cal State or UC, and possibly explore out-of-state options. His goal this year is to make lasting memories and get accepted into a great college.

When asked who inspires him, Micah responded without hesitation, "My mom."

With a bright future ahead, Micah Abbey's Homecoming win is just the beginning of what's sure to be an unforgettable Senior year.

Princess Ava Tomlinson

By Ginger Short
Cub Reporter


Guest Photographer: Ashley Carter

Congratulations to this year's Homecoming Princess, Ava Tomlinson!

To celebrate this year's theme of a "Night in Greece", Ava wore a stunning red dress to show her school spirit. Complete with heels and jewelry, Ava wanted to honor her last year of high school and take every possible moment to show her gratitude for all she has achieved within Burroughs and those who pushed her to go beyond.

The fun started when her boyfriend asked her to Homecoming with an adorable sign proposal, and then she found out she had been nominated to the Homecoming Court, and the day had gotten a thousand times better. "I was really surprised," Ava exclaimed in reaction to getting nominated, "but really excited."

Ava calmed her nerves before the big night by hanging out with her friends and drawing to pass the time. Once she had arrived from the carpool with her friends and tore it up on the dance floor, she gathered herself to listen to the winners of the Homecoming Court. The anxiety and anticipation of the competition only fueled her hopes to make the Court, and in the bright moonlight in the John Burroughs quad, her hopes came true. Ava stated that she didn't expect it at all, but was thankful nonetheless.

Since it is the beginning of her Senior year, Ava expressed her goal to "enjoy my last year of high school," and winning Homecoming Princess certainly fulfilled that goal. In celebration of her big night, she went out with her friends to dinner afterward and talked the whole night. Even though her boyfriend goes to a different school, he is there to support and congratulate her. Ava made the absolute most of the night and enjoyed a relaxing Sunday after, still buzzing with excitement.

After Homecoming had settled down, Ava reminisced about what led her to the position she is in today. She credited her friends, teachers, and most of all her brother, as her biggest inspiration and role model in her life.

In addition to becoming Homecoming Royalty, Ava has been and continues to be an indispensable part of the John Burroughs community due to her involvement in sports, clubs, and more!

She is the captain of Girl's Varsity Water Polo and even practices outside of school with club water polo. Ava also co-founded the "Women in Sports" club in order to build a community for girls at John Burroughs who are interested in athletics.

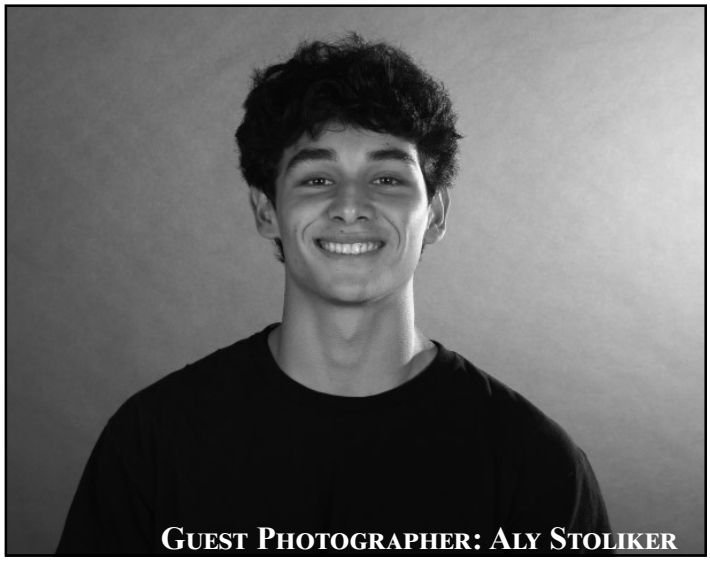
In addition to her dedication to sports, she is also an academic superstar. With a 4.2 GPA, Ava loves history and learning about business. In fact, after taking APUSH with Mr. Piper, Ava has been considering becoming a history teacher in the future. "I could see myself working here," Ava stated, referring to returning to Burroughs as a teacher. She also has an interest in being a Water Polo coach for the Burroughs team.

Ava plans to go to college out of state, and experience the world before settling down, even if that may include returning to Burroughs. With so many future options awaiting her like teaching, coaching, and business building, Ava is more than excited to take charge of her senior year and set herself up for the future ahead.

In the end, the Homecoming Princess Ava Tomlinson is beyond elated and grateful for her nomination and victory. With the end of her high school education in sight, this Homecoming night will be one to remember.

Prince Caiden Shrode

By Kiana Hildebrandt
Cub Reporter


Guest Photographer: Aly Stoliker

Caiden Shrode, one of this year's Homecoming Royalty, said that he was surprised and didn't expect his win on Homecoming Court this year.

Before his win was announced, he attended the dance with his girlfriend, Lala Nestor. He asked her with a surprise of cookies and a poster.

After the dance had ended the two went out to get food together.

Shrode is a Senior this year and is well known for the part he plays on our school's Boy's Varsity Volleyball team.

Along with his sports abilities he also values his education as a 4.3 average GPA student on this campus.

Currently, his favorite class is AP Statistics, and his favorite teacher is Mr. Brinton.

The inspiration that he has to be the best student he can be are his parents.

His goal is to end this year with straight A's and to move on to a four year college after graduation. Shrode's goal is to attend either a UC or Pepperdine.

Additionally to the goals he has academically, Shrode enjoys activities outside of school. Some of his hobbies include playing video games with friends, working on cars, and golfing.

His fellow teammate and friend, Ryder Tafoya said, "Caiden Anthony Shrode has been one of my close friends since Freshman year, and I've been so happy to build relationships with him in volleyball, and we're going to get it this year."

Congratulations Caiden for making this year's Homecoming Court!

Princess Sadie Beal

By Amberlyn Grajeda
Cub Reporter

Congratulations to Sadie Beal, one of this year's winners of Homecoming Court! Sadie Beal attended the dance and enjoyed the night with some of her close friends. She wore a short blue dress with a corset in the back, heels, and jewelry.

Sadie Beal didn't even expect to be nominated, explaining, "I didn't expect it. I was not expecting to be nominated. I felt honored, I was very honored that I was chosen…" She was really surprised to win and described herself as being, "...really honored and really happy and really grateful that people chose me."

After Homecoming Sadie Beal and her friends decided to go out to dinner to enjoy the rest of the night and celebrate her big win.

When it comes to academics, Sadie Beal is a very dedicated and hardworking student. She has a GPA of over 4.0 and is currently taking many Advanced Placement classes including AP Psychology, AP Literature, AP Government, and she plans to take AP Econ next semester. Some of her favorite teachers are Mr. Peebles, Ms. Permenter, Mr. Kuglen, and Mr. Everhart.



Guest Photographer: Aly Stoliker

Sadie Beal is also involved in many activities across campus, including Choir, Student Mental Health Board, and Teen Court, which she really enjoys.

Among her friends, Sadie Beal is known for being in Choir, being a good student, and getting good grades.

Sadie Beal has many hobbies and interests that take up her free time. She stated, "I like to sing, I like to play guitar, I like to spend time with my dog, I like to spend time with my friends, and I like watching TV shows and movies."

Another thing that takes up her free time is her job. Sadie Beal currently works for her old fifth-grade teacher who has a Math tutoring business. At the moment she is only a substitute tutor, so she only goes in when needed. In the past, she used to work part-time and go in twice a week to help elementary school students with their Math work.

This year, Sadie Beal's main goal is to enjoy every moment of her Senior year. She explained, "My goals for the year are probably to enjoy Senior year to its fullest and take advantage of every single moment and just have the best time I can in my last year of high school."

As for after high school, Sadie Beal would like to attend a liberal arts college, but she may also end up attending a UC. She hopes to attend college out of state, possibly in the northwest or northeast area.

Sadie Beal describes her main inspiration as her future self. She explained, "I feel like my main inspiration is who I want to be in the future. Like, who I want to be ten years in the future is my main inspiration because it pushes me to move forward and achieve that goal of being the person I want to be."

Congratulations to Sadie Beal and all of this year's Homecoming Court!

Prince Winston Bromhead

By Mary Engel
Cub Reporter

Homecoming Prince Winston Bromhead attended the dance wearing a black collared button-down shirt, black dress pants, and a gold tie to match his date, Tobie Siems.

When he asked his date, he created a poster and brought her flowers on the weekend two weeks before the dance. Getting to Homecoming he drove himself and his date. After the dance, he got together with friends and went out to eat.

Finding out he was nominated, Bromhead says, "I was really surprised actually, it is a great feeling to know that my peers wanted me as a nominee." He felt very appreciative of his friends' support.



Guest Photographer: Aly Stoliker

Bromhead is known for being on the Dance team and Soccer team. With a good GPA, and straight A's, he does very well in school. A favorite class of his is AP Lang. with Mr. Kuglen as his teacher. He enjoys this class as he feels Kuglen's lectures are entertaining, and he has friends in the class as well which makes it a very memorable and fun experience.

Bromhead doesn't have much free time as he normally goes to dance after school, or plays soccer. As his job he acts, but not full-time.

Bromhead's main goal for the year is to get into a good college and hopes to attend the colleges he is interested in. An inspiration of his are his parents, who push him to do better in school and his extracurriculars all while supporting him unconditionally.

A friend of Bromhead, Micah Abbey says, "Winston's very wholesome, very sweet guy, always has a smile on his face, bringing positive energy to every class, very determined and hardworking student."

Starlight Bowl Haunted Adventure

By Lizzy Morrison
Cub Reporter

On October 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th, the annual Starlight Bowl haunted maze and activities were in Burbank. It began at 7:00 PM and ended at 9:30 PM. There was a two part walk through the concert venue with engaging characters and scenery to bring an immersive experience. This year's theme was the "Laboratory of Lost Souls" mimicking a science lab where something horrifying went wrong.

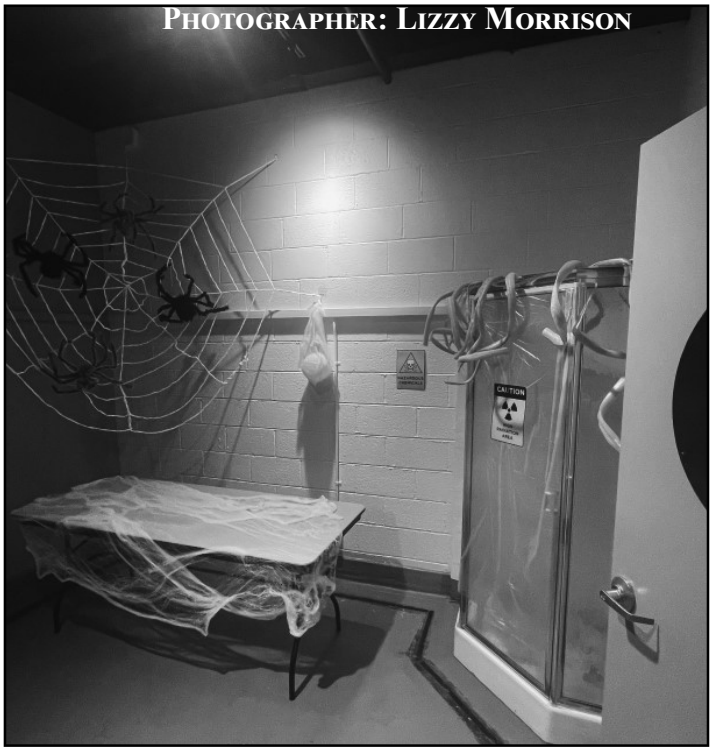
This event was recommended for people six and older due to it's scare factor however, there were some carnival games in the park nearby tailored to younger children. The groups per-maze were ten to fifteen people. Tickets were $10 for thirteen and older and $5 for twelve years and younger or for a walk-up payment, $12 for thirteen and older and $7 for twelve years and younger.

One of the overseers, Christina Lara, mentions, "It's a heavily volunteer-based event that we put on as a community tradition." The event has been going on since 2013 and started as a haunted hike at the nature center but moved to the Starlight Bowl due to the capacity. Its main purpose was to provide a unique type of Halloween event.

The supervisors of the event heavily recommend more people to volunteer for next year due to its volunteer based aspects. It is a great volunteer opportunity for students because it gives many service hours and it's after school. There are also other volunteer roles other than scare-acting, there is prop and set building and helping with makeup.

Volunteering is great for seeing the behind-the-scenes aspect of recreational activities. It is a great activity to experience a professional environment because of the safety inspections and prop/set contracts. Volunteers have also stated how it is great for community building.

A volunteer named Felix says, "Very good community building experience that helps you get in touch with other peers from your school and others in the area."



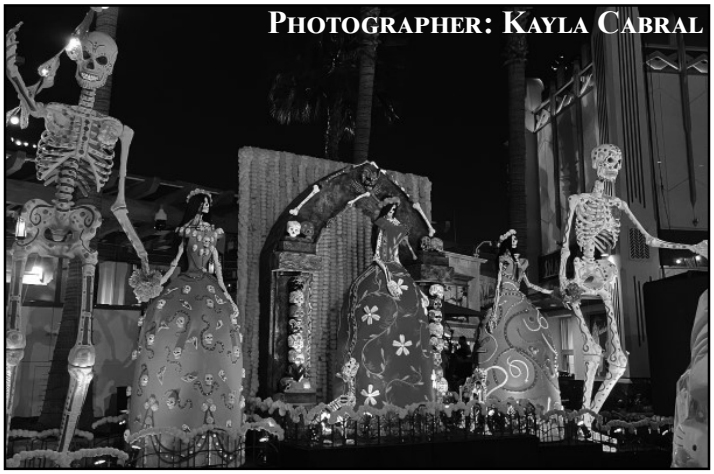
Photographer: Lizzy Morrison

The volunteers this year were mostly students from Burbank schools.

Halloween Horror Nights

By Finch Monroe
Cub Reporter

Every year during October, Universal Studios Hollywood hosts their annual Halloween Horror Nights. This event is for all horror lovers or anyone who loves scary things! There is a large selection of well designed themed mazes, things like movies, TV shows, games and even original stories. This year houses eight mazes. As someone who has gone to Horror Nights this year and plan on going again, I highly recommend it.


Photographer: Kayla Cabral

The mazes this year start with a maze based on the iconic horror film, *A Quiet Place*. This maze has you walking through the events of the first film, encountering Death Angels and other surprises along the way. The next maze is *Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire*. This maze is based on the film released this year, where you get to experience the ghosts in the film firsthand. My personal favorite maze of the year, *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, involves walking through each of the Texas Chainsaw movies, and is said to be one of the scariest mazes there this year. Speaking of scariest mazes, *Insidious: The Further* is said to be one of the scariest mazes horror nights has ever done, and it lives up to it.

Along with licensed properties, you can experience being around Chucky firsthand in the Late Night with Chucky show, where you can send in Q&A questions to a fan-favorite killer. And finally the famous Terror Tram, with this year's Terror Tram being themed around Blumhouse films, such as *Megan, The Black Phone, Freaky, Happy Death Day,* and *The Purge.* The Terror Tram is definitely a highlight of this year's Horror Nights

Moving on to non licensed mazes, we have Dead Exposure: Death Valley, where you and your friends find yourself in a laboratory, filled with radioactive zombies. Along with that, there is a new sequel to 2023's Monstrous of Latin America. This year there is the maze Monstrous 2, where you can experience folktales firsthand in the sequel maze. One other original maze this year is Universal Monsters: Eternal Bloodlines, with music done by Slash. It is a more story oriented maze, so not as many scares. But no spoilers!

Moving on to the food this year. Leatherface's barbecue from 2021 makes a return, with large meat items for your consumption! As well as a large treat themed around the *Ghostbusters*, the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man s'more, now be quick when wanting to get this treat, because they do sell out extremely fast. But you can find it in multiple stores that sell food all over the park.

This year is definitely worth going, it is a good start to the Halloween season, with absolutely no bad mazes, all the mazes this year are high quality and very well designed. So take some friends and go get scared.

Ursa Major Horrorscopes

Aries (Mar.21- Apr.19): On the night of Halloween if you wear an inflatable costume make sure you look both ways when you walk across the street.
Taurus (Apr.20- May 20)**:** Something eerie is following you
Gemini (May 21- Jun.20)**:** Be careful this month, hidden fears may disturb your calm. Stay aware, these may reveal scary truths.
Cancer (Jun.21- Jul.22)**:** Be cautious of everyone you meet. You never know who you can trust..
Leo (Jul.23- Aug.22)**:** Always check behind your shower curtain before you get in, you never know what could be waiting for you.
Virgo (Aug.23- Sept.22)**:** Your fate is being watched by the spirits. They cannot harm you, however they are always watching. They may lead you down the wrong path if you remain unaware.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct.22)**:** You don't have a talent for intuition just for nothing. Be sure to always trust it, you never know what could be hiding in the shadows
Scorpio (Oct.23- Nov.21) **:** The Halloween moon might encourage you to have a great night out with your friends at a Halloween party or a haunted house.
Sagittarius (Nov.22- Dec.21)**:** The ten days leading up to Halloween are not only a time of leisure, discounted candy, and crowded costume stores, but it is also when an unwanted guest shows up at your home.
Capricorn (Dec.22- Jan. 19): Always check underneath your car before you go in, you never know what could be lurking…
Aquarius (Jan.20- Feb.18)**:** Be careful. You know that noise you keep hearing but have been trying to ignore? Go find the source. Don't bring a flashlight and don't look into their eyes.
Pisces (Feb.19- Mar.20)**:** Make sure your medical insurance is up to date! You're going to need it.

- Ursa Major Psychics

The Los Angeles Haunted Hayride

By Clover Lee
Cub Reporter

Buckle up and prepare to scream because Griffith Park is hosting the famous Haunted Hayride again for this coming Halloween!

The theme is based on the story of Midnight Falls, a cursed town full of misfortune and hauntings, with inspiration from *Sons of Anarchy* and *Twin Peaks*. They've brought to life the ghouls made of crops summoned by the *Witch of the Woods* for a wonderfully spooky experience. Griffith Park is in collaboration with Janelle Monáe and her haunted manor as well as Thirteenth Floor Entertainment for this event. It takes place at select times from September 21st to November 2nd and the tickets start at $37.

Fear not if you don't enjoy scary things, because the Haunted Hayride experience has something for those less inclined to scares. The attractions include a s'mores community center where you can walk around and interact with Midnight Falls-themed stores and businesses, fully interactive mini escape games, and axe throwing competitions.

For those who enjoy a little bit of scare in their Halloween activities, Griffith Park is also doing additional attractions such as a themed "Scary-Go-Round" carnival ride, a paintball-inspired competition called "Zombie Splat" with live zombie actors, and a returning HellBilly Halloween activity.

Not only that, but they are also hosting a seance with Madame Aurora where you can peek through the veil of the living and the dead for a short time. The Monte Revolta musical and comedy show, a special about a disgraced undead singer bringing back the dead to rock, will also make an appearance to entertain and spook viewers.

The experience is advised for those twelve and older and you are prohibited from wearing costumes and face paint. Bringing props or handheld items is also not allowed. You are discouraged from wearing heels or flip flops and advised to only take pictures or videos outside the attractions. You may bring small bags and purses that are subject to bag checks. A shuttle will be provided to drop you off at the entrance trail near Spokes 'N Stuff. For ease, it's better to buy tickets online beforehand.

So, if you are looking for a fun-filled spooky Halloween experience, visit the Griffith Park Haunted Hayride from September 21st to November 2nd to join in. For more information, visit their website at losangeleshauntedhayride.com.

Halloween Cartoon



Cartoonist: Kayla Cabral

Upcoming Dates

Oct. 31st	Halloween
Nov. 1st	Pep Rally
Nov. 1st	Burbank vs. Burroughs Homecoming Game
Nov. 2nd-3rd	Burroughs on Broadway 2nd Weekend
Nov. 7th-8th	Hip Hop Explosion
Nov. 11th	Veterans Day (No School)
Nov. 15th	IMA Funk/Salsa Night
Nov. 22nd-24th	*The Crucible* (Fall Play)
Nov. 27th-29th	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

Corrections: The September issue had a mistake for the Fashion Illustration and Design Club article. The email is shahlabadaei@gmail.com and the Google Classroom for it is z5yj22o . Our apologies.

Photo Roundup Of Local Haunted Houses









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Girls Tennis

By Amelia Dieter
Cub Reporter

Since the last issue of *The Paw Print,* Girl's Tennis has played eight matches. So far, they have taken home four wins and four losses.

The Burroughs Tennis team won against Hoover High School, Glendale High School, Muir High School, and Pasadena High School. They lost against Crescenta Valley High School, Burbank High School, as well as Arcadia High School, who they played twice and lost both times.

Starting with clean sweeps, the team won 18-0 against Muir. They also managed to beat Pasadena 18-0 as well. They played Pasadena on September 26th, on the Burroughs courts.

Another win that the team has made was against Glendale High School. The final score of the game was 13-5. The game was played on September 17th, at the Burroughs Courts.

The Girl's Tennis team lost against CV (Crescenta Valley). The game was played on September 19th, CV hosting. At the end of the game, the score was 14-4 in CV's favor.

The team has played Arcadia twice, losing both times. The second game was held on October 3rd, with Arcadia hosting. Arcadia took home the win, with the final score being 15-3.

The last loss of the season was against Burbank High School, Burroughs hosting. The final score was 13-5, in Burbank's favor. The game was played on October 1st.

During an interview with the newly hired Coach Thomas Hardy, he elaborated on how the team was doing overall. He stated "the singles line has been very strong and the doubles line has been noticeably improving."

Coach Hardy explained that the singles have been the backbone of the team, helping with the wins for the team. He also stated that the doubles have had trackable progress just within the season, and are continuing to progress in their abilities.

It was also mentioned that volleys and serves during gameplay have also strengthened in the couple months that the team has been in season. Since the serve is the most important hit in a tennis match, the players' techniques improving have been very valuable to the team's wins.

So far, according to Coach Hardy, the player he feels deserves to be highlighted is Hannah Lewis, who is the Captain of the team. He stated that she is "the most noteworthy player on the team."

Good luck ending the season! Go Bears!

Girls Volleyball

By Adana Torossian
Cub Reporter

With Volleyball season slowly coming to an end, Girls Varsity volleyball is finishing off their season strong! This season has had their ups and down, but the Bears always came ready to play. This year's team has a score of four wins and three losses in League and five wins and four losses in non-league play.

Before League started, Girls Varsity Volleyball played in many non-league games against schools which included Mary Star of the Sea, La Serna, West Ranch, West, Chatsworth, Taft, Chaminade, and South Hills.

They started off very strong with two wins against an away game at Mary Star of the Sea (3-2) and a home game against La Serna (3-2). Unfortunately they lost their next game at West Ranch High school (3-1), but made up for that loss by winning their next two games at West High School (3-0) and Chatsworth (3-1). They played their hearts out but sadly lost to the tough teams Taft (3-1) and Chaminade (3-0). As non-League play came to an end, Girls Volleyball won against South Hill (3-1).

Finally League play started. During League play, Burroughs played against Arcadia, Hoover, Glendale, Crescenta Valley (CV), Muir, Pasadena, and Burbank High School. They had a League score of two wins and three losses.

The first League game was on September 17th at Arcadia High School against the Arcadia Apaches. The first set was a very tight game, but the Apaches went on a serving run and won the first set 25-13. The Bears kept the score from the second set very close and closed up the score gap, but lost 25-19. Burroughs was not ready to give up this game and beat the Apaches in the third set with a score of 25-14 and fourth set with a score of 25-21. It was time for the fifth and final set, sadly the Apaches ended up winning 15-9. The Arcadia Apaches won the match three sets to two. It was a long tiring night for everyone, both the players and spectators.

The Burroughs team didn't let that loss stop them, their second League game was a home game against the Hoover Tornado's on September 19th. The Bears played so well, and didn't let the Tornado's even get one set. Burroughs had a big comeback from the last game and beat Hoover High School three sets to none!

For the third League game, Burroughs played a game at Glendale High School against the Glendale Nitros. Unfortunately, the Nitros won (3-0). It was time to play their next home game. On September 26th, the Bears played the Crescenta Valley Falcons who are undefeated in the Pacific League. Sadly, the Falcons won (3-0).

October 1st was Senior Night where Burroughs played Muir High School at home. The Bears won (3-0). Senior Night is a special sports event as Seniors who will be moving on and graduating are celebrated and honored. Seven seniors on the Burroughs team were honored. Congratulations to our Seniors - Lily Mcteer, Caitlyn Hammeke, Kiana Hildebrant, Narrissa Wareebor, Naomi Zavala, Bella Barrera, and Natalia Panozo. It's been an exciting journey watching you all play.

Just because it was Senior Night and the Seniors were honored didn't mean that the game was over. On October 3rd another League game took place at Pasadena High School against the Pasadena Bulldogs. Burroughs won the first set 25-19, lost the second set 23-25, won the third set 25-17 and ended up winning the last set. It was an intense match, but the Bears came out on top (3-1)!

Their last game of the regular season was at Burbank High School against the Burbank Bulldogs on October 8th at 5:15pm. They swept 3-0, guaranteeing a spot in CIF Playoffs, which begin October 24th against Northwood High School from Irvine here at home.

Good Luck! And Go Bears!



Photographer: Adana Torossian

Cross Country

By Kayla Cabral
Photographer, Cartoonist



Starting off strong this season is John Burroughs High School's Cross Country team. The Cross Country team has been doing well this season, so far they have had four races. Although the heat has been affecting many of the runners, they still manage to push through and run as best as they can. Below are the list of races and times Varsity runners have gotten so far.

Their first meet of the season was at the annual Great Cow run Invitational, which was Saturday, August 31st at John Glenn High School in Norwalk. The Varsity Girls did amazing; they placed 3rd out of 19 teams. Their race had 161 girls racing. Isabella Galustians placed 3rd with a time of 18:25, next came Saida Getz, 6th, with a time of 18:33, then Lucy Thomson (13th, 18:59), after came Liczy Mercado (62nd, 21:22), shortly after came Kay`a Cabral (75th, 21:39), then Aurelia Thiel (79th,, 21:520, then came Viviana Jimenez (93rd, 22:39) and finally Makayla Victoria placed 102nd with a time of 23:19.

Varsity Boys did outstanding as well; they placed 5th out of 27 teams. They had 209 racers in their race. Liam Ellingsworth placed 11th with a time of 15:44, then came Nathan Marca (24th, 16:02), next was Danny Camacho (29th, 16:05), shortly after came Nico Radlein (39th, 16:16), then came Dima Kharlamov (82nd, 17:14), next was Rogelio Raya (95th, 17:23), then came Victor Santana (116th, 17:40), then came Christopher Galadzhyan (139th, 18:15), after came Finn Woodard (153rd, 18:33), next was Kaleb Lorente (155th, 18:41) and finally came Brandon Robertson placed 194th with a time of 21:46.

Their second meet of the season was the Pat Hadley Memorial Invitational which was Saturday, September 7th at Tri City Park in Placentia. This course was tough because of the heat but our Bears managed to push through and run as well as they could. They combined the Seniors and Juniors in this race due to the heat. They had 103 runners in this race. First we have the Senior/Junior boys race, they placed 2nd out of 10 teams. Liam Ellingsworth who placed 7th with a time of 16:10, Nathan Marca (17th, 16:56), Nico Radlein (21st, 17:00), Danny Camacho (27th, 17:15), Justin Cano (29th, 17:18), Alex Acevedo (40th, 17:49), Rogelio Raya (41st, 17:58), Victor Santana (42nd, 18:02), Dylan Chua (53rd, 18:48), Christopher Galadzhyan (58th, 19:12), Chase King (67th, 19:25), Finn Woodard (69th, 19:29), Brandon Ordono (78th, 20:20), Jaden Dilig (84th, 20:47), and lastly came Brandon Robertson (96th, 22:27).

Now for the Senior/Junior girls race, they did amazing as well and placed 2nd out of 10 teams. In total there were 116 runners in this race. Saida Getz who placed 3rd with a time of 19:29, Isabella Galustians (8th, 19:44), Lucy Thomson (10th, 20:04), Sutton Tappon-Mahoney (14th, 20:41), Nightingale Kirwan (15th, 20:54), Liczy Mercado (32nd, 22:06), Valorie Shaby (37th, 22:14), Amy Harkins (43rd, 22:38), Aurelia Thiel (47th, 22:55), Viviana Jimenez (48th, 22:57), Kayla Cabral (61st, 23:57), Makayla Victoria (81, 26:20), Celeste Iniquez (82, 26:20), and lastly came Gracie Castro who placed 114th with a time of 33:27.

The third race of the season was the Mt. Carmel Invitational which was on Saturday, September 21st, 2024 in San Diego at Balboa Park. This race had very limited entry due to the location of the meet. Only three Senior Girls went and they did great, their race had a total of 130 runners. Isabella Galustians placed 24th with a time of 20:07, then came Viviana Jimenez who placed 72nd with a time of 23:40, and finally Makayla Victoria who placed 89th with a time of 24:36. No Senior Boys attended due to entry restrictions

The fourth race of the season was the Raider Invitational which was on Thursday, September 26th, 2024, at College Park in Oxnard. The Varsity Girls placed 2nd of 11 teams. There were a total of 86 girls in their race. Isabella Galustians placed 3rd with a time of 18:46, Saida Getz (5th, 18:52), Lucy Thomson (9th, 19:11), Nightingale Kirwan (17th, 20:00), Sutton Tappon-Mahoney (19th, 20:02), Emmanuelle Laurente (29th, 21:06) and finally Valorie Shaby placed 34th with a time of 21:26. Varsity Boys placed 5th out of 13 teams and had 107 runners in their race. Liam Ellingsworth placed 5th with a time of 15:59, Nathan Marca (21st, 16:24), Justin Cano (30th, 16:45), Danny Camacho (33rd, 16:52), Nico Radlein (34th, 16:55 0, and finally Alex Acevedo placed 37th with a time of 17:01.

The Cross Country team has been doing excellent so far. One of the Varsity Cross Country girls has a little advice, Valorie Shaby is a Junior on the team and she says "Success is not success without its failures."

Good luck to the Cross Country team.

And once again GO BEARS!

Boys Water Polo

By Hailie Alvarez
Cub Reporter

Boys Water Polo has had some mixed results as they started off their 2024-2025 season with a loss then followed with a win against Muir High School on October 3rd 15-13.

On Tuesday October 1st Boys Water Polo faced a close loss against Crescenta Valley Falcons 7-8, which Caleb Dufour describes as a "lack of communication." As the whole team struggled with the game, he felt personally he could have done more to uplift the team. He says, "The team lacked a lot of things but also learned a lot of things," from the game overall.

The team has lots of room for improvement which was demonstrated against the Muir Mustangs. The game showed better communication and boosting each other up in and out of the pool. The team has been working hard which can be easily demonstrated in any game no matter the score shown.

This season for Water Polo is slowly coming to an end but no matter the score, the team felt they improved as a whole throughout the season. The bonds and memories created between teammates in and out of the pool made the season so memorable especially for the Seniors.

Girls Golf

By Meleyna Merino
Creative Director

This season Girls Golf has went against schools including Burbank, Crescenta Valley, Arcadia, Muir, and Glendale.

Each Match they play these five schools at the same time, so the competition is fierce with these highly competitive schools.

On Tuesday, October 8th, Burroughs faced these schools in Arcadia. On September 25th, Burroughs faced off at Glendale. The girls also had League Finals on Oct. 16.

Great job to all sport for finishing off the fall season.

Great job to Girls Golf for representing us in the 2024-2025 season.

Football

By Spencer Stilgenbauer
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Coming home after taking a commanding first win against Harvard Westlake, our Bears return home to take on the Arcadia Apaches. The Apaches, who are starting the season off slow, come into this game with a record of 1-2 while our Bears started this game 2-1. After a scoreless first quarter, the Bears struck first with a 52 yard touchdown run by Junior Matteo Tarca and an extra point by Senior Braden Turner to set the score at 7-0. That wouldn't last long though, as the Apaches scored in their drive, but a missed point after attempt settled the score at 7-6 going into the half. At the start of the second half the Apaches would march down the field and score themselves a touchdown setting the score at 13-7 to end the third quarter. Starting the 4th quarter Matteo Tarca would score his second touchdown of the game with a 20 yard run. As the clock started to wind down, and only up by one, Senior Julian Zubia would intercept the ball and return, setting Mattero Tarca once again for one last rushing touchdown, capping off a stellar 3 touchdown game with 268 rushing yards.

We had a chance to speak with him after the game. When asked about his game he stated "I feel amazing, I'm really happy I got to hit my goal of the game, and I'm very happy how the team did tonight."

We also got to talk to Julian Zubia on his interception "It felt amazing. I turned the game around. I don't remember too much about it, I only remember celebrating it but it was a great moment. It turned the game around and we got a touchdown out of it."

Our Bears won this game with a final score of 21-13. This game sent the Bears to 3-1 in the season and 1-0 in League.

Coming off a strong game against the Arcadia Apaches, our Bears would travel to Glendale to play the Nitros on their Senior Night. The Nitros entered this game 1-3 in the season and our Bears 3-1. The Bears started this game strong as Senior QB Mingus Allen hit Senior Patrick Lima for a 24 yard touchdown pass to start the scoring at 7-0. The Bears wouldn't look back as quickly after Senior Rocco Melillo would have a pick six to extend the lead to 14-0 before the first quarter finished. To finish off the quarter Mingus Allen would find Junior Giordan Lewis in the endzone for yet another touchdown pass at 26 yards to cap off a 21 point first quarter. In the second quarter Mingus would find Rocco Melillo for a 13 yard touchdown pass. This would be Rocco's second touchdown of the game but first on offense. This would give the Bears a commanding 28 point lead going into the half. In the third quarter, they would add to this lead with another Rocco touchdown with a 1 yard catch, extending an already strong lead to 35-0. In the 4th quarter, Patrick Lima would receive his second touchdown of the game with a pass from Sophomore QB Brandon Chaparro. This would push the lead to 41-0 and would later be 49-0 on a 49 yard rushing touchdown by Sophomore Sho Fujita. Rocco Mellilo finished with 110 total yards and 3 total touchdowns and Patrick Lima would finish the night with 62 total yards and 2 touchdowns.

After the game, we got to talk to both of them. Rocco stated "Feels great, great team win. Coming in on Glendales Seniors Night, we love to ruin a night. It was a great overall team effort."

Here's what Patrick had to say on his two touchdown night "I've got two good quarterbacks to throw me the ball. I have been waiting patiently for my time and I got it so you know it was a great feeling knowing both my quarterbacks can sling the rock and I can just go up and get it."

Overall, a great showing both offensive and defensively for the Bears. This game moves them to 2-0 in League and 4-1 overall on the season.

At the halfway point of the season the Bears sit at 4-1 overall and are undefeated in League. Coach Laron Johnson says that "This team is playing like a team that wants to win. They understand the task at hand so it's pretty cool to see. They are having fun and playing as a team. They are getting better and better and better as each week progresses." Coming up in the back half of the season, it is all League games starting with Hoover, Muir, and Crescenta Valley to kick it off.

Following an offensive show, our Bears look to carry some of that momentum into their game against the Hoover Tornados. Starting their year slow, the Tornados come into this game searching for their first win as they are 0-5 going into this year. The Bears are having a strong start to the season coming into the game as they are sitting with a record of 4-1 entering the contest. It wouldn't appear that way from the start however as Hoover would march down the field and score the first touchdown of the game. That would be countered by a touchdown reception for Senior Julian Zubia ending the first quarter with a 7-7 game. Hoover would come out strong in the start of the second quarter by scoring back to back touchdowns, setting a commanding 21-7 lead. Trying to claw their way back, Rocco Melillo would receive his first touchdown of the game sending the game to halftime with a score of 21-14. With the first half struggles behind them, our Bears would score on a Rocco Melillo 24 yard receiving Touchdown thrown by QB Mingus Allen. The Bears wouldn't turn back at the start of the 4th as Matteo Tarca would score back to back unanswered rushing touchdowns, one of which was 68 yards. The defense would join in on the rally as Senior Braden Turner would have a pick six setting the score at 40-21. Our Bears would cap off the game with a rushing touchdown by Sophomore Brandon Chaparro.

We got to talk to QB Mingus Allen after the game on his second half resurgence. He states that "Our guys made plays, the offensive line really stepped up in that second half there". This game moves Burroughs to 3-0 in league and 5-1 overall on the season.

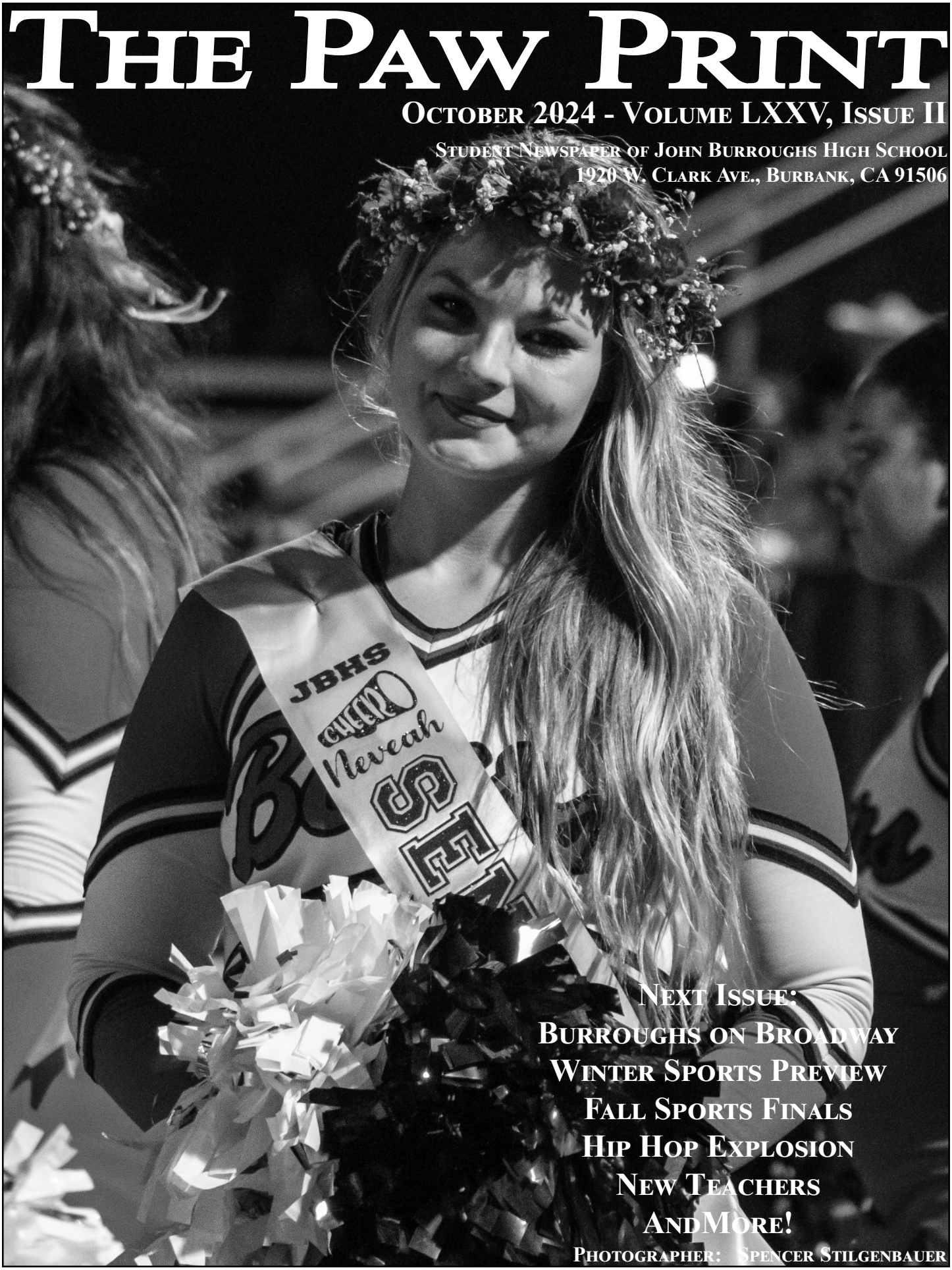
Coming off a statement win against Hoover on their Senior Night, the Bears would host the Muir Mustangs. The Mustangs would open the scoring on the second play of the game on a 67 yard passing touchdown. They wouldn't look back as they would beat our Bears 50-6. The Bears now sit 3-1 in League and 5-2 overall.



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