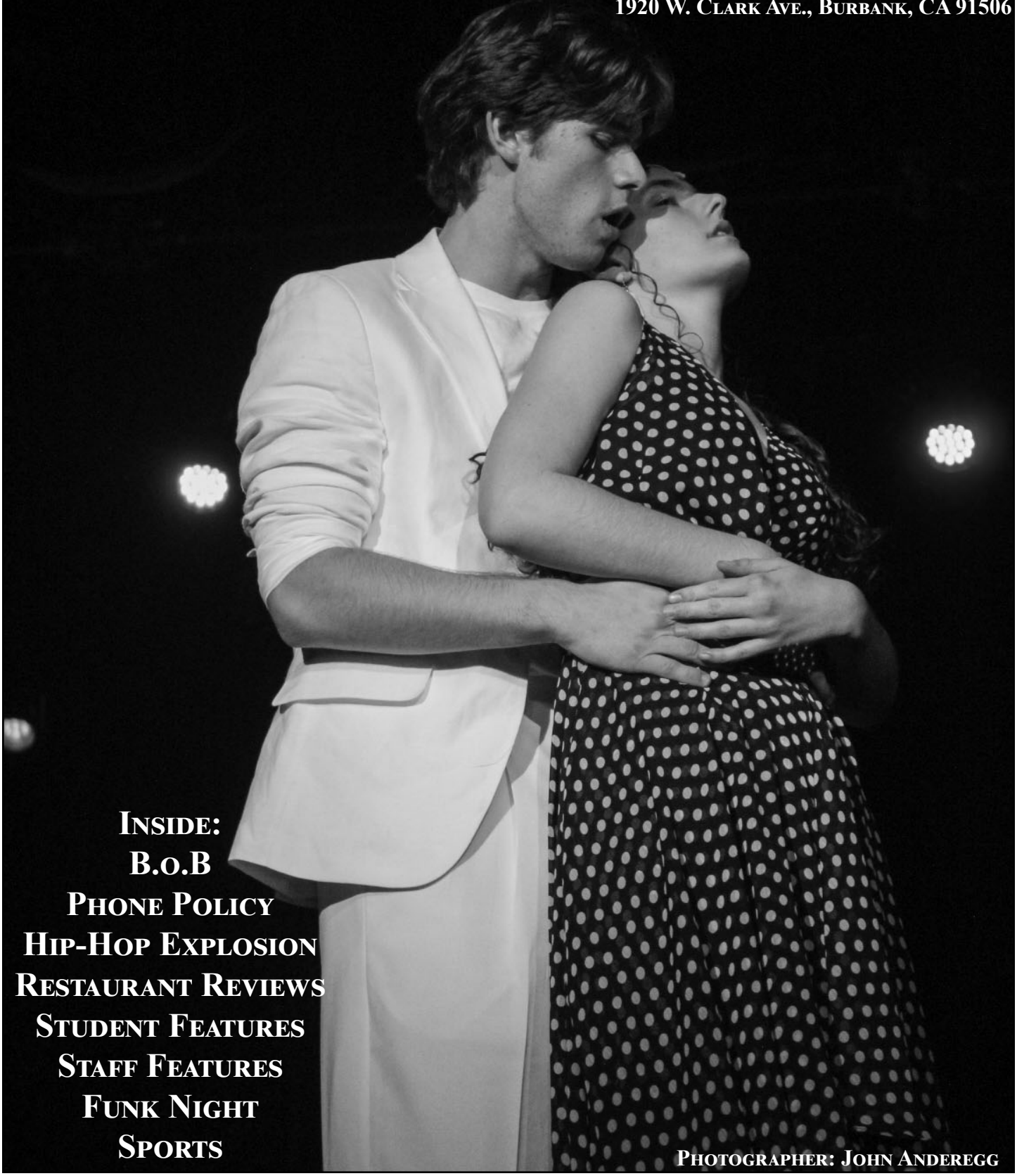
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Burroughs On Broadway

By Zoe Belknap
Guest Cub Reporter

For the first time ever, John Burroughs High School's Vocal Music Association presented two weekends of their spectacular Burroughs on Broadway show featuring stellar performances from all four choirs. Bringing in a record number of audience members from its five performances, this BOB 2024 was certainly one for the books.

Besides the extra weekend, this show was also unique due to its impressive opening. Featuring Sophomore Elli Storkel as the Director, Sound Sensations performed an entirely tap piece from 42nd Street called "Audition." This summer, the advanced treble choir spent countless extra hours learning and mastering the art of tap dancing.

"The Boys," from the 1985 musical *Big River* followed Sound Sensations' opening performance, featuring Powerhouse boys June Baelly, Ryder Bowne, James Cunha, Nicholas Devile, Barlow Krikorian, Ronin Nalbantian, Brandon Perez, Matthew Torres, Paul Vu, and Liam West. Then Powerhouse girls Sadie Beal, Alani Machala, Noel Mason, and Mackenzie Roberts performed "A Never-Ending Line," from the musical of the same name.

The first solo number of the show was performed by Lila Strobl, who sang "Once Upon a December," from *Anastasia*. This song featured ballroom dancers behind a thin screen, creating the illusion that they are from her memories. Lila was followed by the incomparable Powerhouse Senior and VMA President Lana Dadekian performing "No More Fear," from *Freaky Friday,* the musical based on the 2003 Linsday Lohan classic. "No More Fear was a perfect song for my last BOB because it was so much fun to perform," Lana reminisces. "I truly am so happy I got to sing it."

Then, Decibelles stunned audiences with their dazzling performance of *High School Musical*, the Broadway show based on the Disney Channel Original Movie of the same name. This set featured four songs: "Wildcat Cheer," "Stick to the Status Quo," "Start of Something New," and "We're All In This Together."

Decibelles was followed by the impressive piece, "Tom, Dick or Harry" from *Kiss Me, Kate* featuring Powerhouse Sophomore Declan Chinn, Junior Alana Gay, and Seniors Riley Hall and Athena Pichardo. Featuring a variety of special tricks and advanced choreography, this song was easily a highlight of the show.

They were followed by Indigo Kennedy performing "Song of Purple Summer," from Spring Awakening with an ensemble of Powerhouse members Hyas Bergeson, Lauren Chaparro, Phoenix Erguiza, Jasper Jemison, Emily Leong, Alessi Umali, Ava Villalobos, and Arthur Zurita.

Another fun and unexpected aspect of this show was the inclusion of middle school choir students. The song "When You're a Wimp," included students from Dolores Huerta Middle School, Luther Middle School, and Walter Reed Middle School, depending on the night.

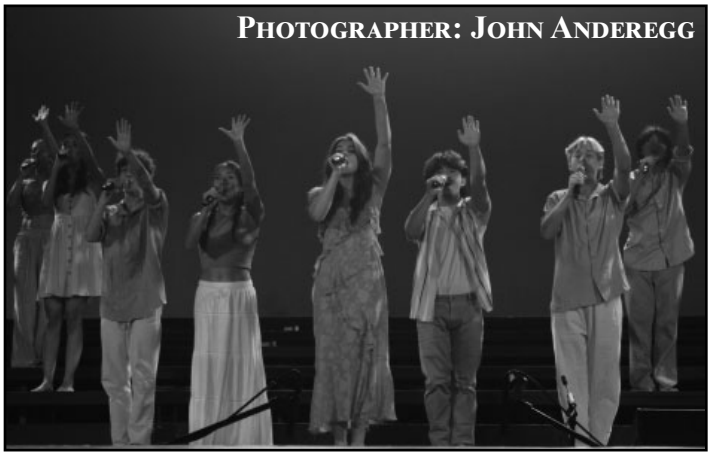
Then, "The Proposal/The Night Was Alive," from *Titanic* was sung beautifully by Powerhouse Seniors Reeve Bennett and Rafael Garcia. This endearing song about a telegraph from the famous ship was a favorite among audiences.

Reeve and Rafael were followed by another favorite: "Shaking the Blues Away" from *Holiday Inn* with the incredible Powerhouse Juniors Georgia Dadekian and Nick Joven. With impressive high notes, complex tap dancing, jump roping, and excessive amounts of holiday cheer, it was impossible to not have a smile on your face by the end of this act.

But those smiles quickly turned into tears with Raquel Brogmus' touching solo "Everything I Know," from Lin Manuel Miranda's *In the Heights*. The song is heartbreaking on its own, but Brogmus' acting and unparalleled vocals made it one of the most memorable performances of the


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Burroughs On Broadway


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night.

Raquel was followed by Sound Waves' set: *Guys and Dolls*, with the five songs, "Runyonland; Fugue for Tinhorns," "A Bushel and a Peck," "The Crapshooters' Dance," "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat," and "Guys and Dolls (Reprise)." This set featured top-notch performances all around, many from Freshmen. Ninth grade singers like Bettina Diaz, Grant Baker, Xander Daveline, and Tatum Beal exemplify just how bright the future of this program is.

After *Guys and Dolls*, Sutton Schiff, Eliza Goulet, Maddie Grossnickle, and Zoe Martinez performed "On the Verge," from *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown.* As the title suggests, this chaotic song was a masterclass in acting as the four women go insane. They were followed by "Hear my Song," from *Song for a New World* sung by Cierra Arroyo, Jillian Pirruccello, Jasmine Dobie, and Jarel Montefro.

Then, Powerhouse Junior Rose Hemmingway sang "Bamboleo," from *Zorro: The Musical.* This act was impressive both from a vocal and choreography standpoint, featuring more than twenty dancers from across the program. "I was so excited to bring the character to life in my first main stage solo," says Rose, "having one in Burroughs on Broadway has always been a dream of mine."

Bamboleo was followed Jhanessa Equila, who wowed audiences as always with the beautiful ballot "A Whole New Story," from the 2017 musical *Between the Lines.*

To round out the first act, Sound Sensations performed four songs from the musical *42nd Street.* The first was "Finale: 4nd Street," sung by the phenomenal Lucy Chesley. "Getting to perform onstage with so many people I love is a blessing within itself, but getting to give a little extra piece of myself to the audience was fulfilling in a new way," mentions Chesley.

Their set, chalk-full of tap-filled songs like, "Lullaby of Broadway," "Shuffle Off to Buffalo," and "We're in the Money," was incredibly impressive and fun.


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Following intermission, Powerhouse began their staggering performance of the 1986 musical *Chess,* with the stage transformed into a giant chess board. This set told the story of an international chess tournament, with Silas Schulz as the Russian player named Anatoly and Evan Baker as the American called Freddie.

The performances of the leads were all-around breathtaking, with each getting their own opportunity to shine. Clementine Toronto and Sam Figueroa, playing the roles of Florence and Svetlana respectively, both brought the house down with their solos. Hratch Kitsinian masterfully played Anatoly's handler Molotov. "It was really cool to play Molokov in BOB, couldn't have asked for a better role," says Hratch. Eli Romsa and Jacob Worsham played the roles of Walter and Leonid Viigand.

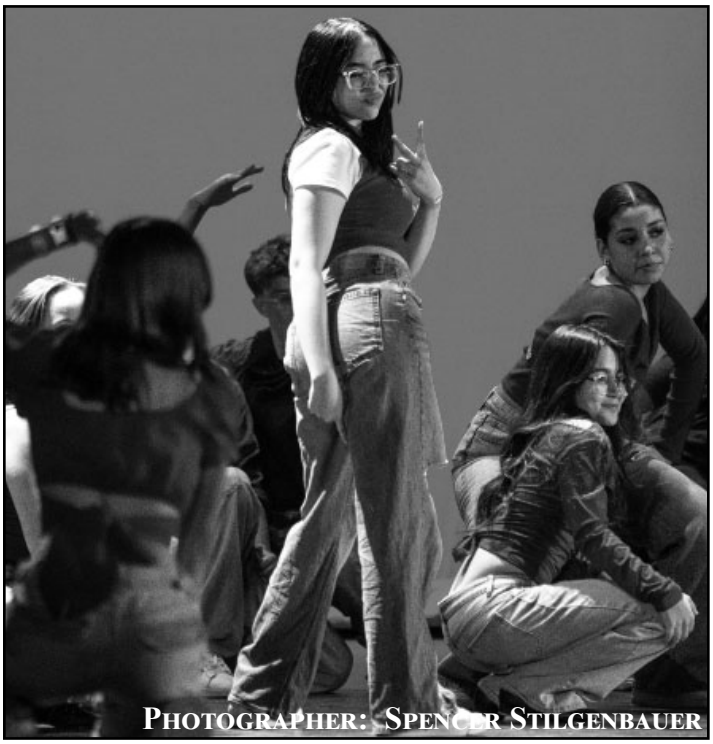
Juniors Ani Darbinian and Jack Guest were the two Arbiters of the game, each with sharp gray suits and superb vocals. "BOB is always my favorite show of the year," Ani tells *The Paw Print.* "Creating such a beautiful piece of art like Chess that we got to show off for TWO weekends this year has been such an honor."

With Burroughs on Broadway being as successful as it was, we can't wait to see what these choirs have in store for the rest of the year. Make sure to come see all of these talented individuals in Holiday Spectacular this December!



Photographer: John Anderegg

Hip-Hop Explosion



Photographer: Spencer Stilgenbauer

By Hailie Alvarez
Cub Reporter

On November 7th and 8th John Burroughs High School's very own Dance Team held their first show of the year, Hip Hop Explosion including guests from Crescenta Valley, Glendale, Champs Dance Academy, Burbank High School, Dance Two classes and Dance Production.

Dance Team members have been working very hard for the past four months to bring this show to life. Most pieces showcased in Hip Hop Explosion were student choreographed with a few done by Dance Team coaches and former members of the team, Joseph Galera, Ethan Oliver, Anisa Walker, Haley Powell, Korbin Ryan and Anton Juan.

Throughout the week before the show, Dance Team had many practices with our very own Tech Crew to work out lightning and small issues which made the show run very smoothly. The whole Dance Department would like to thank Tech Crew for really bringing the show to life and working long hours that never go unnoticed.

Before the show opened, Dance Team came together about thirty minutes before the show to do a team stretch together concluded with a team huddle that Head Coach Joe says, "helps the kids clear their minds and calm down before going out and putting down everything they have to give."

When walking into the auditorium foyer, there were parent volunteers helping food and drinks and selling roses for the performers. There was a spot for pictures and also names of all the members on Dance Team on records on the walls.

The show opened with their Football piece choreographed by Dance Team Captains, Winston Bromhead, Alana Coquia, Lily Pynchon, Grace Barmore, and Meleyna Merino.

On Thursday November 7th, special guests Burbank High School's Dance Team and Champs Charter High School's Dance Team performed sets that really blew the audience away. The next day special guests from Crescenta Valley High School and Glendale High School came to perform as well.

Along with other school's special guests, this year, Dance Two classes performed for the first time in Hip Hop Explosion. A message for Dance Two from Ms. Pierce, "I'm excited to see you all dance and have another performance opportunity. Trust in your training and let your passion for dance shine through."

Many sets this year got the audience really hype, especially Dance Productions Pep Rally performance choreographed by Satya Justino and Karyme Arias with the song "FE!N" by Travis Scott featured.

"Dance Production is a very special group of dancers. The talent and creativity you all possess is admirable! I am so lucky to be your director," said Ms. Pierce.

Student Directors, Satya Justino, Lauren Olsen, and Alana Sanchez, said "Pro is just a huge family. We all love each other very much and we can't wait to see what this year has in store for us."

Both Dance Production and Dance Team says Hip Hop Explosion, being early in the school year, brings the teams together significantly. Coach Ethan says, "It's so fun watching how the team builds friendships throughout practices and shows. I love getting to see them come together with the other teams and hype each other up."

Many audience members were impacted by the performance given. Jenna Pentaris, a Junior at John Burroughs High School said, "You can see how hard they worked to put this show together, you can even hear them screaming for each other and it just warms my heart."

While there are Coaches who run the team, there are also Student Captains and Directors that help create such close teams. Lily Pynchon, a Dance Team Captain says, "This team is so special and has a mixture of talent and just so much love to share." All Captains and Directors from Dance Production and Team collectively agree this year's teams are something special and they can't wait to be a part of the growth in the team.

Coach Ethan says, "I know I say this a lot but I'm so proud of you guys and the passion you have for dance. Never lose the spark through all the hours of hard work because it will be worth it at the end of the day."

Along with that, Head Coach Joe says, "I love building friendships with this team and working with people that I used to be on this team with. So proud of y'all and you guys popped off at your first show of the year."



Photographer: Spencer Stilgenbauer

JBHS Jazz Band Funk and Salsa Night

By Lizzy Morrison
Cub Reporter

On November 15, the John Burroughs High School Jazz Band hosted a Funk and Salsa Night. The event was hosted in the Small Gym. The gym was thoughtfully set up with decorations that represented music notes and records, which provided a cozy and atmospheric setting perfect for the music and it was packed to the brim with supporters.

Attendees were given the opportunity to preorder food before the performance so that during it, they were able to enjoy a nice meal while listening to the music. In addition to the music, there was a dance floor set up, allowing everyone to fully immerse themselves in the experience. Many people used it and danced while the Band was playing, even people in their seats.

This event contained outstanding performances and solos. Some notable songs that were performed were "Lake Taco," "Birdland," "In the Stone," "Low Rider," "Turn the Beat Around," "I'm Coming Out," and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." There was a guest singer, a student that is a part of the VMA who had a part in "Low Rider." During different sets, some players would be switched out so that all of them were able to perform.



Photographer: Lizzy Morrison

The Jazz Band has many supporters. A supporter and volunteer exclaimed, "I am so impressed with the talent and confidence demonstrated by these Jazz Band students! Each and every one of them has been featured in solos across the songs played, and they are all so incredibly talented."

There were two photo booths set up for people where they could capture memories made that evening and a concession stand that offered a variety of festive items like beanies, lights, and decorations. There was a raffle as well that was for eight separate boxes that were filled with goodies; some goodies were lottery tickets, a rainy day basket, VIP tickets to an upcoming Band performance, and a signed poster of all the band members. The Jazz Band has been working on saving up funds for their trip to San Diego.

To get ready for the concert, the Jazz Band has been practicing since the beginning of the school year. They practiced each song in class and worked through any difficult parts to make for an excellent performance. The Tech Crew added stage lighting which gave the performance a professional look.

In class, they played in sectionals. A sectional is when each section for the separate instruments like saxophones, trumpets, and trombones, go to practice on their own to work out the parts that are personally difficult for them. The Jazz Band is currently working on their songs for Holiday Spectacular.

Fall Pep Rally

By Sam Lisi
Cub Reporter

The fall semester Pep Rally was very entertaining and full of fun activities. This was the Pep Rally to get students excited for the big game against Burbank High. We started the Pep Rally with a performance from our Marching Band as well as Color Guard.

Then our ASB President LaLa Nestor welcomed everyone and also got everyone ready for the National Anthem.

After that we met our MC's Winston Bromhead and October Seims.

Afterwards we watched the first game of the rally, water balloon Dodgeball with members of ASB.

Once the game came to an end the JBHS Cheer Team performed a routine with all three of the teams, JV, Frosh and Varsity.


Photographer: Kayla Cabral

After this all Varsity fall sports and their captains got recognition. This included Water Polo, Golf, Volleyball, Cross Country, Tennis, Cheer and Football!

To give the captains even more recognition, captains from all of the fall sports played a round of a Horseback Obstacle Course!

Our Homecoming Court got recognition, this is a big part of the Fall Pep Rally considering the Big Rivalry Game is our Homecoming Game. The order of the Court was first Micah Abbey and Sadie Beal, Caiden Shrode and Ava Tomlinson, Silas Shultz and Lana Dedakian and last but not least Winstom Bromhead and Giada Villafuerte. Then our Royalty walked, our King Daniel Ortiz and our Queen October Siems.

After this our very own Dance Production Team performed fantastically.

The game that was the most exciting was when the bulldogs and the bears got to wrestle! We had an inflatable Bear and an inflatable Bulldog that wrestled and of course the Bear won! We finished off with chants for each class that the MC's conducted. This Pep Rally got everyone excited and ready for the Big Game that night and got everyone's spirits up.

Phone Policy

By Jack Nothomb
Editor-In-Chief

On September 23rd California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 3216 "The Phone-Free School Act" into state law. The new law requires every school in the state to draft and implement a policy limiting and/or banning the use of smartphones in the classroom by July 1st, 2026.

This comes after Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 272 into law in 2019 which authorized schools to be able to pass anti smartphone rules. The state assembly has cited evidence that "Excessive smartphone use among youth is linked to increased anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues."

The state's worries are not unfounded, according to the Pew Research center 72% of K-12 teachers say that phones are a major problem in classrooms and another 20% say that phones are a minor problem. That leaves only 8% of teachers that believe phones are not a problem at all.

The Governor of New York, Kathy Hochul also plans to introduce similar legislation to her state in 2025 showing a broadening trend regarding smartphone use in today's political sphere. Just like California, her plan applies only to smartphones that students have in their possession and not any other type of phone.

In order to get ahead of the deadline set by the state the Burbank Unified School District Board of Education has decided to draft a policy that limits phones as per instructed by the state and have it implemented by January of this school year. The new policy will severely limit the usage of phones by students while in the classroom, it will not, however, limit the use of phones outside the classroom.



Photographer: Jack Nothomb

John Burroughs Principal, Mr. Knoop, states that the phone policy will "Only go into affect during instruction time" and that "We'll be piloting the program in January." The fact that we'll only be piloting the program means that the policy can still be revised and changed to best fit the needs of the school.

The policy that is planned to go into effect right now is similar to the policy that English Teacher Ms. Permenter already has in place in her classroom. The system, which she calls "Degobah," functions as is: students walk into the classroom and put their phones in plastic pouches hanging on the wall where they will be stored throughout the duration of the class period. After the bell rings students then form a line to go pick up their phones.

The ultimate goal in creating the district wide phone policy is to standardize the phone policy throughout the district, however, the policy would have to be different per classroom according to Principal Knoop, "Mrs. Clark's Photo Class would have to be different because her students often go outside to take pictures, so we need lockers or something more secure to keep track of their phones and prevent theft."

Mr. Knoop also says, "Even though a phone has its tools, it's important for every student to be focused on the teacher during instruction," and that "A perfect phone policy would be something natural and it would best keep the students engaged in the classroom."

Homecoming Court members Tobie Siems and Silas Schulz agree with Mr. Knoop's sentiments regarding the phone policy and have experienced Ms. Permenter's policy firsthand in Advanced Placement Literature. Tobie says about the policy, "It's beneficial to classroom time and it really takes out any distractions that could affect me and waste my time." Silas states, "We're in school to learn, not to be on our phones. I believe taking phones away completely would be a mistake. But this is a good plan for Burbank Unified School District."

Mr. Knoop's says that he wants students and parents alike to know "I really want students and teachers to know that this is a state law. It's not something we've created to mess with students." He also had this to say "Not only as a principal but as a father of a girl that goes to Burbank Unified School District, I believe that this will be a positive policy on both sides."

LAVC Field Trip

By Nico Garedakis
Cub Reporter

Students got to experience an introduction to community college and what it's all about on the field trip to Los Angeles Valley Community College on October 29th. Among these students was Jared Lucas who said this trip included "a presentation and tour for students to learn how to apply to community college and learn about the benefits from it."

The students that attended the trip were signed up through the Career Center and it was led by Lori Schleinkofer. The trip was free for students and they traveled by bus leaving at around 9AM and returning at 2:30PM.

When asked if he had fun Jared said, "it was more of an informative trip."

The tour covered topics about applying to community college and how to get more involved with the school. Jared's favorite part of the tour was walking around the campus and he and the other visitors got an opportunity to meet fellow counselors and students enrolled in LAVC.

LA Zoo Field Trip

By April Pickering
Cub Reporter

On Wednesday October 30th, Ms. Clark led a delightful field trip for the Photo class to the LA Zoo. Most of the Photo 2 students attend, along with a few GMJB students and Yearbook students.

The trip, which was free of charge, aimed to provide students with an opportunity to practice photojournalism outside of the school environment while having fun.

The class traveled by the school bus which took about fifteen minutes to get to the zoo. Upon arrival at around 9:20AM, the students were set loose to explore and capture the essence of the zoo through their camera lenses.

There were a variety of activities such as monkey shows, feeding animals, and practicing their photography skills.

Isabella Ramirez, a student in the Photo 2 class, shared her favorite part about the trip, "My favorite part was seeing the gorillas because they would make noises, and you could hear them from the other side of the zoo, it was so fun!" Isabella, along with many of her classmates found the experience both educational and enjoyable.

The field trip concluded at around 2:30PM, with students returning to school with a unique collection of photographs as well as a nice memorable zoo day. The hands-on experience provided a valuable extension of their classroom learning, highlighting the importance of adapting to various photographic environments.

Phone Policy - Pro

By Charles Yungul
Cub Reporter

On Wednesday, November 13, several students from John Burroughs High School Journalism interviewed and received information on the upcoming cell phone policy from Principal Knoop, which will be implemented in January of 2025 and will affect all students in the Burbank Unified School District, as it will require students to leave their personal cell phones in pouches, which remain under the surveillance of the teacher until the end of the period. On November 19, a committee of teachers from Burbank High School, the assistant superintendent, and teachers from JBHS met to discuss the implementation and consequences regarding this new policy, and how it would be standardized district-wide.

The first point that Principal Knoop addressed on Monday, for students who are skeptical of this new policy is how it is a "push-down state law," which means that it was enforced, and administered by California under Gavin Newsom's Cell Phone Free Schools Act, which requires that by July 1, 2026 schools are required to have a school policy limiting cell phone use. This means that local administration does not have power to override this upcoming policy, as it is mandated at the state level.

Principal Knoop highlighted many possible benefits that this new enacted policy could have, such as teachers having an easier time developing a "natural classroom routine where the students' phones are submitted," as well as the notion that "students will be more engaged in the learning process" because according to Knoop: "phones are a distraction, when the teacher is instructing," and do not assist in prioritizing the process of intentional learning. Additionally, when this law is implemented, as a byproduct, Principal Knoop believes that "social media issues will be reduced." Because of the combined coordination of teachers in thoroughly discussing the nuances in the plan, and accounting for outliers in phone usage which can be seen as natural rights, such as family emergencies, and certain medical issues, I do believe that this policy is going to be well fleshed-out before going into effect. Principal Knoop acknowledged that this is "in no way; in any shape or form a cell phone ban, they will only be banned during instruction time."

Additionally as a member of Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, and Marching Band, I anecdotally have experience with how disruptive cell phone usage can be in class to musical improvement, and how much time they can absorb that could be spent fine tuning musical passages.

Overall I believe this policy is helpful and supportive of the learning process because it prevents a nagging distraction of social media, allows students to be fully present and attentive to what they are learning, and does not prevent students from communicating with their parents in an emergency.

Phone Policy - Con

By Amberlyn Grajeda
Cub Reporter

This January at John Burroughs High School a new phone policy will be implemented. At the beginning of each period, students will be required to put their phones in pouches where they will remain for the duration of the period.

There are mixed feelings when it comes to this new policy. Many students feel like banning phones is not a solution to the issue. Srehita Gandla, a Sophomore at JBHS says, "Banning phones in schools isn't an effective solution because it limits students' ability to communicate in emergencies, their access to learning resources, and encourages them to be sneaky."

One student suggests that instead of taking away students' phones we should teach them how to use them responsibly. Sophomore Niroda Abeyratne explains, "Banning phones at school doesn't really fix anything. It takes away our personal rights, and it just cuts us off from our friends, the outside world, and even the tools we use to learn and stay organized. Instead of banning them, why not teach us how to use them responsibly?"

JBHS students feel that not having their phone in class will make it more challenging to stay focused and to use the tools that they have become accustomed to.

While some students use their phones irresponsibly during class, others use them productively and only when they are allowed to. Camilla Lujan, a Junior at JBHS feels that not all students should be affected by this policy. She says, "In my opinion, the new phone policy is not necessary for all students. Why punish the well behaved students if they're doing nothing but following the rules? If anything, we should maintain the policy we have now."

Students aren't the only ones with mixed feelings about the new phone policy. Parents too have brought up their concerns.

Many parents are worried about not having contact with their children during the school day, especially during an emergency. The phone policy is not just inconvenient for students, but for parents too.

One parent, Bhagyasri Benna stated, "What if there is an emergency? How will I be able to contact my daughter? The phone ban is inconvenient for parents."

Another JBHS parent shared similar concerns. Florence Thomas expressed her thoughts, "I think that access to phones is important in the event of an emergency. It should be used to contact parents and then students should have to turn it off during class. It shouldn't be banned in schools, but instead monitored to avoid excess use."

Regardless of how students and parents feel about the new phone policy, it will be implemented in January 2025. Only time will tell if this new policy will be beneficial to students and help them focus more in class.

[It should be noted that the current plan for the phone policy will allow students to be on their phones during emergency evacuations according to Assistant Principal Bryan Henriquez.]



Cartoonist: Chloe Doermann

Slice House

By Clover Serio
Cub Reporter

Earlier this year in August, a new restaurant opened in Burbank. Slice House is a fast-casual pizza franchise by Tony Gemignani located in downtown Burbank, by the Burbank Mall.

Slice House has a 4.7 star rating on Google, and a 4.2 rating on Yelp. Slice House is a great place to grab a bite when at the mall or movie theater. It consists of many different Italian cuisines, and lots of different styles of pizza.

My family and I went to Slice House, and ordered one pizza from every category. To start it off, we ordered the 'Wise Guy', which is a New York style pizza. It had sliced Italian sausage, pepperoni, green onion, and it had a thin crust. It was very crispy and hot, as well as large and floppy, which is exactly what a New York style pizza is. It was delicious and I would 100% recommend this to someone trying out Slice House's pizzas.

Next, we tried the traditional Sicilian style pizza. It was focaccia style crust and had tomato sauce, grande mozzarella, oregano, romano, and garlic olive oil. My family is of Sicilian roots, so I have some prior experience with Sicilian dishes. The pizza itself was very delicious and pretty accurate, especially considering it is a fast-casual restaurant.

Another Italian dish that I tried was the meatballs, which I also have experience with when my dad makes Sicilian meatballs from my great-grandmother's recipe. I'm not a huge fan of meatballs in general, but I think that this dish was well served. They were extremely large, and hard to eat, but overall they tasted like any other meatball and there wasn't anything alarming or surprising about them.

My personal favorite Italian dish, Bucatini, was also an option served at Slice House. Bucatini is a thick spaghetti noodle that is hollow inside. Their Bucatini was served with a pink tomato sauce that took over the entire dish. The noodle itself was extremely doughy and tasted overcooked. Although the consistency was off, the overall taste of it was pretty good. If I were to go back, I probably wouldn't have ordered the Bucatini again, but it was a nice experience trying it.

The Sweet Gino pizza was a grandma style pizza with mozzarella, basil, a hot crispy crust, and medium crust thickness. This pizza goes along with its name perfectly, it was very sweet and tastes like it would be found at a grandmother's house.

The final pizza that I tried was the Rosa pizza. It was a Detroit style with pepperoni embedded into the sides of the thick crust. It was served hot and delicious, although it was very dense. There was a lot of sauce and two different types of pepperoni on the top of the pizza.

A side that I tried was the Mixed Greens salad. There were only two options of salad, the other being Caesar. The Mixed Green Salad was served with classic Italian dressing, consisting of two separate containers with vinegar and oil. There were many flavorful add ins, while the actual lettuce itself was very dull.

My family and I went to Slice House at around 12PM on a Sunday, and it wasn't too full. They had indoor and outdoor seating arrangements, as well as multiple TVs playing sports. It wasn't a huge building, but there were still a lot of options on where to sit, like tables or booths. Some of the walls were brick, while the others were painted plain black.

The overall experience was pretty good. When I walked in, they explained how the ordering and service works and were very polite and patient. The food was mostly good, and the pizza options changed constantly, always allowing new foods. I 100% recommend Slice House if you are in the area and love Italian food.

Slice House is open Sunday-Thursday from 11AM to 10PM, and Friday to Saturday from 11AM to 11PM. If you want to place an order or call for more information, you can reach them at (818)-805-1778.

Chance Vintage

By Alan Rodriguez
Cub Reporter

In the great county of Burbank, California, Chance Vintage is a great place for those with a liking for older and greater styles. The small, yet good store has gained a great reputation amongst Burbank, which attracts fashion enthusiasts, collectors, and even some costume designers from here. With its warm atmosphere, and dedication, Chance Vintage offers a great store for your clothing.

When you go into the store, you may be immediately amazed by the array of colors, patterns, and textures this store has to offer to you. The racks are filled with clothes from a variety of times, from the tailored fancy times of the 1940s and 50s to the more open and free spirited styles of the 70s and 80s. Each piece of clothing is hand picked, which ensures that the store offers not only great diversity in fashion but also high quality and authenticity.

The store's appeal doesn't stop at its clothing. The staff at Chance Vintage are very welcoming and helpful, and are also enthusiastic about helping customers find the perfect piece. This attention to customer service creates a warm, inviting store where its customers feel comfortable exploring different types of styles and finding clothes that may reflect their personal tastes. Many first time customers may love the charm of the store and become repeat customers, drawn to the unique and great clothing store of Chance Vintage.

The store of Chance Vintage differs from many other stores, as it is very affordable and usually has many discounts, which helps you pick out more clothing for your own style. Chance Vintage is a great store, and a great place for clothing of your own style.

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 22nd-24th	*The Crucible* (Fall Play)
Nov. 25th-26th	Gingerbread Sale
Nov. 27th-29th	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
Dec. 6th	Track and Field Informational Meeting
Dec. 13th	Holiday Assembly
Dec. 13th-15th	Holiday Spectacular
Dec. 17th-19th	Finals
Dec. 20th	Pupil Free Day
Dec. 23-Jan. 3rd	Winter Recess (No School)
Jan. 6th	Spring Semester Begins

Costco's Remodel

By Aiden Francoeur
Cub Reporter

A staple of Burbank's ever growing list of chain supermarkets, Costco Wholesale, located on 1051 W. Burbank Boulevard, recently went through several renovations. Although Costco strives as a "warehouse" style business, selling a multitude of products across their giant square footage, their food court remains one of the business's most iconic and profitable sections.

Starting in early October, Costco temporarily closed their food court, which usually serves several iconic food items, including Pizza, Hot Dogs, "Chicken bakes," Salads, Sandwiches and several sweet treats. Finally, on October 30th the Burbank Costco Food Court reopened their doors to the public with several long-awaited changes.

The specific changes in the food court included both changes in the environment of the area, and in the beloved menu. In terms of new things on the menu, one new item has appeared, being the "Chicken and Bacon Sandwich."

This sandwich replaces the previously offered Roast Beef Sandwich, which garnered mixed review from members of the warehouse chain. The new sandwich, as the name entails, includes oven-roasted chicken, bacon, tomato, lettuce and mayo, for a unique and special taste. The reactions to this new item are also mixed like the previous sandwich, although most people generally agree it is a nice addition to the expanded menu.

Luckily, for Costco food court customers, no price increases have been made, keeping with the food court's high affordability. The new item itself has actually been lowered from the original price of the Roast Beef sandwich of $9.99 to the current price of $6.99.

Although the actual area of the food court only saw minor changes, the inside of the food court's kitchen has been completely refurbished, which should further streamline their cooking process, making a positive change in customer service.

With all of these positive changes, the Burbank Costco Food Court will surely continue to "bring the boom" to all lovers of the beloved chain's food.

Crumbl

By Giliana MontesDeOca
Cub Reporter

In 2017 two cousins in Logan, Utah Jason McGowan and Sawyer Hemsley teamed up to make the perfect chocolate chip cookie but little did they know, they would build one of the fastest growing cookie companies in the nation.

Crumbl really expanded with the help of social media and thriving on platforms like Tik Tok, Instagram, and Youtube. This gave them the opportunity to expand and open more than 1,000 locations all over the country. Crumbl has a rotating and a different menu every week and this causes many people to go out and buy their weekly cookies and review them on social media platforms and this helps the company a lot by free advertising their cookies.

In February of 2024, Crumbl opened their 1,000th location here in the city of Burbank at 3619 Magnolia Blvd, Burbank, CA 91505. Monday through Saturday they are open at 9AM and close up at 10PM and on Sundays they are closed as the founders believe that Crumbl employees should take the day off with their friends and families.

Many students here at John Burroughs High School go to Crumbl during their 40 minute lunch break and it is a very easy place to go to and come back on time. When you walk in through the doors you can smell the sweet and delicious pastries being made. Crumbl has a tech system where you can order off of a tablet and pay with your card. Every week they offer a variety of cookies which you can choose which ones you specifically want on your order.

They offer mini desserts that range from $8.99-$29.99 depending on the amount of cookies you get. They also offer large desserts that range at $4.99-$48.99 also depending on the pack you get. Once putting your order in, the bakers and employees start on your order and the wait is about 10 minutes. Everyone when walking into the bakery always seems very excited and pleased when seeing the results with their order. The bakers put a great effort into making the cookies look appealing with some type of decor with the cookie whether it be frosting or sprinkles and you can openly see them making it and it increases the excitement. Employees make sure before leaving that your order is set and exactly how you want it and give a warm goodbye.

When taking your first bite you can instantly taste the sweetness and deliciousness of the cookie. They're incredibly soft and easy to enjoy and the frosting or sprinkles are like the cherry on top!

Inside the building it is very evident that it's clean, organized, and well taken care of and the employees make sure of that. When finishing the cookies you get very eager for the following week's cookies and it makes you want to go the following week after. Go to Crumbl for delicious and tasty cookies and you will not be disappointed.

Artisan Bakery

By Amelia Walsh
Cub Reporter

After a year and four months of working hard to get their business off the ground, Artisan Bakery finally opened its doors here in our hometown of Burbank in August of this year. They are a small business with this being their first location and they have aspirations of opening up more locations in the future. They are open every day of the week from 8AM-6PM and are located at 1001 San Fernando Blvd, Burbank CA.

Artisan Bakery takes pride in crafting exquisite artisanal pastries. They have very friendly and helpful staff, and the owner and head baker is Ted. The bakery's goal is to try and make a good cause for our community.

When you walk up to Artisan Bakery, they have a big window looking into the kitchen where you can see all the machines and tools they use. Ted said that this design was intentional, as he wanted the customers to be able to see inside the kitchen. Once you walk into the bakery, it is very quiet and peaceful with neutral colors and many tables to sit at and enjoy your food. The pastries are in a glass display so you can see everything laid out in an aesthetically pleasing way. Their baked goods include croissants, freshly baked breads, sandwiches, poppy seed pastries, and fruit pastries. They also have a good selection of drinks including many different sparkling waters, iced and hot coffee, teas, and juices.

Ted said that his favorite items on the menu that he recommends are the croissants and olive bread. While I was there, I tried the Cocoa Powder Croissant, Chocolate Croissant, and Cherry Pie and found everything to be quite tasty.

Crust Artisan Bakery is a very peaceful and great place to go if you're looking for fresh and delicious pastries.

Ghost Sando Shop

By Melanie Derkeverkian Haftvani
Cub Reporter

Ghost Sando Shop has a few locations in Los Angeles, but a new one opened in Burbank over the summer! Order for pickup, delivery, or order in person. No matter what you pick, you're getting a great sandwich for a regular price. They even allow outside food and drinks, and sell homemade sauces.

Whether you're getting breakfast at 8AM or having a lunch/dinner sandwich before they close at 7PM, this place should be on your radar! They have ten hot sandwich options, nine cold sandwich options, five breakfast sandwiches, and the option to build your own hot or cold sandwich. If you have an event coming up, they also cater.

Their hot pastrami sandwich is delectable, and the ambiance there is comfortable and casual. Ghost Sando Shop has clean indoor and outdoor seating. Something that's shocking about this place is how it functions faster than many fast food places. Yelp reviewers agree that it's incredible how quickly they have your sandwich ready.

This sandwich shop's smallest size for a sandwich is a large. That sounds a bit intimidating, but it's manageable and honestly a spot-on portion size. Extra large and XXL sizes are also offered, with those sandwiches being thicker than the large (rather than longer).

Something else the community likes about Ghost Sando Shop is the friendly customer service there. It's also never extremely crowded, so you don't have to worry about a long wait time. The most common consensus among customers seems to be that the Uncle Nikki and Melrose sandwiches are highly recommended.

Even though Ghost Sando Shop has only been in Burbank for around five months, many people consider the sandwiches the shop serves to be their favorite. This place has really captured the hearts of the majority of people who have gone to try it out. Their increasing amount of returning customers will only continue to rise; maybe you will be one of them!



Photographer: Melanie Derkeverkian Haftvani

Silverlake Ramen

By Sofia Negrete
Cub Reporter

With winter coming up and the air getting colder Silverlake Ramen, a popular ramen franchise along the west coast opens in Burbank early June of 2024 and costumers are ready to eat.

At Silverlake, we were sat in the patio with an amazing view of Downtown Burbank. Soon after we ordered our appetizers came looking very good. The creamy broccolini, a plate or broccolini with sesame sauce tasted good but there was too much sauce. As for the edamame, it was a good ratio of salt on the soy beans.



After the appetizers came out, our main dish came. We both ordered the Shoyu with chicken and it was good. Although the noodles tasted amazing, the chicken was a different story. It tasted like rubber and the texture was plasticky.

After our meal we spoke with Faith Kim. Faith is the shift lead who has been working at the restaurant since they opened. Her favorite memory working there or her favorite part about working there is working with her co workers in a relaxed environment compared to others. Faith's favorite item on the menu is the shoyu on fire with extra limes.

In the end, our total score of the restaurant was an 8/10 because it was a nice, relaxed environment, short wait time and amazing service and the view we had of the sunset from the outside was amazing.

Silverlake Ramen is an amazing place for ramen as well as a variety of buns and bowls.

What's Up Dough

By Alexandra Hammeke
Cub Reporter

In March of this year Burbank got an amazing new pizza shop on Magnolia Boulevard right across from Portos called What Up Dough. They are open every day of the week with hours of 11AM-9PM on Mon-Thur, 11AM-10PM Fri-Sat, and 11AM-7PM on Sundays. They are located at 3619 W. Magnolia Blvd, Burbank, CA.

What Up Dough has their nine main pizza's: The Spicy Soppressata, The Walter White, The Pepperoni, All Four Meats, The Hot Boy, Piggy Smalls, The Machine, Meat The Ball, and the CheeseMatic. These pizzas come in either New York style and Roman style pies or slices. They also have The Eight Mile pizza and The Slim Shady with many different toppings to choose from.

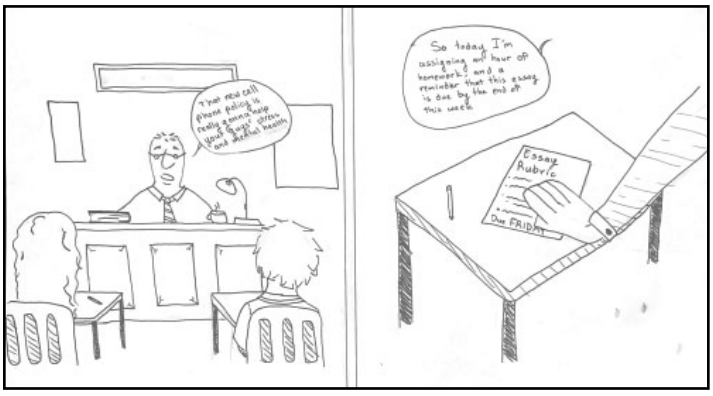
What Up Dough has something for everyone like their Buffalo, Lemon Pepper, BBQ, or Carolina Gold hot wings. Some other things include their Paninos, with the options of the Soppressata, Piggy Smalls, Mortadella, Caprese, Meatball, and Veggie. Along with the House Salad, Pasta Al Forno, and amazing Garlic Knots make a complete lunch or dinner menu. For a little sweet treat there is a fantastic cannoli with a crispy fried pastry shell filled with Italian ricotta cheese topped with chocolate chips, powdered sugar, and chocolate drizzle.

What Up Dough is the perfect place to hang out and grab a bite to eat with your friends or family.

Ursa Major Horoscopes

Aries (Mar.21- Apr.19): As Mars moves into Sagittarius your energy is high and adventurous, making this the time to pursue bold goals and channel your enthusiasm.
Taurus (Apr.20- May 20)**:** Now is the time to focus on the details. Look closer into your relationships and finances at this time while Venus passes through Virgo attention to practicality will bring your rewards.
Gemini (May 21- Jun.20)**:** As Mercury also meets Sagittarius you're exploding with new ideas and you're feeling more outspoken and extroverted; engage this with deep conversation and planning for the future.
Cancer (Jun.21- Jul.22)**:** Your family and home life grows in prevalence as Jupiter enters Taurus right now. Nurture growth and tend the roots of these connections and you will feel them flourish around you.
Leo (Jul.23- Aug.22)**:** Small acts of love and care will strengthen your personal relationships right now. With Venus in Virgo you're encouraged to refine these connections with those close to you.
Virgo (Aug.23- Sept.22)**:** Mars is in Sagittarius motivating you to work hard on professional and personal goals, however it's important to mind balance at this time to avoid burnout. Ambition with moments of relaxation will help you find your harmony.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct.22)**:** As the Sun and Mercury align through Sagittarius, focusing on your creative endeavors and engaging in activities that inspire you will be key for you at this time.
Scorpio (Oct.23- Nov.21)**:** Now is the time to be reflecting on long-term goal setting and taking practical steps towards them. As Saturn shifts into Pisces, balance your dreams with the discipline to achieve them.
Sagittarius (Nov.22- Dec.21)**:** As the Sun enters your sign, you're entering the spotlight. Now is the perfect time for you to take on new challenges and embrace independence confidently. That moment you have been waiting for is now.
Capricorn (Dec.22- Jan. 19): With Venus moving into Virgo balancing social connections with your work life will become vital to you. It's a good moment for you to work on your relationships while maintaining a drive for success.
Aquarius (Jan.20- Feb.18)**:** As Mercury enters Sagittarius opportunities for intellectual growth will present themselves to you. Explore new concepts and challenge yourself by seeing things from a new perspective right now.
Pisces (Feb.19- Mar.20)**:** Jupiter in Taurus means expansion in your financial world. Use this time to set your sights on your material goals and building a foundation for your future investments to success.

- Julian Stevens, Cub Astrologer



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New Coach: Thomas Hardy

By Amelia Dieter
Cub Reporter

Recently, John Burroughs High School welcomed a new tennis coach, Thomas Hardy. A former tennis player for Burroughs himself, he returns to work with the current teams and mentor the players.

Coach Hardy was born in 1991, and is currently 33 years old. He coaches the Boys' and Girls' Tennis teams. He does not run any other activities or extracurriculars at the moment.

Coach Hardy decided to work here when he heard that the prior coach, Roy Bernhardt, was getting ready to retire. He knew a few of the players on the teams because of his other job of private coaching. He is also a former student of JBHS, so getting to coach the team he played on was an amazing opportunity.

After playing with the JBHS team, Coach Hardy moved on to play at Glendale Community College.

When he was four years old, Coach Hardy was scouted by a tennis coach at a park. He stated that he was with some friends, pretending to play baseball with some



fruits and sticks. The coach came up to him and his parents, and said he had a very strong swing, and asked if he would like to start playing tennis. That's how he started his career in tennis.

When asked what he was known for, he said that he has a very strong swing when playing tennis. Outside of that, his friends know him for being very into food. He explained that most of the food he eats is made by himself.

As stated earlier, Coach Hardy was a student at JBHS. He was a four year Varsity starter. His favorite subject in school was English, especially the literature side of it. He describes himself as an avid reader and said he really enjoys literary analysis.

While attending Burroughs, Coach Hardy said that he really enjoyed Mr. Kuglen's English class. He said that his favorite teacher at the time was Mr. Sullivan, a now retired Chemistry teacher.

While coaching a team can be a stressful job, Coach Hardy enjoys it. He says that the best thing about it is being able to see the team develop as the year progresses.

However, Coach Hardy stated that the worst thing about coaching a team is when the team doesn't live up to their full capability. He says that "you [can] feel their frustration as well."

In his free time, Coach Hardy enjoys boxing and MMA. He also enjoys reading and cooking.

Coach Hardy and his partner, Honey, run a cafe in Burbank. He looks forward to seeing success in the new menu that they are developing and putting out. He currently lives in Burbank.

Coach Hardy's advice for students is to not focus on the end goal. Instead, put effort into every step that it takes to move forward.

When asked what current trends are annoying to him, he said people doing TikTok dances on the street. He says he doesn't think they realize how dumb they look, and it can drive him crazy.

Looking towards the future, Coach Hardy says he looks forward to the Boys' season. He hopes that they will win League and get a deep run in the CIF competitions.

Coach Hardy would say that his hidden talent is cooking. He enjoys it a lot and used to work in restaurants and now works at a cafe. His favorite food at the moment is Japanese ramen.

As an avid reader, Coach Hardy would say that his favorite book is a novel titled *Battle Royale,* written by Koushun Takami. However, his favorite author would have to be a classic, Edgar Allan Poe.

Lastly, he said that his favorite musical artist would have to be 50 Cent.

If you see Coach Hardy around campus, make sure to say hello!

Something Poetic!

By Jacob Felts
Cub Reporter

Something Poetic is a band created by students here at John Burroughs High School. Among its ranks are Aaron Vasquez on vocals and lead guitar, Liam Ellingsworth on bass and vocals as well, Bobby Burcham on rhythm and Julian Blum on drums. They are all sixteen years old and Junior students, except for Blum who is fifteen and a Sophomore.

They were inspired to make their own band after seeing so many other groups performing and having such a great time while doing it. They all agree that their favorite part of being a band is simply hanging out with the people they enjoy being around, and being able to create art with them. Their favorite songs to play are usually from the band Nirvana. They say that they love to play Nirvana songs because they're easy to cover, and they love the grooves they often have.



Some of Something Poetic's musical inspirations include Nirvana, Alice in Chains, Metallica, Stone Temple Pilots, and Julie. The band is currently working on two songs, "Dirty Strings" and "Innocence." According to Aaron Vasquez, "Dirty Strings" is a slower, grunge-style song, while "Innocence" is a faster paced thrash-metal adjacent song.

While they've technically played for two of their friends before, they're currently plotting out the logistics of performing their first show in their drummer Julian's backyard. Goals for the year that the band have in mind include playing that first show in Julian's backyard, as well as playing the Whiskey a Go Go, and getting their originals like the ones mentioned above released. They hope to remain a band and continue to create art together for the foreseeable future.

The band would also like the shout out to thank everyone who's believed in and supported them so far, as well as their artist Masaya Caudle-Saitō, their photographer Ladon Ramos, and their soon to be tech guy Andrew Francisco! They also requested to give a special thanks to people who wear deodorant!

Award Winning Teacher: Ms. Nakashima

By Ginger Short
Cub Reporter

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 winner of the Masonic Teacher of the Year Award, Karen Nakashima!

Chosen by the administration, Ms. Nakashima was honored to be given the award.

Ms. Nakashima began her career in education around 2007 after studying visual arts at OTIS College and began teaching at John Burroughs High School in 2021. She previously taught middle school, which had a much different atmosphere than high school, and she appreciates the maturity of her students. She comments on how "safe and inclusive" John Burroughs is.

Ms. Nakashima is very active in the John Burroughs community by facilitating the Portraits of Kindness Club, Women's Rights Initiative, You Matter Mental Health, and Genshin Impact Club, stating that her main goal is to "help support students" however that may be.



For her passion for art and helping others, she credits her high school art teacher, Ms. Nicholas, because she helped her find confidence in herself and brought her into a community of like-minded people.

She carries what she learned from Ms. Nicholas into her teaching today by trying to help students find a voice through art and express themselves in ways they hadn't thought were possible.

A major factor of why Ms. Nakashima was given this award is because of her natural creativity and knack for problem-solving. She stated that she had "overcome many challenges" throughout her life, and relates to her students who are also going through a rough time, which motivates her to work with them to overcome whatever they are dealing with. Her students challenge her in the best ways so she feels a responsibility to be her best self everyday.

Outside of school, Ms. Nakashima is active within her community. A former member of the LA Derby Dolls, Ms. Nakashima connected with others through Roller Derby. She also enjoys finding new places to eat and try new cuisine. She also used to work at an insect museum, which she not only loved, but also learned from by giving her tools to take care of exotic insects.

Ms. Nakashima's mother is a major role model in her life. Her parents are from Japan, and she witnessed first hand how hard they worked to support the family and herself. Although it was difficult blending the two cultures in her life together, she is thankful for what her family has done for her.

As Ms. Nakashima has grown throughout her life, she credits the mentality of "finding something meaningful" to helping her through her hardships. She really wanted to give back and help those around her and not waste time with little things that didn't fulfill her purpose. In fact, sometimes she feels like she can be overgiving and has to reel herself back from depleting herself in order to help others. Like everything else in life, it's a process, but finding the balance between her naturally giving personality and peace of mind is a main goal of hers.

When Ms. Nakashima had found out she had got the Masonic Teacher of the Year Award, she was shocked and ecstatic. She told all her friends and family who were just as happy as her for her accomplishments. Overall, this award has just pushed her to want to do more and grow as a teacher and person. She already has plans for what she wants in her career, including sponsoring more clubs, supporting more students, and giving even more to the community and world through art.

Student Athlete: Cash Levin

By Christian Garay-Dang-Mendez
Cub Reporter

Cashel Levin is a fifteen year old Sophomore who was born on January 8, 2009 and he plays hockey. He plays ice hockey for the Burbank Cougars for the JV Red team. So far in the season he has 3 goals and 2 assists while having 14 penalty minutes, he is the second fastest player in his league, LAKHSHL.

One club that he is in is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. During the summer he had tryouts in July at Pickwick Ice Rink, during his time playing hockey his team won playoffs for his division. He went to Luther Burbank Middle School.

Currently his favorite class is World History with Mr. Riley because he's a good teacher, he's laid back, and very nice. His favorite teacher of all time is Mrs. Grimaldi, who was his 7th grade science teacher. He liked her because she was the nicest teacher he's ever had and she's caring, funny, and taught well. She also let him jump out of a window in 7th or 8th grade.



What Cash does in his free time is boxing and snowboarding. He has three main role models. One of them is Mark Stone who is the captain of the Las Vegas Golden Knights, Mike Tyson and Sean White.

He wants to say "Hi mom and dad and I'm a better hockey player than my sister."

He works out at school with Mr. Real and he goes to a Gold's Gym by his house. His goal for this year is to make Varsity because he says he's playing at a Varsity level but he's undersized for Varsity but he has a good chance.

He is also saving money for a C3 Corvette.

He sees himself playing in the NHL in the future. His college plan is he is going to follow his sister's footsteps playing hockey at UC Davis and majoring in History and getting a teaching degree.

His favorite food is fettuccine alfredo, his favorite songs is "No Questions" by Eazy-E, he likes to hangout at the mall, his favorite athlete is Mike Tyson, his favorite show is *Adventure Time*, and his favorite movies is *Fast and Furious Tokyo Drift.*

Student Actor: Luca Diaz

By Dakota OConnell
Cub Reporter

A Senior, known for his laid-back charm and honor roll status is the stupendous Senior known as Luca Diaz. An aspiring actor, loved by the screen and friends alike.

A defining role he's played, and sometimes known to friends as, is "Hunter," a character from the new Nickelodeon show, *Erin & Aaron,* having starred in twelve episodes from its run. He's also featured in the cast list from the animated film, *Migration*. And, he says he's been working on an ongoing project that is to be announced in the future.

At 17 he's been in multiple roles, joined the NAF engineering program and has taken multiple AP classes. He's continued to move through school with flying colors, with past schooling in online classes from Compass Charter School. He's been a prevalent member of SkillsUSA Robotics team, currently working on an "Urban Search and Rescue Program."



One might expect he joined these high classes and programs in order to best his chances for colleges, but Diaz notes that he chose this path to better himself. Stating he joined the Engineering program because it "seemed like a fun thing to do" and going as far to say he wants to pursue Mechanical Engineering as a career, alongside his establishing acting jobs.

He brings up his mentor figure, who helped push him to his fullest potential in all things mechanical and academic. Mr. Vezina, seen as an inspiration to Diaz and his peers in the Academy but also in the wider aspects of life. Running the school's engineering program, it's not shocking that he would be so impactful to his students. Diaz says he had his class in his Freshman year and was happy to be taught by him as a returning student. Diaz admires him since he's "provided [him] with so much advice" regarding all things engineering.

Along with his high academic achievements, he's received a Citizenship Award and kept up his good grades alongside his established honor roll position.

Diaz plans on attending universities specializing in Mechanical engineering, his dream school being CalTech alongside Cal Poly Pomona and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Diaz states,"I'm glad I'm going to this school and I'm having a great time my Senior year."

Though, outside of his work and academics, he's also a novice pianist, said to enjoy the music as well as the skill. Though he's not above other recreational activities of the times, given he does play video games. Going as far to say he's in "the top one-hundred of Wii Sports."

When asked about his family, he mentions that his parents are "great and [he] loves them" as well as his sister. Freshman, Bettina Diaz, praises her brother, voicing "He's a very good person…keeps his academics up and he's a good brother."

Goals for the year mostly involve holding his studies to his usual standards, and hoping his current acting endeavors will be announced before the end of the year. Overall he is a very driven student and actor, but not wanting that to define him, he ends saying, "I'm not an actor at heart, I'm Luca at heart."

New Librarian: Azurée Natice

By Elizabeth Browngardt
Cub Reporter

We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Azurée Natice as our new Library Coordinator. Ms. Natice brings a wealth of experience along with a deep passion for her work at the library and how it benefits all the students at John Burroughs High School.

Ms. Natice's journey into a rewarding library career began in her 20s when she worked in a public library. After a stint with Universal Home Entertainment, she always hoped to return to the library field. For over nine years, she has been part of the BUSD community, spending the last six years as the library coordinator at Miller Elementary School. It was there that she met Mrs. Grené, who encouraged her to apply for the position upon her retirement. Ms. Natice is honored to follow in Mrs. Grené's footsteps and is excited to care for the library and students that meant so much to her predecessor.

When asked about the best and worst aspects of the job, Ms. Natice shared that the most rewarding part is seeing students light up



when they find stories that resonate with them or information that sparks their curiosity. On the flip side, the most challenging part is when good books are damaged by leaky water bottles in backpacks, especially graphic novels, which are both costly and beloved by students.

Ms. Natice grew up in Lancaster and Palmdale, attending Quartz Hill High School. Her favorite academic subject was English, inspired by her love for reading and writing and the impactful teachers that inspired her. In high school, she was deeply involved in music, participating in every band available and even serving as a music TA.

When it comes to advice for students, Ms. Natice prefers to get to know people individually and understand their specific needs. Reflecting on her own high school days, she wishes she had tried more new things, even if she wasn't initially good at them, and had not worried about what others thought. Building confidence and authenticity is a lifelong journey for her, especially after becoming a parent.

One thing she thinks people would be surprised to find out about her are that she's bi. The "default straight" assumption is just part of why in recent years she started wearing a rainbow lanyard, pins, and having stickers while on campus—to help signal that she's part of the LGBTQIA+ community, so students and others can see that there are more of them around than they might realize. It was her honor to serve as lead advisor when one of her students founded the first elementary GSA club in BUSD, and she would love to find ways to get involved with SAGA now that she's here at JBHS. Community is so important, especially when times get tough.

Ms. Natice pretty much treats chocolate, tea, and coffee like they're an essential food group. She loved watching the series *Interview With the Vampire, Heartstopper*, and the anime series *Delicious in Dungeon (Dungeon Meshi)*. She recently loved the teen novels *The Poet X* and *Celestial Monsters.*

Towards the top of her Spotify, you'll usually find music by Hozier, Troye Sivan, Jake Daniels, Orla Gartland, The Chopin Project, and The Irrepressibles. She enjoys listening to podcasts such as If Books Could Kill, Hidden Brain, and The Magnus Archives

Looking ahead, Ms. Natice plans to get to know the students and staff at JBHS, learn about the library's current offerings, and work on shaping its collection and services to meet everyone's needs.

We are excited to have Ms. Natice on board and look forward to the positive impact she will have on our library and students.

Football

By Spencer Stilgenbauer
Photographer

After taking a tough loss to the Muir Mustangs, our Bears would travel on the road to take on the Crescenta Valley Falcons. The Falcons come into this game with a record of 4-3 on the year with the Bears with a record of 5-2. The Bears would open this game recovering an onside kick, then marching down field for Junior Matteo Tarca to run it in for a one yard touchdown to start the scoring at 7-0. That wouldn't last long however, as CV would respond with a rushing touchdown of their own tying the game 7-7 to end the first quarter. CV would add another touchdown to set the score at 14-7. The Bears would answer right back as Senior Rocco Melillo received a 27 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Mingus Allen tying the game back up at 14 points apiece. With the first half winding down, CV would punch in their third touchdown of the half taking a 7 point advantage going into half. Coming out of the half, Matteo Tarca would strike for a 2nd and 3rd time scoring a pair of rushing touchdowns, the longest being 24 yards. But a missed extra point and a failed 2 point conversion would set the score to 26-21. This lead wouldn't last however as CV would push down the field and score again setting the score now at 26-28. Our Bears wouldn't go down without a fight, with Matteo Tarca scoring his 4th touchdown of the game giving the Bears another lead. With the score now at 34-28, and in the 4th quarter, the Falcons would throw a gut punch, scoring another touchdown to give them a 35-34 lead. With the clock winding down, the Bears rallied down field. On 4th and goal, Coach Laron Johnson would call on an injured Braden Turner to kick the game winning field goal. With 28 seconds on the clock the kick was good, Giving Burroughs a 37-35 lead and with one stop, the game as well capping off an absolute thriller.


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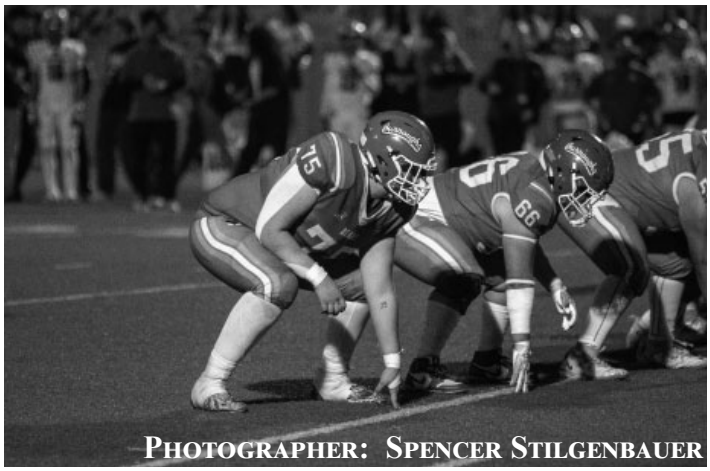
Here is what Senior Braden Turner had to say about his game winning kick, " I'm so proud of my team for getting me into that situation and just fighting the entire game. I went earlier in the game with a knee injury and wasn't able to kick. When they said they needed the field goal badly, I knew what I had to do."

We also got to interview coach Laron Johnson about how his team played tonight. He stated that "Our best team game of the year. Tonight was the best because we played with love and it was amazing." Overall great win for the football team and big congratulations to Matteo Tarca for hitting 1000 rushing yards this season. The Bears move to a record of 6-2 on the season, and 4-1 in league play.


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Coming off arguably the game of the year, our Bears traveled to Pasadena to play the Pasadena Bulldogs. The Bulldogs went into the contest at 3-2 in League. They would jump out to an early lead in the first quarter and not look back. They would win by a final score of 24-7. This loss pushes Burroughs 4-2 in League play and 6-3 on the year.

The big game is upon us, Burbank vs Burroughs. The excitement was in the air for this thrilling night. Unfortunately the excitement wouldn't last for us as Burbank High School would take a lead and never look back, winning the big game 42-21. The Bears would finish the season with a record of 6-4 and were 4-3 in league. This would put the Bears 4th in League and ending our season.


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Girls Volleyball

By Adana Torossian
Cub Reporter

Girls' Volleyball season has come to an end. Varsity ended 6-4 in League play which puts them at 3rd place after the Arcadia Apaches (2nd) and Crescenta Valley Falcons (1st). The Bears finished with an overall score of 18-13.

On October 8th, the Bears played their final League game against the Burbank High Bulldogs at Burbank High School. They were determined to win this game, and they did. The game finished with Burroughs taking three sets, and Burbank taking none. Great job Bears!

Even though League play was over, Girls' Varsity Volleyball had made it to CIF playoffs. CIF playoffs are single elimination bracket style. Their first play-off game was a home game against Northwood High School. The Bears won that game 3-2.

Their next play-off game was away against Millikan High School in Long Beach. Unfortunately, they lost that game 3-1.

The Bears finished their season with an overall record of 18-13, a League record of 6-4, and finished 3rd in League. We are proud of you Bears!

Cross Country

By Kayla Cabral
Cub Photographer, Cartoonist



The Cross Country season has officially come to an end. Our Bears have run very strong this year and have been doing amazing at all their races. They even won a trophy at their previous race. They even qualified for CIF. All their dedication has paid off.

Since the last issue of *The Paw Print*, the Dos Pueblos Invitational took place on Saturday October 12th at Dos Pueblos High School in Goleta. Senior Girls placed 7th of 8 teams. Their race had a total of 57 girls. Viviana Jimenez placed 22nd, (22:50), then came Kayla Cabral (26th, 23:27) and then came Makayla Victoria (33rd, 24:08).

Senior Boys placed 2nd of 14 teams. Their race had a total of 80 boys. Danny Camacho placed 4th (16:32), then came Alex Acevedo (10th, 16:53), shortly after Justin Cano arrived (11th, 16:58), next came Rogelio Raya (17th, 17:27) and finally came Dylan Chua (23rd, 17:56).

The next competition was Pacific League Meet 1, which was on Thursday, October 17th, at Crescenta Valley Park in La Crescenta. The Varsity Girls had 37 runners in their race and placed 2nd overall in their League. Saida Getz (5th, 19:04), Lucy Thomson (10th, 20:00), Isabella Galustians (11th, 20:00), Nightingale Kirwan (13th, 20:43), Sutton Tappon-Mahoney (15th, 21:23), Amy Harkins (16th, - 21:29) and Paula Mejia (17th, 21:32).

Varsity Boys had a total of 46 runners in their race and also placed 2nd overall in their League. Liam Ellingsworth came in 7th (16:48), Danny Camacho 9th, (17:12), Danny Patino 11th, (17:21), Alex Acevedo 13th, (17:35), Nico Radlein 14th, (17:42) and finally Justin Cano 16th, (17:46).

Pacific League Finals was on Thursday, November 7th, at Arcadia Park in Arcadia. The Varsity girls had 39 runners in their race and they placed 3rd overall in their League. Saida Getz placed 6th, (18:11), Isabella Galustians 9th (18:28), Amy Harkins 12th (19:20), Lucy Thomson 15th (19:25), Sutton Tappon-Mahoney 16th (19:38), Liczy Mercado 20th (20:57), and finally Valorie Shaby placed 24th (21:35).

Next, Varsity Boys had 48 runners in their race and placed 2nd overall in their League. Liam Ellingsworth placed 8th (15:33), Danny Patino (9th - 16:09), Danny Camacho (11th - 16:11), Justin Cano (12th - 16:11), Nathan Marca (13th - 16:14), Nico Radlein (14th - 16:20), and Alex Acevedo placed 17th with a time of 16:32.

JV Girls had a total of 34 runners in their race. Kayla Cabral placed 6th with a time of 21:57. Next Viviana Jimenez placed 13th (23:39) and Makayla Victoria was 18th (23:58).

JV Boys had 55 runners in their race and placed 2nd in their League, Dima Kharlamov (4th - 16:57), Kaleb Lorente (5th - 17:15), Victor Santana (6th - 17:24), Dylan Chua (7th - 17:30), Finn Woodard (10th - 17:57), Rogelio Raya (13th - 18:01), Christopher Galadzhyan (19th - 18:45), Brandon Ordono (26th - 19:23), Jaden Dilig (31st - 19:40), Chase King (34th - 20:00), and Brandon Robertson placed 46th with a time of 21:02.

CIF Southern Section Division 2 Prelims were on Saturday, November 16th at Mt. SAC in Walnut. Varsity Girls had 101 runners in their race and were 5th in their heat. Isabella Galustians (10th - 19:18), Saida Getz (11th - 19:23), Lucy Thomson (24th - 20:12), Amy Harkins (38th - 20:55), Paula Mejia (39th - 21:03), Embrie Stephenson (42nd - 21:30) and Sutton Tappon-Mahoney (45th - 21:38).

Varsity Boys had a total of 95 runners in their race and placed 6th in their heat. Liam Ellingsworth (22nd - 16:37), Danny Patino (29th - 16:48), Nathan Marca (34th - 16:56), Danny Camacho (39th - 17:10), Justin Cano (40th - 17:14), Alex Acevedo (41st - 17:16) and Nico Radlein was 51st with a time of 17:27.

According to Coach Peebles, with these times, the Girls team became the 4th JBHS Girls Cross Country Team in school history (2004, 2015, 2018) to qualify for CIF Finals, while the boys missed qualifying by one spot.

The girls will race at CIF SS D2 Finals back at Mt. SAC at 8:05 a.m. on Saturday, November 23.

Dylan Chua, a Senior on the Cross Country team says "This season I enjoyed the camaraderie with my teammates and successfully improved my race times compared to past seasons."

Another Senior on the Cross Country team, Isabella Galustiona, says "The season was incredible, the team's energy was unmatched, and I am so proud of what everyone has accomplished."

Good job to all our Cross Country runners and good job to all our 2025 Cross Country Seniors for finishing their last races strong. GO BEARS!



Girls Soccer

By Clover Lee
Cub Reporter

Get ready to welcome our new Girls' Soccer team to our sports roster! Led by Coach Robert, Coach Lara, and Coach Ryan, this new sports team is ready to impress and plans to exceed expectations.



Coach Robert Sanchez attended the California Institute of the Arts for Photography, but when his wife signed his daughter up for the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), he volunteered to be a coach for them. As an athletic mentor, he focuses on team bonding and setting goals of winning. Sanchez believes that the Burroughs Girls' Soccer team has some of the strongest and most promising Freshmen he has ever seen.

Coach Ryan Espinoza attended college at UCLA and has been around soccer as a player and coach for more than 25 years. He is extremely passionate about youth development in the sport and enjoys using the game of soccer as an opportunity to provide youth players life skills; such as confidence, mental toughness, joy, and leadership, while playing the game they love. Espinoza focuses on a team environment that is centered around positivity and inclusiveness while challenging the players to step outside their comfort zone to reach their highest potential, on and off the field. Espinoza is excited for what the future holds for the Burroughs Girls Soccer program and is confident the players will be on the path of success.

Team Captains Ella Sage and Vivian Wright have risen to the occasion to exercise their excellent management skills and team building abilities to help lead this new team to future victories. Sage, who has been playing soccer since the age of six, was chosen as Captain in part because of her capability to inspire and guide others. She is excited to "employ intelligent, defensive, and offensive techniques while remaining positively connected."

The Girls' Soccer teams are aiming for CIF wins this year, while creating a strong, unbeatable squad of athletes. They haven't yet participated in any formal games this season, but they have high hopes for what's to come. Watch for possible upcoming opponent Arcadia, which could prove the Burroughs' team's talent and hard work in a proper competition.

Getting a competition-worthy team takes hard work and dedication, so they hold multiple practices through the week. This includes Tuesdays and Thursdays on the field for two hours at a time and mid-week strategic planning and meetings in Mr. Valles' classroom.

Tryouts took place in August after a summer camp, but if you are interested in joining the Girls' Soccer team, contact Coach Robert, Coach Lara, or Coach Ryan about joining next semester.

Watch for match dates and times to catch these players displaying their work on the field as they give their best effort for the Bears.





Girls Basketball

By Sofia Negrete
Cub Reporter

As the winter sports season kicks off, the Girl's Varsity Basketball team is ready to win. The team this year is led by Coach Oganyan, Coach Sullivan and Coach Randy. Coach Oganyan is not only the Girls Basketball Coach but also teaches in the Science Department.

Last year, the Girls Basketball program welcomed Coach Randy to help coach Varsity and this year, Coach Molly joins to help coach the Freshman team.

The first games of the season take place in Hawaii, where the girls have been the entire week of November 17th to 22nd, and therefore could not be interviewed for this article in person.

Some upcoming games you can see them at (without a plane ticket!) are on Saturday November 30, taking place at Burroughs at 6PM playing against Orange Lutheran, Tuesday December 3, 4, 5, and 7, opponent tbd atthe Palisades Tournament, Wednesday December 11, opponent tbd at Burroughs, and Friday December 13, opponent tbd at Burroughs.

This year, the Seniors on the team are Miriam Fahs, Ella Anderson, and Isabella Davtyan.

This year's Captains are Seniors Miriam Fahs (Guard) and Ella Anderson (Guard).

Good luck in season, girls!

Girls Water Polo

By Aniana Advincula
Cub Reporter

As fall ends and winter approaches, so do our winter sports. One sport in particular is hyped up for the upcoming season. Girls Varsity Water Polo, coached by Martin Ortega-Jennison is hard at work preparing for their first games.

Coach Ortega-Jennison is actually an alumni, attending and playing for Burroughs from 2007 to 2011, then studying at Los Angeles Valley College from 2011 to 2014.

He initially started working with the Bears Aquatic Program after being asked by current Head Coach Jacob Cook while dropping his brother off at practice. He then started coaching JV Girls Water Polo and through the years, proceeded to coach club at Rose Bowl and at Occidental College as well.

His goals for this year, he says, "Ultimately, my main goal is to develop the team in a way where we can be competitive and possibly play for a team championship." Additionally, he wants the team to make a deep run in the CIF playoffs.

Team Captain, Senior Ava Tomlinson, is looking forward to this season. Tomlinson states "We want to win League and have a better win record than our loss record, succeed and hopefully go onto CIF."

Senior Sarah Mehtry continues, "Our goals are just to improve overall and show that we can excel and build as a team."

When asked about how she became Captain, Tomlinson answers that she became Captain her Sophomore year as well as her Junior year. Additionally she says Coach Ortega-Jennison usually appoints Captains in the beginning of the year.

Tomlinson is a utility player, meaning she can play everywhere except goalie. Mehtry is a wing player (1 and 5). Both Seniors have been playing both at school and at club since their Freshman year

Mehtry reveals that she became so good by showing up every day, asking questions, showing commitment, and putting in effort at practice. Tomlinson adds, "practicing outside of school practice at club has also really helped us because its a higher level of competition. It's year long and helps keep those skills from getting dusty." Holding themselves accountable and enjoying what they do is also a factor to their skill.

The team has been preparing for the upcoming season by playing at Club, conditioning, and swimming outside of practice.

Mehtry is optimistic about the season, saying, "I think that we can find some really good success, we have a good group of girls. I think a lot of us really want to do well and if we stay committed we can make it far in the League and potentially CIF."

Tomlinson agrees, saying, "I think we'll win League."

The Seniors share an inspiring saying, "Be a goldfish." They further explain, "you can be sad in the moment but you have to move on and forget your mistakes because a goldfish's memory is only 20 minutes." Mehtry shares another uplifting quote, "It's a beautiful day."

Their first game is on November 21, against South Pasadena. Bears Water Polo will also be participating in the Saddleback tournament with the location yet to be determined. This season they will then go on to play Pasadena, Arcadia, Flintridge Sacred Heart, Hoover, Glendale, Crescenta Valley, Muir, and Burbank.

Good luck to Girls Water Polo for their upcoming season and Go Bears!

Boys Water Polo

By Kiana Hildebrandt
Cub Reporter

Although this year's boys' Varsity Water Polo made it to CIF this year the season unfortunately came to an end on October 31, 2024, during their second round of CIF versus Murrieta Valley High School. The team came short with a score of 6-12. Coach Martin Jennison, stated that the star players of the tough fight were Logan Turla and Nicola Nasev. Although these two were the stars of this game, in team Captain Ian Duffield's words, "Murrieta made adjustments we weren't ready for."

The team captains of this year were Seniors Harrison Siegal, Micah Abbey, and Ian Duffield. They all had a lot to say about the great season they had. According to the three, they all agreed that the ending of this season was very difficult but they worked hard to get to achieve what they did, and they enjoyed it as much as they could. In Micah's words, "The ending was very surreal to me, but I was glad to do it with my teammates." He hopes for next year's team to stick together, fight hard, be determined to win, and take it home. Micah expressed that the team put in an immense amount of work. However, it took a turn in what Harrison had to say about the ending.

Harrison Seigal said that the team went into the game with a losing mentality, expecting that the game would be their last of the season. He stated, "We came off with a slow start and didn't get it started until the end of the second quarter, however, we still fought hard and worked together." With these statements, he has good graces for this game. Telling reporters that it was a good game to finish the season and that they fought hard no matter the loss. Harrison's last words for this season were, "I was happy to get closer to the team and it was a good game to finish my Senior season". He was glad to support fellow teammates and friends and to have made it as far as the team did.

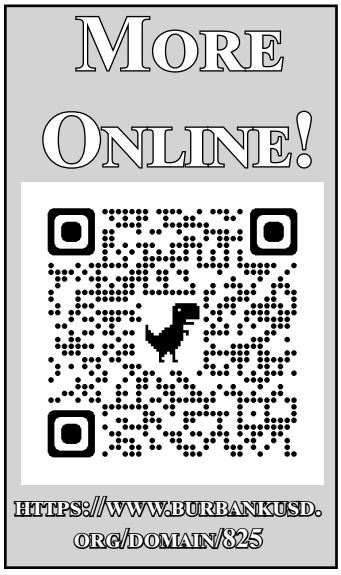
Ian Duffield, the last Captain of this season said that the game was very competitive. He and his fellow captains all agreed that major goals were met for this season. Starting with a big goal to beat Burbank High School with the record this year of a 2-1 win. Secondly, the team succeeded in making it to CIF, winning the Championship for the League, and winning another tournament.

Coach Martin Jennison commented on the game, and what we can expect from next year's team. He shared, "There was good team play, and composure during the game, and kept it close the first 3 quarters. Unfortunately, Murrieta High was a better team that day, but we did a good job of coming together and staying collected."

Coach Jennison stated that he couldn't be happier with this season, and is immensely proud of the hard work the team put in. Their successes were well earned with grueling practices, long weeks, and early weekends.

With this season at an end, we can expect next year's team to prepare just as much. Coach Jennison stated, "We will be building towards the future, and I'm excited to see where we start next."

This past season has been memorable for many of the Seniors on the team. They can walk away with pride in how well the team reached their goals this season and how much they enjoyed the season along the way.



Girls Tennis

By Amelia Dieter
Cub Reporter

Since the last issue, Girls' Tennis has played seven games. Overall, the John Burroughs High School Girls' Tennis team won four out of the total seven.

Starting with losses, the team lost against Crescenta Valley, with a devastating loss of 0-18. This game was played on the JBHS courts.

The second loss would be against Burbank High School, with a score of 6-12. This game was played on the BHS courts.

Now with wins, the first win was against Hoover High School. The score ended up being 15-3. This game was played on the JBHS courts.

The second win was against Glendale High School, with a score of 10-8. This game was played away, at the Glendale courts.

Third, the team won against Muir High School, sweeping the competition with a score of 18-0. This game was played on the Muir courts

Lastly, the team won against Pasadena High School with a score of 16-2. This game was played on the Pasadena courts.

Starting on October 28th, star players from the Girl's Varsity team began playing in CIF competitions. The chosen girls for singles were Hannah Lewis (Senior) and Leslie Femenias (Sophomore).

The first set of doubles players were Tobie Siems (Senior) and Ashley Sinovoi (Junior). The second set of doubles players were Aly Stoliker (Senior) and Hannah Mendoza (Senior).

Unfortunately, the team lost the CIF competition against Millikan High School. The score was 5-13, playing on Millikan's courts.

On the contrary, Coach Hardy says that he is very happy with the season's outcome. He states that it was a whirlwind getting hired and starting two days before the team's first match, but he made it work.

He thinks that the team executed their goals throughout the season, and that it was an overall positive experience.

One of the star players, Hannah Lewis, made a comment on how she thinks the season went. "I think that we did amazing. I think that we did a great job. The team spirit was there and we had a lot of fun."

If you see any of the Girls' Tennis players, make sure to give them a congrats on the outcome of the season!

Boys Basketball

By Jayda Lara Tran
Cub Reporter

As basketball season quickly approaches, the Boys' Basketball team is ready to embrace a year of development and teamwork under the leadership of Coach Darryl Carter. With a young team, no Seniors, and a fresh vision, we should be expected to see some great growth for the team. The team is ready to build a foundation for success both on and off our courts.

Coach Carter comes to Burroughs with a deep passion for basketball and a desire to make a difference in the lives of our players. He was a graduate of Leuzinger High School in Lawndale and decided to become a basketball coach to help kids through basketball, a sport he's always loved. He is more than excited for this season and is committed to creating a positive experience for the team.

Two standout players, Owen Everhart and Evan Lanier, are key members of this year's Varsity team.

Both players are eager to contribute and grow alongside their teammates.

Their goal for the season is to develop their skills and help lay the groundwork for a program that Burroughs and our community can be proud of.

The 2024-2025 Boys' Basketball team is full of potential despite some inexperience. To get ready for the season, the team has been focused on rigorous practice sessions, game planning, and implementing strategic strategies. Coach Carter believes these efforts and practicing will help the players to adapt and grow as the season begins. "Win or lose, it will be a great season," he shared, emphasizing the importance of the player's development over time.

As the team is preparing to take on our feisty opponents, they are optimistic about building a program that not only delivers on the courts but also creates a sense of pride for the players and all others that are also involved. "The theme of the season is GROW TOGETHER. We are looking to build a program that the players, parents, admin, and community can be proud of," he said.

With Brandon Jimenez joining the staff as the Frosh/Soph Coach, and a schedule packed with opportunities for growth and the chances to show off their skills, the Boys Basketball team is ready to start this season with all they have to offer.

Keep an eye on our team as they get ready to take the court this year. Their first home game will be November 20, 2024 against Northridge Academy and following will be another home game on November 22, against Canoga Park. We can all show support for our new team by showing up and cheering them on. Let's all watch this journey as they start something special and grow this season.

Boys Soccer

By Meleyna Merino
Creative Director

We are excited to enter into the Winter sports seasons. In particular in this article we are focusing on Varsity Boys Soccer. This team has a big and competitive season ahead of them and we can't to see how it turns out.

Many of the boys are eager to see how this season will play out and have high hopes in how it will go.

Winston Bromhead, Senior said some of the goals he personally has are to make it to CIF Playoffs and really come into their own as a team.

Winston adds, "We really want to grow together as a team so that we can all perform well out on the field."

Another Senior, Alex Loera, also has high hopes for the season. He says his goals are to make the playoffs and aim for top three in their League.

Expectations are also high amongst the coaches and the players, despite it being a younger team.

Winston hopes everyone gets to know each other and from an individual bond with each other.

They are beginning to form their new Varsity team, they have some new players and returning players but they hope to come together and form one cohesive group

Even though they are a younger team the leaders on this team see their potential to go far in the League.

Alex adds "We have confident players that I think will perform well and I expect to have a great season ahead."

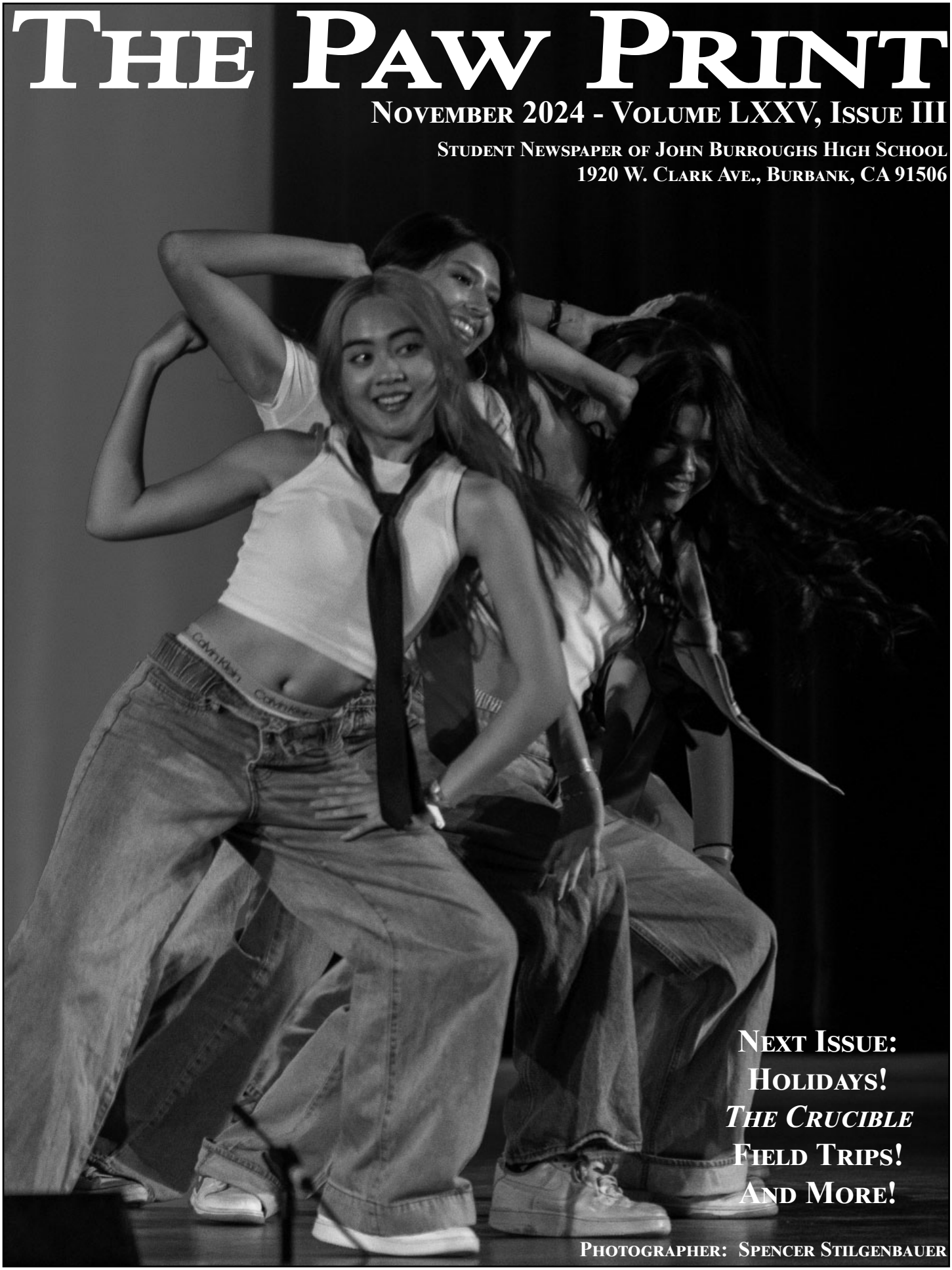
We are excited to see what's to come in the winter season with all of our sports.

Good Luck to Boys Soccer on their 2024-2025 season!

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