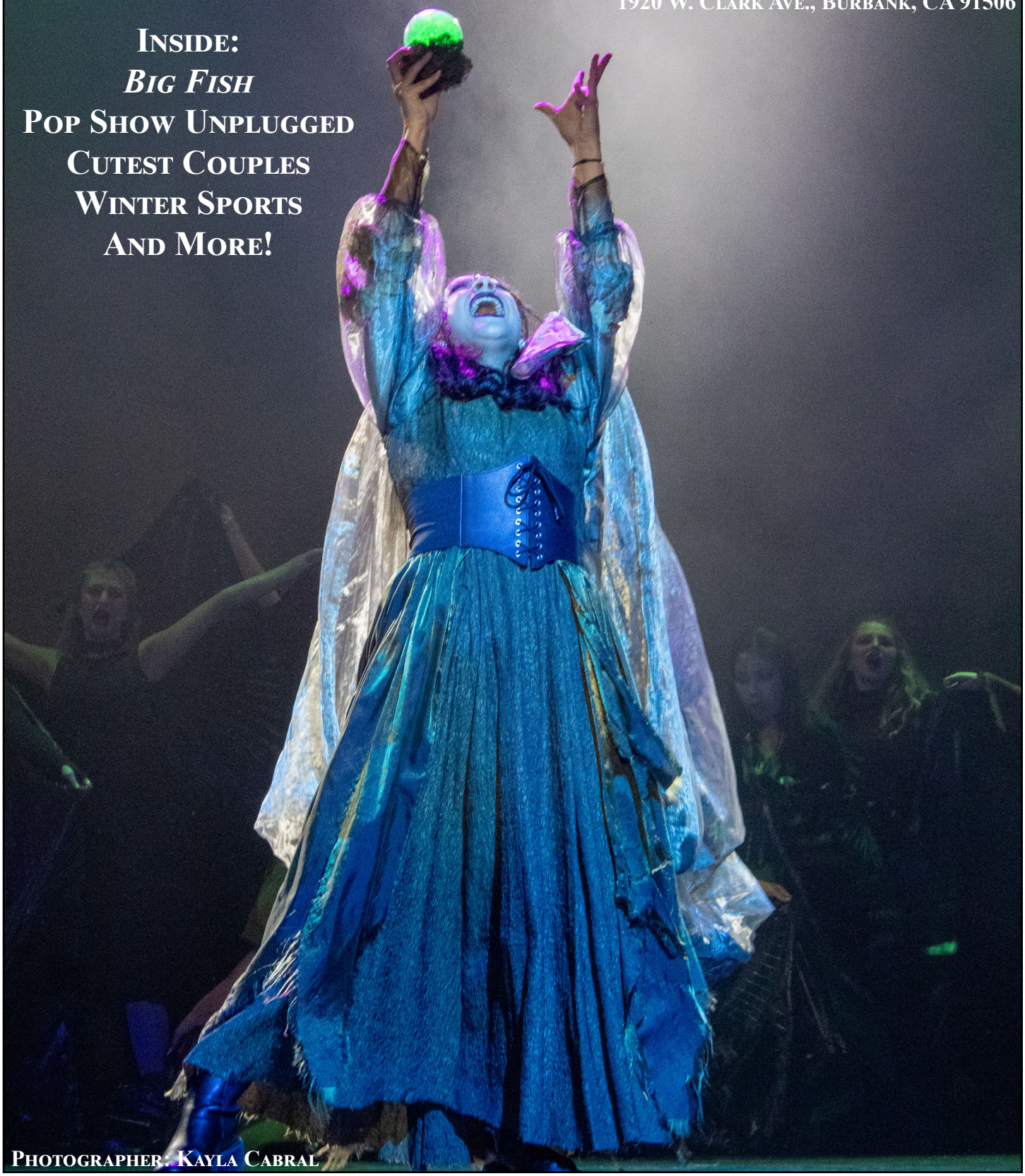
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Big Fish

By Dakota O'Connell
Cub Reporter

Burroughs Performing Arts Students have proven their sensational talents once again in this year's musical production of *Big Fish*. Directed by Junior Isabella Ng and played by performers Silas Schulz as Edward, Even Baker as Will, Jhanessa Equila as Sandra, Clementine Toronto as Josephine, and the other star cast members, the show is one to be remembered.

Based on Daniel Wallace's 1998 novel, the play hosts themes of overcoming challenges and not judging books, or plays, based on their cover.

Drama teacher Ms. Meberg along with Student Director Isabella Ng and Student Producer Autry Rozendal have worked together tirelessly to bring JBHS the biggest catch of the year. Ng has been in nine past productions, with this being her first time directing since she began doing Drama in her Freshman year.

Rozendal has been in the Drama department since her Sophomore year, putting on *Big Fish* as her seventh show with great care alongside Zoe Norminton as her Assistant Producer.

Ng stated that to be a Student Director "is like a bridge between worlds," having the power to cross between the Performing and Staging departments. She's comfortable in the role given her experience prior to joining the Burroughs Drama department.


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The show reals in audiences with songs performed by choir students including Sam Figueroa as The Witch and Eli Romsa as Amos Calloway. The lead of course being Edward Bloom played by JBHS Senior, Silas Schulz. Obviously the VMA plays a large role in the school's musical, but it is one factor that adds on to the entire performance.

"The musical is a really complex and interesting show" says Rozendal, describing how its "putting together Drama, Choir, IMA and Tech" in order to make the performance one of the biggest shows of the year. With dance choreography matched with vocals of our outstanding peers, set to live music by the IMA, which Rozendal proclaims "is so worth it and so fulfilling" everytime.

One audience member, Bluzette Anderson, had this to say, "I thought it was very funny the way Silas portrayed the character. It was very well done. My favorite part was when Edward was looking for his ginger wife, and everyone was ginger haired, and the sign said 'Auburn University.' I also thought the aerial dance was very impressive but I was scared for her life. Overall I had a very good time and experience."

The show went great, and we at *The Paw Print* can't wait for the next Drama performance *June, July, August* April 25th-27th!

Teacher Volunteers Home For Fire Victims

By Mary Engel
Cub Reporter

Burroughs' very own Math teacher, Mr. Everhart, selflessly opened his home to a family in need, easing the unfortunate and scary circumstances.

Mr. Everhart was motivated to open his home to a family affected by the fires, saying, "Trying to be empathetic and understand that fires can affect anyone." He followed this by mentioning that he resides in Santa Clarita, where many fires occur, and he sympathizes with the amount of stress this may cause. "The pressure that comes with having kids and trying to survive daily, but then having your house, potentially everything you know, wiped out in an instant, it's really impossible to know how you'd react to that. So I think just being understanding and caring for that idea, I don't think I could've not taken somebody in."

The minimal difficulties Mr. Everhart faced accommodating another family into his home included managing the extra people in the house and ensuring meals were prepared, and that the kids were fed and okay. "It was the first time they had slept away from their home without their parents, so we tried to make it fun." His family made hot cocoa with them, had movie nights, and overall worked together to make it a fun experience to reduce stress and make it a meaningful time rather than focusing on the negatives.

This experience impacted Mr. Everhart's own life and perspective on community and generosity, as he emphasizes being grateful for what you have and not taking things for granted. "Even just having power to charge your phone," he says, explaining how many had lost power for over thirty-six hours and had no electricity at all.

Some advice Everhart would give to others who might be considering opening their homes to those in need would be, "If you can do it, do it." By doing it, it truly was a significant event, and it allows for that sense of community. "It's helpful and it warms your heart; it makes you feel good. You don't do it to make yourself feel good, but you do it because you can."

Pop Show Unplugged

By Zoe Belknap
Guest Reporter

Every year, students from all five of Burroughs' Choirs join together with Powerhouse director Jen Ounjin and many talented instrumentalists to create a beautiful acoustic show called Pop Show: Unplugged. For the first time ever, the show was at the Gary Marshall Theater here in Burbank.

For years, Choir students have created their own acts to perform at Pop Show, the VMA's second semester spectacular mostly featuring each Choir's competition sets. But, after having to reject hundreds of beautiful acoustic pieces, Mr. Jennings and Jen Ounjin decided to make a whole separate Pop Show solely dedicated to highlighting the talents of the program's students in a more casual, intimate setting. This show is always a favorite of students because of this more "chill vibe," as Sound Sensations student Harper Gicas puts it.

The irony was not lost on anyone that 2025's Pop Show Unplugged began with a "plugged in" number. Featuring Powerhouse Senior Rafael Garcia on vocals and electric guitar and Powerhouse Junior June Baelly on the bass, this show started with the 2006 rock hit "Supermassive Black Hole" by Muse.

The rest of the show followed its title and stayed acoustic, but director Jen Ounjin noted at the beginning of the performance that the beauty of the show is that it is always evolving. She mentioned that her and Mr. Jennings are in awe of how multi-talented their program's students are and how excited they get when they bring in these skills they never knew they had into the audition room, even if those skills are of the English rock band variety.

One of these special skills can be seen by Powerhouse Junior Evan Lanier's performance of Billy Joel's "Piano Man." Lanier sang the song beautifully while simultaneously playing both the harmonica and the piano. This is an impressive feat for even the most trained adults, so getting to see a teenager do this live with such skill was awe-inspiring.

Another remarkable talent that got to be shown off in this show was Melanie Fierro's songwriting. For the past three years, Fierro has performed songs she has written herself for Pop Show: Unplugged, which is so exciting to see coming from someone so young.

This show also included some very heartwarming moments. One of the most memorable was by Powerhouse Sophomore Phoenix Eguiza, who sang Niall Horan's song "This Town" with his dad on guitar. Eguiza noted how full-circle this experience was because his dad was the one who gave him his love of music.

Jhaness Equila and Julienne Equila's performance of "Birds of a Feather" by Billie Eilish and Harlow Hamer and Zarina Khimchuk's performance of the White Stripes' "We're Going to be Friends," shared this heartwarming quality. Each song was beautiful on their own, but the icing on the cake were the sweet introductions describing how much the singers love each other.

The show had a lot of these touching moments because it featured many groups of friends singing together. This includes summer camp friends Rebecca Giedt, James Cunha, and Norah Redman performed a lovely rendition of Lady Gaga's "You and I," theater friends Lucy Chesley, Sutton Schiff, and Norah Redman, sang a touching cover of Maggie Rogers' "Don't Forget Me," and long-time elementary school friends and Powerhouse Sophomores Ella Hukle and Alessi Umali performed "Persimmon" by The Army The Navy.

This is Alessi's second year performing in this show and it's always one of her favorites. She tells the *Paw Print*, "I love how intimate the show is. It really makes the performers feel connected to the audience and connected to each other."

Raquel Brogmus and Jillian Pirrcuello performed "Kiss Me" by Sixpence None the Richer, which was an endearing ode to their shared love of romantic comedies. Jillian also sang the Laufey song "Street by Street," with Clementine Toronto, which was just as beautiful as the original.

Hratch Kistinian sang Jack Johnson's "Upside Down" from Curious George with Rafi Nalbantian. Both Powerhouse Seniors, the boys noted before their performance how rewarding being in Choir and getting to do this show has been for them.

Sadie Beal, a Senior in Powerhouse, shared a similar sentiment when reflecting on her time in Choir. Her experience in the VMA prompted her to sing a beautiful cover of Phoebe Bridgers' "Garden Song," which is all about feeling peace in growing older.

Getting older is a common theme among the Senior solos of Pop Show: Unplugged this year, with Chloe Rittmiller also reminiscing on the past in her performance of Adele's "When We Were Young." Chloe has performed an Adele song in Unplugged for the past three years, and each year they have gotten more and more stunning.

Senior Cierra Arroyo also harkens back to her past with her remarkable performance of Miley Cyrus' "Angels Like Me," which she noted that she had been dreaming about singing for a show since her Freshman year.

One Freshman had a solo in Pop Show: Unplugged this year, and it was Sound Waves' Xander Daveline who sang "Don't Look Back in Anger," by Oasis. Another solo was by Nick Joven who sang Green Day's "Good Riddance." James Cunha also sang "Maggie May," as a solo. All of these boys' solos were outstanding. Brooke Williams also sang a lovely solo with Clairo's "Nomad."

Brooke is also a member of Sound Sensations' a cappella group Muses who sang Paramore's "Ain't It Fun" with soloist Isabella Meneses.

Powerhouse's a cappella group Neochromatics sang their mashup of Matt Maltese's "As the World Caves In," and Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars' "Die With a Smile," featuring soloists Eli Romsa, James Cunha, and Jhanessa Equila. This song is a part of their competition set, which they have been competing with in ICHSA West.

To close out the show, Powerhouse Juniors Jillian Pirruccello, Noel Mason, Lila Strobl, Raquel Brogmus, and Clementine Toronto sang the 2006 hit, "Put Your Records On," by Corinne Bailey Rae.

This Pop Show: Unplugged was packed with incredible, heartwarming performances by many talented vocalists, instrumentalists, and songwriters.

To see more of that plus the show choir sets these students have been working hard on, make sure to come to Pop Show 46: New Attitude on February 28th, March 1st, or March 2nd!

What You Can Do To Help Fire Victims

By Lizzy Morrison
Cub Reporter

On January 7th, 2025, life-threatening winds decimated southern California causing many homes to be damaged and many people had to evacuate. To this day, many fire victims are still trying to recover from the damage done to their lives.

It is imperative to help the people who were affected by these fires due to it being such an important event. Many schools, churches, and organizations have set up volunteer opportunities so that everyone can do their part to help.

Here are some examples of places that are still having ongoing requests for volunteers. The Pico Union Project, Ketchum-Downtown YMCA, Impact LA, The Harvest Academy, LA Dream Center, SMC Foundation, Santa Anita Family YMCA, and The LA Mission are all ongoing organizations that are currently helping the cause.

Some of the main volunteer opportunities are the food and clothing drives. Many clothing drives are asking for clothes that are newer looking rather than bad or worn out clothes that would not be helpful to those who do not have them. The same goes with other items for many other drives, it is important to only give items that would be useful. Some other essentials that can be donated are blankets, hygiene products like soap and toothpaste, and school supplies.

Donating money is also helpful way to support fire victims, contributing to reputable organizations such as the Red Cross, local relief funds, or community-based nonprofit. Making care packages for families you know that may have been affected. Provide pet food, carries, or foster homes if possible. Baby supplies are also very much needed.

It is also important to notice the impact the fires have had on not only the people of California but the environment as well. The fires created ash filled air that also contains the chemicals from the fire retardant. Donating face masks, especially N-95s, is helpful.

NAF UCLA Field Trip

By Meleyna Merino
Creative Director

On January 30, 2025 Burroughs NAF Medical Academy had the privilege of visiting Providence St. Joseph Medical Center. This was a great opportunity for these students and from what we've gathered they had a great time!

This trip was led by our amazing teachers Mrs. Knoop, who teaches Biotech, and Mrs. Robertson, who is the Business Ethics teacher.

The students did not have to pay for this trip personally. The Medical Academy here at school pays for all the expenses, including the bus. The hospital also provides resources and pays for the students' lunch.

The purpose of the trip was for Burroughs students to see what life would be like working in the medical field and to see potentially what environment they would be working in. It was also important for them to learn more about different careers in the medical field.

Medical Academy members had the privilege to enter the mind of different people working in different medical fields, ie. NICU, Dietary, and Emergency just to name a few.



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It was important for the students to learn the paths of people in the medical field, like how all of their oaths differed to get to where they are now

It was really important for these students to go on this field trip to just get the opportunity to see where they could potentially work and what that busy environment could potentially encompass.

If these students continue to have an interest in the medical field, they will remember this experience and take it as a guide further down the road.

They took a deep tour of this hospital and the whole field trip was from 8:45-1:30. And luckily the ride from Burroughs was five minutes.

At the end of the trip students received business cards of all the people who worked there and they talked to who could potentially help them get volunteer hours for future small jobs so this could really further and help their potential medical careers.

Overall this trip seemed to be very useful and the students were so grateful to have this opportunity. We look forward to seeing the future workers in the medical field!

Ethnic Studies Course Added

By Giliana MontesDeOca
Cub Reporter

Now that we are welcoming this new year 2025, we are also introducing a new class. Ethnic Studies is now a new class here at John Burroughs High School!

Ethnic Studies is the study of the histories, cultures, contributions, and experiences of various ethnic groups here in the United States. The class will focus on Indigenous Americans, African Americans, Latin Americans, Asian/South Asian/ Pacific Islander Americans, Jewish Americans, Armenian Americans, and Middle Eastern Americans. This class will be engaged on four themes: Ethnic Studies and Identity, Origins and Movement, Systems of Power, and Social Movements and Transformation.

Ethnic Studies has been a conversation in the state of California as well as in the Burbank Unified School District for a while now after California's Governor Gavin Newsom signed a bill to make the class of Ethnic Studies a high school graduation requirement, making California the first state to do this.

Ethnic Studies this semester will be what is known as a "pilot" class. The Burbank Unified School District is testing out this class and seeing the results and the impact at the end of the semester. This is also happening at Burbank High School as well. This subject is getting offered as an elective this year for our upperclassmen. It is only a one period, one semester class and it is being offered for first period only, but for the upcoming school year Ethnic Studies will be required for the upcoming Freshman and will be replacing one semester of Health and Careers. This will be effective starting with class of 2029.

This semester our very own Mr. Hochberg is teaching the class. Mr. Hochberg has been involved with the process of the development of this class when he was Department chair prior. Mr. Hochberg was teaching Psychology last semester and now this semester replaced Psychology with Ethnic Studies. The credentials you need to be able to teach this class are a Social Studies credential, but it depends on the district. You can also teach this class through an English credential as well.

Mr. Hochberg says "This class will continue to build Social Studies skills for both the students and I." He claims "This class will help to complete the story of how we have gotten here." Hochberg says "This semester we're going to see what works and what doesn't and see what is appropriate."

Alexa Leon, a Senior here at Burroughs who is taking the class this semester says, "I don't think it's a hard class at all, and I hope to learn more about the history and experiences from ethnic cultures that differ from my own which is something that I probably wouldn't have learned about if I didn't take this class." Another student here at Burroughs, Andrea Slobig, a Junior also taking this course says, "I don't think it's hard at all and it's very doable especially since it will be a Freshman class."

This class will be a very good opportunity for students to dig deeper in the different ethnic cultures that are here in the United States and it opens that opportunity to learn and to grow empathy for one another.

Kimberly Acosta And Anthony Avila

By Amelia Dieter
Cub Reporter



Nearly a year and a half ago, Seniors Kimberly Acosta and Anthony Avila started dating. The couple's nickname for each other is "Goose."

Kimberly is seventeen, and has many extracurriculars. She's currently in Link Crew, UNICEF, and she also volunteers at the hospital. She is working towards majoring in Nursing at CSUN.

Anthony is eighteen years old, and also in Link Crew. He wants to attend CSUN with Kimberly.

The couple had a perfect meet-cute at a friend's quinceañera. They danced together and that's when they started to like each other.

Their anniversary is October 3rd, 2023. Currently, they've been dating for about a year and a half.

Kimberly's first impression of Anthony was that he was kind and very funny. Anthony's first impression of Kimberly was that she was also very funny.

Anthony asked Kimberly out. They went to a football game for their first date and hit it off.

Now, they like to watch movies together and go to Six Flags. Their favorite movie to watch together is *The Notebook*, starring Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams. Anthony says that it's an amazing movie and that they love to watch it together.

Kimberly's favorite thing about Anthony is his sense of humor. She says that he's very funny and makes her laugh a lot. Anthony's favorite thing about Kimberly is her sense of humor and her laugh. He enjoys telling jokes because she has a nice laugh.

Their song is "Moonlight" by Ariana Grande. They both enjoy the song and love to listen to it together.

Meeting each other's families was definitely a big step in their relationship. Kimberly says that meeting Anthony's family was fun and that she had a good time. Anthony said that Kimberly's mom was very nice and that her brothers were cool and fun to hang out with.

Additionally, Kimberly says that Anthony's friends are nice and that she likes them. Anthony says that Kimberly's friends are nice and that they are funny.

Happy Valentine's Day to these two!

Alyssa Duarte Roca And Andrew Perez

By Giliana MontesDeOca
Cub Reporter



Alyssa Duarte Roca and Andrew Perez are a couple here at John Burroughs High School. Andrew is on the Varsity Soccer team and Alyssa is in NAF and Black Student Union. She is also one of the Football Team Managers and also a Gain Ambassador.

Alyssa and Andrew first met in school at Walt Disney Elementary School when they were in kindergarten. Andrew's first impression of Alyssa was that she was really sweet and Alyssa's first impression of Andrew was that he was really funny. Andrew and Alyssa didn't really become friends until they reached middle school and were in the same Art class and really got to know each other. Their friends were also really close so that drew them together.

On November 10, 2021, Andrew asked Alyssa to be his girlfriend after school in front of a liquor store while walking with their friends and now they have been together for three years now. Their first date was at the movies and they watched *Spider-Man: No Way Home* and went to eat In-N-Out afterwards. Alyssa says that she was really scared because it was the first time they were really alone and with no friends present. Andrew also had a similar feeling but later got really comfortable with her.

Alyssa thought he was cute and the moment she felt something was when she straightened his hair at a hangout and later they took Christmas photos. He noticed she was very sweet to him and that made him feel towards her.

They both love going to LA Galaxy games as Andrew loves soccer and that has always been his team. They also love going to the movies and going out to eat. They also enjoy going to Andrew's house and playing video games and they genuinely just enjoy each other's company.

Andrew's favorite thing about Alyssa is that she's a kind person, she's pretty, selfless, smart, and funny. Alyssa's favorite thing about Andrew is that he's realistic, he's helpful, smart, funny, and she loves his eyes. They have a lot of things in common like them both wanting to help others and help their community. They both have the same beliefs and sense of humor.

Their song is "Sure Thing" by Miguel.

When they met each other's family they were both super nervous but Andrew was more excited because he was happy to be introduced to her family as her boyfriend.

Alyssa and Andrew have so much respect for each other's friends as they did all grow up together and are the best of friends.

The moment Alyssa realized she loved Andrew was when they were on a date at the Glendale Galleria and got a stuffed frog at Build A Bear and they named it AJ. She says "It's that feeling when it comes out naturally."

They both have taught each other so much these last three years like to be patient, and to always keep their heads up. They both make each other a better person and say that "to be in a serious relationship you need a lot of forgiveness and care." Andrew says that she has taught him how to put his priorities in order and how to manage his time.

They both can not wait to make new memories and they hope to continue this genuine relationship and love that they have created.

Jaklyne Laura And Cameron Garcia

By John Anderegg
Editor In Chief

Valentine's Day is here, which means it's the perfect time to recognize some of the cutest couples here on campus! Seniors Cameron Garcia and Jaklyne Laura have been dating for just over a year now, celebrating their anniversary on January 7th.

"I've always been immediately attracted to Cameron. Always, always, always. Even in middle school I would see him around and I was like 'Oh, he looks like a really fun person to be around', but I didn't get to interact with him until last year," Jaklyne says.

Cameron shared similar feelings, saying "I always thought she was cute and beautiful obviously but I was like 'Nah, look at me! Like I don't have a chance with her!'"

Jaklyne made a move first, asking him out and baking brownies with him. "He didn't tell me at the time that he hated chocolate but we made them anyways," she said.



For their first date, the two went to Old Pasadena. Most of their dates since have consisted of just hanging out and cooking together.

Jaklyne says her favorite thing about Cameron is "his personality, his heart, and his ability to make me want to be a better person."

Cameron responded to that, saying "I want to be the person that you can rely on always. It's just amazing how you care about me. Nobody really cares like how deeply you care."

Cameron was very intimidated when meeting Jaklyne's family. "But for some reason her mom likes me. Like, likes me more than her," he says. Jaklyne had a much easier time meeting Cameron's parents.

Jakylne hangs out with Cameron's friends during lunch. "They're very strange. They're very interesting characters I would say."

Cameron hasn't talked much with Jaklyne's friends, but hangs out with them during AE sometimes.

Good luck to this couple in all their future endeavors! Happy late anniversary to Cameron and Jaklyne! Happy Valentine's Day to them and all our other couples here at JBHS!

Giselle And Ronan



By Jack Nothomb
Editor In Chief

Giselle Travieso and Ronan Sievertson are a Senior couple. They have been dating for a fantastic nine months. They both enjoy movies, art, and music.

Giselle is a member of Link Crew here at John Burroughs and loves to help out her younger peers by helping them get to know the school and their new classes and classmates.

Ronan is an aspiring filmmaker, once he graduates high school he said, "I want to make weird psychedelic movies."

They both share a love and passion for film and cinematography and their favorite class is Mr. Moore's film class.

They met each other here at John Burroughs High School. Giselle asked Ronan out by inviting him and his friends to her house to watch the classic horror and suspense movie, *Saw*.

They're first real date together was thrift shopping on Magnolia Boulevard here in the flatlands of Burbank. They both enjoyed each other's company and wanted to go out again.

They both like to listen to "Drive me Crazy" by Lil Yachty and it's their special song that they share together.

They both share a love for modern art as well and frequent the Getty Museum in Los Angeles.

It was in fact at the Getty Museum when Ronan said he really liked Giselle's "Positive and fun energy" and she realized "I really like his eyes."

When asked about their relationship, their good friend and classmate, Matthew "Michoacano" Sanchez stated "They're a great couple because their love is gravitational like the sun and the moon," such a glimmering statement of affection by him.

Besides Matthew they share many friends and think that all of each others friends are, and I quote, "very cool!"

We wish all the best for Ronan and Giselle in the future and have a happy Valentine's Day!

Alessia and Finn

By April Pickering
Cub Reporter

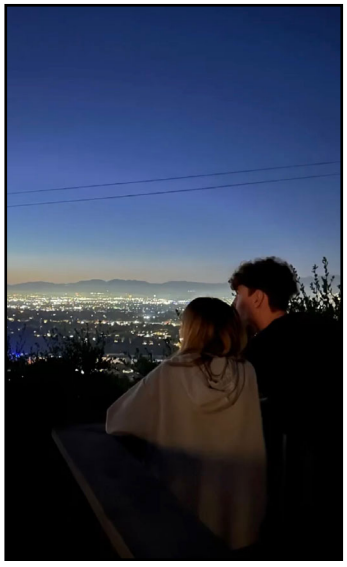
In the quad, in front of the cafeteria, where Alessia Hungerford and Finn Montgomery first met. Alessia initially thought he was a bit weird because he kept looking at her, but little did she know, he was just mesmerized by her beauty.

They first encountered each other after seeing each other around for a few days. Since that day on March 13th, 2023, they've been inseparable.

Their first date, originally planned for the movie theatre ended up being at her house, which was for the better anyways. They sat in the comfort of her home and watched movies.

Alessia shared that her favorite thing about Finn is his infectious smile, and his favorite thing about her are her beautiful eyes. "We both love going on adventurous dates," Alessia shares, highlighting their shared passion for outdoors and exploration.

Music plays a significant role in their relationship, and their song is "Jennifer's Body" by Ken Carson.



They often call each other babe, or baby. She enjoys calling him Finley.

He is very grateful for her "Being with her makes me better, she brings so much joy into my life and I'mm grateful for every moment we share together."

Kayla Kassin And Simon Suarez

By Meleyna Merino
Creative Director

In this month's issue, to get in the Valentine's Day spirit, we are highlighting the cutest Senior couples here at Burroughs. One couple we'd like to highlight are Seniors Kayla Kassin and Simon Suarez.

To touch on both Kayla and Simon as individuals they have been thoroughly involved in JBHS.

Simon was on the Baseball team for three years and is now a member of ASB. Kayla was on Varsity Golf and has been a member of ASB for three years.

In regards to the future, Simon plans on attending college and majoring in Civil Engineering, Kayla also plans on attending college and wants to major in Social Work.



Kayla and Simon met in Sophomore year in Mr. Myers's English class. Simon thought Kayla was loud but that he didn't necessarily think that was her fault of hers, he found that intriguing. Kayla pretty much thought the opposite. She thought Simon was quiet but was interested in getting to know him.

Their first date was at the movies. They watched the movie *Creed 3* and then went to get food at In-N-Out. They were both extremely nervous but happy they got the chance to get to know each other.

Simon liked her eyes and complimented them a lot. Kayla liked Simon's laugh and easy-going personality.

After a couple of dates, Simon had the bright idea to ask her out on the Ferris wheel at the fair. But then he said he got too nervous and asked her out at night in the middle of the street. This date was May 4, 2023. They have been dating for a year and nine months.

Together they like to go out to eat, watch movies, spend time with each other's families, build Legos, and wash each other's cars.

Simon's favorite thing about Kayla is her dimples. Kayla's favorite thing about Simon is his smile. They equally like to talk a lot and spend time with their friends.

Simon thought it was awesome to meet all of Kayla's parents but also thought it was fun seeing how equally alike she is to both of her parents. Kayla thought Simon's family was perfect in every single way, saying, "He was truly a product of his environment."

Simon thinks Kayla's friends are just like Kayla in every way. Kayla thinks Simon's friends are cool.

This is just one of all the cute Senior couples issues. We hope this issue can get you in the Valentine's Day spirit.

Giselle Jankowski And Nathan Spratt

By Alan Rodriguez
Cub Reporter

For one of our Senior couples, we have Giselle Jankowski and Nathan Spratt.

These two were not only successful this year on their own, but they also forged a supportive romance over the year.

Giselle is a Water Polo player and Nathan is a Volleyball player.

While the two spend time enjoying and supporting each other, they plan to pursue their professional careers in different fields, Giselle as a psychologist and Nathan as an engineer. Therefore, with a lot on their schedules in terms of both of their futures, and a lot of hours of dedicated practice, their romance has flourished as they have been in a relationship for a little over two years.

Another good thing about their relationship is that they are coaches at Luther Burbank Middle School for a youth team, the "Magnolia Spikes" for the Park and Recreation program. Coaching is good for them as a couple and helps serve the community as well. Clearly, sports and the need to focus on their future are important to their lives and their relationship.



Giselle and Nathan met for the first time at Homecoming 2022 while both Sophomores. Giselle recalls seeing Nathan in his navy blue suit, which she thought Nathan looked super cute in. Nathan thought Giselle was super cute, with her flirty and playful attitude. They were attracted to each other and they both came together naturally as they both said. Their first true date was in 2022 at Halloween Horror Nights at Universal. This was the perfect place to bond, have fun, and get to know each other, and the greatest atmosphere to get to really know each other too.

They both love to go out, whether they're in the midst of a movie or going out to eat at a new place, or even just a casual day at the park. They love being around each other and, more importantly, always acknowledge what the other is up to, making time for each other despite what could be an overwhelming, busy schedule.

Yet what makes their relationship so special is that they have their own things that they like about each other. For instance, Giselle appreciates that Nathan is a jokester and goofy, he can always get her to laugh. Just like how Nathan appreciates that Giselle is very fun to be around and playful, he loves having someone who can be mature but still someone who knows how to have fun. So they say opposites attract, and they're glad they can attract each other in certain personality traits differently from their first choices.

What they struggle with as a relationship is time. With sports and school, their schedules keep them busy. Although it is hard to find time together, when they do find the time, they cherish it, such as going out to eat, they make it work.

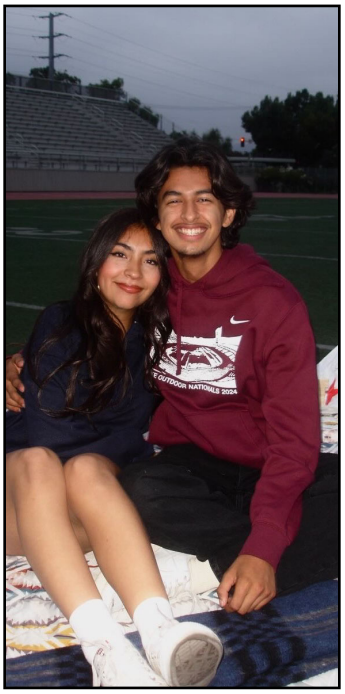
Their song is "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran. It is their song because it relates to their relationship and love for one another, and it's special to the both of them.

In addition, meeting both families have played an important role, too. When Giselle's family met Nathan, they loved how close Nathan is with his family and how much of a fun family they all were. When Nathan's family met Giselle, he was welcomed to the family immediately and loved how nice they were to him.

Yet looking ahead, they still have different goals. Giselle still wants to have her future in psychology, while Nathan will keep going into the engineering field. So while they would be on different career paths, they still have a romantic bond to help each other's requirements and life goals.

Mya Lopez And Alex Jerónimo

By Elizabeth Browngardt
Cub Reporter



Alex Jerónimo and Mya Lopez are an adorable couple here at JBHS! Both 18, Alex is in Track and Field, while Mya shares his Track and Field interest and passion for listening to music.

They met at Raising Cane's, where Mya initially thought Alex was very outgoing, while Alex thought Mya was quiet. They had been friends for about a year before Alex eventually asked Mya out under the bleachers during track practice. They've been together since March 13, 2024.

Their first date was at the Glendale Galleria, where they watched *Kung Fu Panda 4*. Mya realized she liked Alex because of his quirky nature, and Alex knew he liked Mya when he didn't want her to go away.

They were both in Ms. Palaski's Algebra 1 class during their Freshman year but didn't realize it until they randomly started talking about math during their Junior year. Coincidentally, they ended up in the same math class again in the second semester of their Junior year, bringing their story full circle.

When they were friends, Alex asked Mya to buy him a balloon dog from a man who made balloon animals. She bought one for him and one for herself. A year later, when they started dating, and during one of their first dates, they saw that same man again. They decided to recreate that moment with the balloon dogs, and it has since become one of their inside jokes and memories.

This couple loves to spend time with one another. They enjoy relaxing activities together, like watching movies and building Legos. They love to coordinate their outfits and have matched something in their outfits nearly every single day of their Senior year. Their personalities are very similar and complement each other perfectly. Their song is "Soon Enough" by The Altons, and his nickname for her is "alpha wolf."

Alex's mom really likes Mya, and Mya's parents really like Alex. They share the same group of friends. Alex asked Mya to homecoming with a sign that said, "Will you be my alpha wolf?"

Overall, Alex and Mya are such a wholesome and adorable couple. They can't imagine either of them with any other person, and the couple always knew they had undeniable chemistry and were bound to end up together.

Giselle Miron And William Colvin Marvin

By Kayla Cabral
Cub Photographer



There are many couples at John Burroughs High School but this couple in particular is one of the nicest couples you'll meet. Their names are Giselle Miron and William Colvin Marvin. They have been together for ten months now.

Giselle and William first met each other in Mr Dekay's Spanish 3 class Junior year in October.

Giselle's nickname for William is Willie and William's nickname for Giselle is Gigi.

William Colvin Marvin is eighteen years old and is a Senior here at John Burroughs High School. He is on the Burroughs Football team and he enjoys photography. William's future plans after high school is to attend a college at either a UC or a Cal State.

His first impression when he first saw Giselle was he thought she was pretty shy but he also thought she was very cute. He was the first to ask Giselle out.

He asked her out by DMing her on Instagram and asking her to hang out after school. William knew he was attracted to Giselle from the start because she was really funny and very pretty and they have a lot in common. His favorite thing about Giselle is her great sense of humor.

When he first met Giselle's parents it was terrifying for him because he didn't speak Spanish well and her whole family spoke Spanish.

William also says he thinks Giselle's friends are cool.

Giselle Miron is seventeen years old and is also a Senior here at John Burroughs High School. Her activities at school are Link Crew and she's in the NAF Medical Academy.

Giselle's future plans after high school are to also go to college and attend PCC. Her first impression when she first saw William was she thought he was really nice and sweet and she also thought he was cute and cool.

Giselle says William asked her out by asking to hang out after school after texting each other on Instagram for a while.

Giselle knew she liked William from the start because she thought he was very funny and they shared a lot in common. Her favorite thing about William is his great personality.

Giselle says it was very scary first meeting his parents because she was super nervous and they were very extroverted and she's more of an introverted person. She also thinks his friends are okay.

Activities Giselle and William like to do together are play Roblox and watch reels on Instagram. They have a lot in common like they both like hamburgers, they both have similar music taste and they both have dogs. Giselle and William's song is "Sure Thing" by Miguel.

Their anniversary date is January 5th, 2024 and it's been thirteen months that they have been dating. Giselle and William will continue to be one of the cutest couples here at John Burroughs High School.

Happy Valentine's to this cute couple!

Athena Walls And Alex Gains

By Dakota O'Connell
Budget Director

Athena (Ani) Walls, having attended Burroughs since her Freshman year, stuck low when it came to coupling until she met her current boyfriend Alex Gains. Originally they met online, upon a little forum site known as Discord. They both find the thought of others thinking this to be dangerous, funny, in fact proving their similar sense of humor.

The other interesting part of their meeting was the fact that their first in person meeting was in the woods. That is to say they met face to face camping. Just another way fate seemed to work in their favor.

They don't only find outdoor adventure meet-cutes fun, but also enjoy the rather mundane.



They enjoy watching movies together both in the same room or stretched across the state. They also will walk around malls whenever they are in the other's presence. Showing that beyond their original meeting these two find interest in things found outside of true crime.

Television overall finds itself to be a common pass time between them, shows including *Arcane* and even play games like Minecraft together, could make one believe they were millennials given their hobbies.

Alex poses that he did initially ask her out, even though she was more 'upfront' about their initial connection.

They do agree that it was more of a mutual confession that led them to becoming "official."

Overall first impressions were good on both sides, Ani found Alex witty and well written, where Alex found Ani similarly funny and compassionate. Though the meeting of each other's families on that eventful camping trip was initially nerve wracking, everyone seemed to blend well.

And as far as friends go they both think kindly of the other friend groups. I can attest to this as Ani's friend, given his admirable charm when speaking on his relationship. (And his remembering of anniversary dates also sold me on his companionship.) Ani also isn't completely appalled by Alex's friends, even regarding one in particular to be "gentlemanly."

All in all they keep each other happy and only speak kindly of the other, causing me to ultimately state they are, in any sense of the matter, "Meant to be."

Ava Tomlinson And Willem Rylaarsdam

By Adana Torossian
Cub Reporter

There are many different couples on campus, but one of the cutest are Ava Tomlison and Willem Rylaarsdam.

Ava Tomlison is a Senior here at Burroughs, and she is on the JBHS Girls Water Polo team. Willem Rylaarsdam is a Senior at Notre Dame High School, and he is in Water Polo at Notre Dame, and he wants to study engineering in college.

This adorable couple met at Coral Cafe, on Burbank Blvd. Willem's first impressions of Ava were that she was easy to talk to and fun to be around. Ava's first impressions were that he was really tall, and really tan.

Willem texted her asking to go mini golfing in Sherman Oaks. After mini golfing, they went to eat at a place called Burger Lounge. A while later, while they were hanging out at his house, Willem asked Ava to be his girlfriend.

They have been together for a little over a year now. Their anniversary is on November 4th. The first thing that made Willem know how much he liked Ava was that he missed hanging out with her right after she left. Ava knew that she liked him because she thought he was cute, very personable, and an



easy person to talk to.

Some of their favorite things to do are going to drive in movies, going to Universal Studios, go fishing, and just hanging out and spending time together. Ava's favorite thing about Willem is how funny he is, and how they can laugh and be funny together. Willem's favorite thing about Ava is her unwavering support.

Some things that they have in common are they both play water polo, they both like outdoorsy stuff, and they have a lot of the same friends.

If they were to make a playlist of songs that remind them of each other, the first two songs would be "Sweater Weather" by The Neighbourhood because that is a song they like to listen to together, and "Watermelon Moonshine" by Lainey Wilson because it reminds Willem of Ava.

Ava says that it was really easy to meet his parents because they are nice, and super cool. Willem says it was scary at first, but they were very welcoming. Also, they share a lot of the same friends, so it is really fun when they all hangout together.

Happy Valentine's day to this amazing couple, Ava Tomlinson and Willem Rylaarsdam!

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Tobie Siems And Winston Bromhead

By Hailie Alvarez
Cub Reporter



One of the cutest couples of the Senior class are Winston Bromhead and Tobie Siems. They have been together for a year and are stronger than ever. Winston is known for being Dance Team Captain, Varsity Soccer player, College Peer Mentor, and in Link Crew. Tobie is in the JBHS Drama Department, Teen Court, Link Crew, Hiking Club, Improv Club, and Varsity Girls Tennis.

They met in Mr. Kuglen's AP Language and Composition class last year, their Junior year. Winston thought she was so incredibly talented and kind hearted and felt an immediate pull towards Tobie. After a couple months of getting to know Tobie, he asked her out on a dinner date at Pinocchio's on Magnolia towards the beginning of December. After they ate, they went back to Winston's house to watch *10 Things I Hate About You.*

After so much time spent together, he knew he liked her because of how similar their personalities were. He says, "I loved the way she carried herself and she intrigued me."

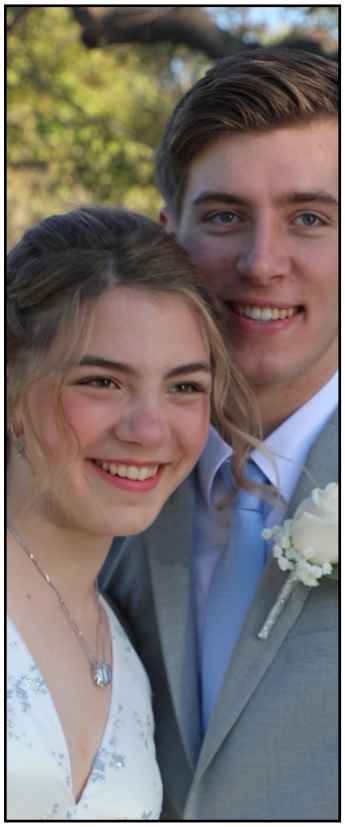
On January 5th 2024, they officially became boyfriend and girlfriend and they have been inseparable ever since.

Tobie and Winston enjoy trying new food, watching movies together and playing Mario Kart. They share the same sense of humor, music taste, and have a similar vibe that makes finding activities for them to enjoy easy. Their song is, "There is a Light that Never Goes Out," by the Smiths.

When Winston met her family he was pretty nervous but they immediately made him feel welcomed and he got along with them well. Her friends were also some of his friends so it made things so much easier when being introduced to her friend group.

Autry Rozendal And Rylan Boyle

By Jayda Lara Tran
Cub Reporter



Here at Burroughs, we have quite a number of cute couples but Autry Rozendal and Rylan Boyle have got to be at the top of that list. These two began their love story here and are still going strong.

Autry is currently a Senior and in both Choir and Drama. She loves both the work she does on and off stage. She loves the community and atmosphere she gets to be a part of and the training and dedication it takes to be able to put on performances which truly intrigues her. This year Autry is the President of Sound Sensations. Along with Choir, she also does a lot of work in Drama. She has produced and stage-managed a great number of Drama shows at Burroughs. Putting together shows is something she enjoys doing and loves having the ability to turn a crazy, creative vision into a reality and something for everyone to enjoy. Besides Choir and Drama, Autry is also a part of a few clubs and co-President of the Rotary club here at school.

Rylan is a Freshman in majoring in Mechanical Engineering at Cal Poly Pomona. He graduated last year and was in Good Morning John Burroughs, the FRC Team 980 Robotics, Tech Crew, Woodshop, and many other classes in that department. He enjoys building, fabricating, and carpentry.

Rylan and Autry met during her Sophomore year and his Junior year. They were both a part of Good Morning John Burroughs and their first words were exchanged while they were soldering wires together while trying to get the studio setup. "I thought she was beautiful, smart, driven, and all around just a good and likable person," he recalled as his first impression. With Rylan being strongly intrigued by Robotics, Tech Crew, and Woodshop, and Autry having a deep connection with Choir and Drama, the two found it easy to connect through their creativity.

Their friendship developed quickly over time and after a few weeks they became an official couple. Both of them described each other as the type of person you're always happy to be around. They shared that it's not always about the grand gestures. It never matters to them whether they have a day full of fun planned or just want to sit in a car all day, in the end it's all about sharing quality time. Their first date was spent at Downtown Disney, shopping, eating, and geeking out over the latest gadgets at the Micro Center.

For Autry, Rylan's intelligence is what she admires most while Rylan is captivated by Autry's passion. Their shared love for movies has also played a big part in their relationship, with Rylan being introduced to rom-coms.

Their favorite song, "Belong Together" by Mark Ambor, symbolizes their strong bond.

Meeting each other's parents was a breeze for both of them. Autry met Rylan's family when she thought she was going over for a movie night but ended up eating dinner with his whole family. Rylan met Autry's pets before meeting her parents but described them all as fun and very kind.

They share many mutual friends and have never failed to welcome each other into their circles. Rylan says his girlfriend's friends are very sweet and always take the time to invite him out or simply just talk to him. Autry said that Rylan had many fun friends through Robotics that claimed he joined Stagecraft his Senior year for her.

As they've already passed their one-year anniversary which was on December 14th, the two of them are excited and can't wait to see what other plans and memories they have in store for the future.

Upcoming Dates

February 14th	Valentines Day
February 14th	Last Day To Buy Grad Nite Tickets
February 17th	Presidents Day (No School!)
February 28th-March 2nd	Pop Show!
March 3rd-7th	Kindness Week
March 6th	Open House
March 17th-21st	Spring Break!
March 24th	Prom Tickets On Sale
March 31st-April 4th	SBACC Testing

Stella Solis And Owen Everhart

By Kiana Hildebrandt
Cub Reporter



Senior Stella Solis is a hard worker who is currently employed as a State Farm office assistant. She likes to spend her time volunteering for her community in any way she can. She also spent her time working at the tree lot at the Y over break. Apart from work Stella involves herself in our school clubs, including the Medical Academy, Link Crew, and outside of school the Youth and Government Club. If you didn't know Stella currently dating Sophomore Owen Everhart. He is a Boys Varsity Basketball player going into his second season this year.

The couple began going out this time last year, marking their first date at Holiday in the park, but it didn't start there. Halloweekend last year Stella saw Owen from when her friend was snap-chatting his friend. From there Stella's friend texted Owen's friend that she had thought he was cute, and a couple of days later Owen added Stella on Snapchat.

Owen's first impression of Stella was that she was very cute, and Stella reciprocated the same impression, but also thinking that he was outgoing and very funny. The pair finally became a couple on December 22, 2023, after Owen had asked her out at Disneyland. In his words, "I planned on asking her out when the fireworks were going on but I got really nervous, so I didn't ask her until we got in the trailer back to the car".

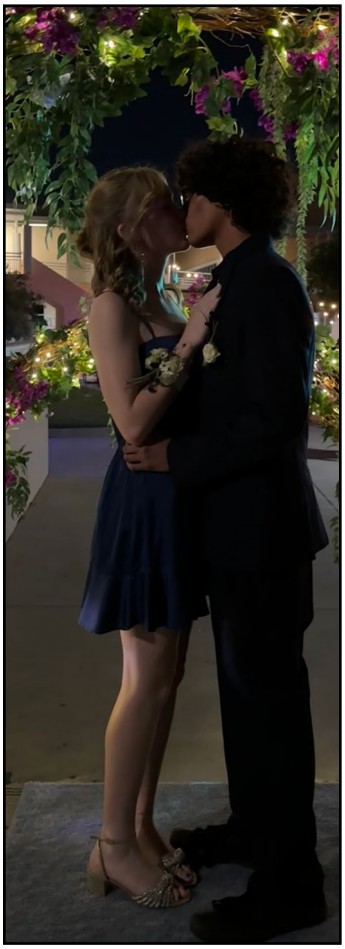
Stella knew that she had feelings for Owen when she noticed his outgoing personality and how well they clicked so fast. Getting along so well has led them to a happy relationship. They share their time doing things that they both like to do. Some of that includes that they like to get food together. Owen also has a new dog that they both enjoy playing with.

Owen quickly answered that his favorite thing about Stella is her smile. Stella said her favorite thing about him was everything. The two don't share many commonalities however that is why they make a great couple. Their differences work as a way to bring them together. But one commonality they have is agreeing on their song as a couple, they share the song "Fade into You" by Mazzy Star.

When it came to meeting each other's parents both shared how they were very nervous. When it comes to friends Stella said, "Some are really nice and some are questionable, overall he doesn't hang out with a bad crowd of people". In Owen's words, "Your friends are all cool people."

Ella Kradolfer And George Santana

By Aniana Advincula
Cub Reporter



Valentine's Day is today and couples all over Burroughs are excitedly anticipating the holiday with their partners! Seniors Ella Kradolfer and George Santana are among the many celebrating this year's Valentine's Day.

The couple originally met during their first semester of Sophomore year at a band show where their mutual friends were performing. When recalling their first impressions of each other, the pair smiles as they remember. Ella reveals, "I thought he was cute, he had his skateboard and I got all nervous."

George laughs as he said "I thought she was weird."

Ella and George have been dating since September 1, 2023, at the beginning of their Junior year, when George had asked her out to be his girlfriend. He initially surprised her that morning when she had arrived at school, holding a bouquet of flowers, a stegosaurus plush (which she had later named Timmy), and a note on the flowers asking, "Will you be my girlfriend?" with two check boxes, one saying "yes" and a very tiny "no" box. "I checked yes," Ella happily reminisces.

Their first date was surprisingly a few months before they had started dating. On June 6, 2023, a date which is engraved in both of their memories, the pair recalled their day at IKEA. It was quite an eventful first date as George had lost his wallet, did cartwheels in the parking lot, walked over to the top of the parking garage, and shared music with each other.

She remembers that the first time she realized she liked him was around one of the first times they hung out together, when he was helping her do a trick on his skateboard. "He was holding my hands and I got butterflies and that's how I knew."

George reveals that he first liked her when they were walking home together with a group of friends, "There were two things: Adam made a joke about me being with you and it got me nervous for some reason, and then right after that you left, and as you left you said my name."

The couple likes to share their time together by taking naps, doing homework, and driving around. "We like to sit in my car and talk," Ella shares. "I like to be the passenger princess," George shares as the pair laughs. They also like to watch movies and Tik Toks together in their free time.

The two have many favorite things about each other as they can't pick just one, but a few were worth noting. "One of my favorite things because I can't pick just one, is the silly voices that he does," Ella remarks. She also mentions how she loves his laugh, "that's one of my favorite things about him, his laugh."

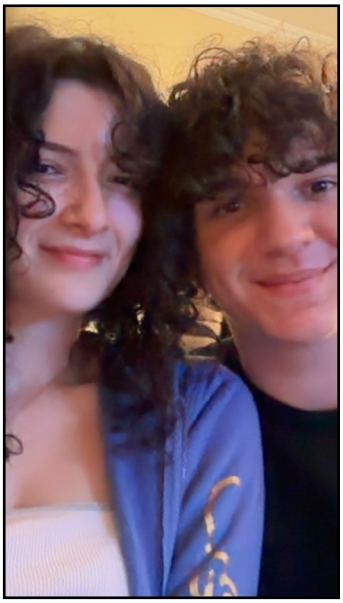
George on the other hand expresses that he loves how authentic she is, "I love how open she is about being herself. A lot of people dumb themselves down in public and refrain from acting how they really are, but you're 100% all day every day for no reason and I like that."

Happy Valentines Day to this playful and endearing couple and Happy Valentines Day to the rest of you Bears!

Anna Stefani And Ethan Burger

By Spencer Stilgenbauer
Cub Photographer

Anna Stefani, a senior at JBHS, and her boyfriend Ethan Burger, a senior at South Pasadena, make a sweet couple with a story that began far from home. Ethan, an aspiring firefighter who loves motorcycles, met Anna in the beautiful city of Florence, Italy. From the moment they met, Ethan thought Anna was cute, while she initially found him a bit shy. To break the ice, Anna made jokes to make him laugh and feel comfortable. The two spent five days together on a joint scooter tour around Tuscany. After returning to the States, Ethan asked Anna to text him so they could hang out once they were back home. After a few casual hangouts, Ethan took the plunge and asked her out on an official date.



Their first date took place in South Pasadena and ended with a train ride to Old Town Pasadena. After a few more dates, Ethan asked Anna to be his girlfriend, and they've been inseparable ever since. Over the last seven months, they've enjoyed watching bad movies, going on walks, and bonding over their shared love of music. They joked their favorite song is "Thick of it" by KSI, but in all reality their favorite is "Yale" by Ken Carson because Anna made him put it on a playlist and they both enjoyed it

Meeting each other's families was a memorable experience. Ethan had no trouble meeting Anna's dad since they already knew each other. However, he was a bit nervous to meet her mom, wanting to make a good first impression. Anna, on the other hand, found it easy to talk to Ethan's parents. She describes them as being "so nice," with his mom being "so cool" and his dad "probably the funniest person on the planet."

Their friends are just as supportive of their relationship. Anna's best friend, Sourya Khoury, shared, "Anna and Ethan are very cute together, and I wish them the best going forward."Ethan's friends have also made it clear how lucky he is, and they're thrilled to see the two of them together.

In the end, Anna and Ethan's relationship is a beautiful blend of adventure, laughter, and love. Whether they're exploring new places, enjoying quiet moments together, or laughing at bad movies, their bond is built on shared experiences and mutual respect. As they continue to grow together, their story serves as a reminder of the importance of connection, both with each other and with the people who support them.

Lexy Zepeda And Ian Sanchez

By Lizzy Morrison
Cub Reporter

Lexy Zepeda and Ian Sanchez are both Seniors and are most definitely one of John Burroughs High School's cutest couples. They have been together for about five months, and their anniversary is July 11th, 2024.

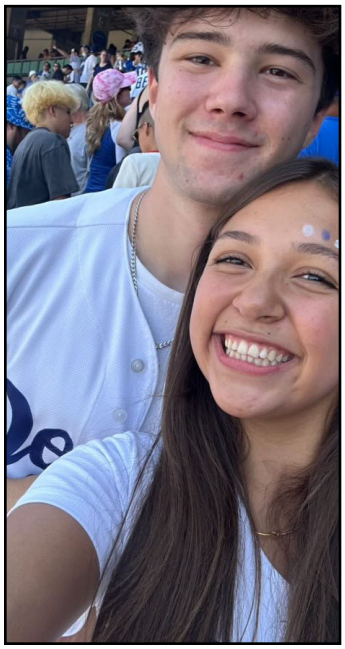
Lexy is seventeen years old and is in Track and field. In the future, she plans to attend Cal State University, and Ian plans to attend Universal Technical Institute.

They met through their parents as family, friends, and neighbors. Ian's first impression of Lexy was that she was cute and that talking to her was extremely fun.

Lexy had the biggest crush on him the first time she saw him. She found him initially funny and sweet and had the best conversations with him.

When Ian went on vacation in Mexico, Lexy regretted rejecting his past approaches, so she asked him if they could be serious and gave it a shot. Their first date was at Ian's house, and they watched movies and spent time together.

For Ian, what made him know he first liked her was how he couldn't stop thinking about her; no matter who he was with, she was always on his mind. He was always trying to find ways to hang out. He feels that no one gives him better head scratches than her.



Lexy knew she liked him when she continued conversations over the phone even though he was extremely bad at texting and when she tried to make up every excuse to hang out with him or make their families spend time together. She was attracted to his smile and how he kept talking even if he had no idea what he was talking about. She also thinks he gives the best back scratches.

Their favorite things to do together are watching movies and eating or hanging out with family. Ian's favorite thing about Lexy is how gentle, caring, and kind she is. He finds her eyes are always so big and filled with love.

Lexy's favorite thing about him is his smile. He is also so cute when he acts silly. She also loves how much healthy attention he gives her and how he loves to be around her 24/7.

Love is in the air at John Burroughs High School! Happy Valentine's Day!

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Ella Sage And Hunter Voelker

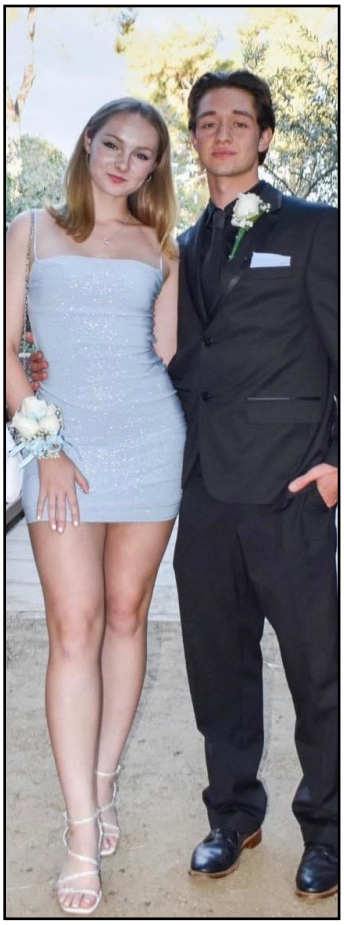
By Amberlyn Grajeda
Cub Reporter

Meet seniors Ella Sage and Hunter Voelker, one of the cutest couples here at John Burroughs High School. Ella and Hunter have been together since December 2023.

The two first began dating in 7th grade, but during quarantine, their relationship fell apart. But, in sophomore year Chemistry class Ella and Hunter were able to rekindle their relationship and ended up getting back together.

Ella and Hunter are both seventeen. Ella is captain of the JBHS Girls' Soccer team and Hunter is on the Boys' Swim team and co-founder of Leukemia and Lymphoma Club here at our school.

Hunter first asked out Ella at a Halloween party. He asked Ella if she wanted to go see a movie with him. They decided to go see *Five Nights at Freddy's* together. "I bought her a slushy, got popcorn, and we walked around the mall area for a little bit afterwards." Hunter recalls.



As for first impressions, Ella said, "I thought he was really smart, I really like smart people, and I thought he was really handsome." Hunter also had a positive first impression of Ella. He explained, "I couldn't keep my eyes off her, I thought she was so beautiful and she was just so kind."

Hunter and Ella both agreed that they both knew that they liked each other when they went to Bob's Big Boy after a football game. "I knew I liked her for a while, but I think I knew it was probably going to work out when we were at Bob's after a football game." Hunter explained. "We were playing table soccer." added Ella.

In their free time, the two enjoy watching movies, cooking, hiking and thrifting. They're both athletic, adventurous, and want to travel the world together. They explained that it doesn't matter what they do, they just enjoy spending quality time together.

Ella said her favorite things about Hunter are how attentive and caring he is and how he remembers all the little details about her. Hunter said his favorite things about Ella are her generosity, her eyes, and the ways she makes people feel. He says that she always puts others before herself.

Ella says that her and Hunter's song is "My Girl" by The Temptations, as that's the song Hunter used to ask her to homecoming so it has a special place in her heart.

Meeting each other's parents went smoothly for both Ella and Hunter. Hunter explained that he had already met Ella's dad before him and Ella even began dating. Ella added on, saying, "My family really likes him. He came over to decorate our Christmas tree with us." She also shared that she has a good relationship with Hunter's family, especially his dad.

Both of them also get along well with each other's friends. "I think her friends are really cool. I'm happy that they make her happy and I'm glad that she had such a good friend group." said Hunter. Ella also likes Hunter's friends. "I like his friends, they're very accepting of me, which I appreciate," she explained.

Overall, Ella and Hunter are one of the cutest couples here at JBHS and they have an exciting future together to look forward to.

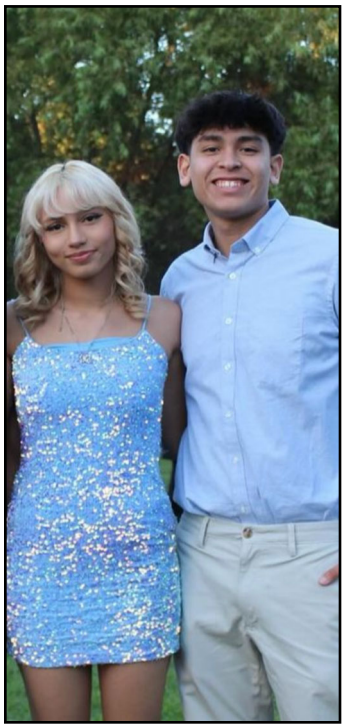
Mary Engel And Joseph Caamal

By Clover Serio
Cub Reporter

Almost two years ago, on April 26, Mary Engel and Joseph Caamal started dating. They are both seniors at John Burroughs. They met in their gym period, even though they had different classes. After a while of hanging out together, Joseph asked Mary out, and they had their first date at In-N-Out Burger.

Joseph is 17, and does Kickboxing outside of school in his free time. When he graduates high school, he plans on being a Firefighter. He first knew he liked Mary when he realized how intelligent she was. He also likes that they can have deep conversations together. His favorite thing about Mary is her personality. His first impression of her during gym was how pretty she was.

Mary is 18, and spends her free time hanging out with friends.



When she graduates high school, she plans on going to the University of Santa Barbara, and majoring in Psychology.

The first thing she noticed about Joseph was that he was very athletic. Her favorite thing about him is his smile. She knew she was attracted to Joseph because of how funny he was.

When they spend time together, they like to play video games and watch movies or shows together.

Both Mary and Joseph's favorite color is black, and Mary put Joseph on to some good shows, including *Jersey Shore, You,* and *Degrassi*.

When they first met each other's parents, it was a little scary. Joseph said that it was very terrifying, and Mary said that it was only scary for about 30 seconds.

Joseph thinks that Mary's friends are very social and nice. Mary also said that Joseph's friends are nice.

When asked, one of their friends, Andrew Quiterio said, "They bring out the best in each other and let each other grow separately."

This February they will be celebrating their 2nd valentines together, but it won't be their last.

Joseph and Mary are one of the cutest couples here at school, and their names resemble the famous biblical couple by accident.

When they are together, they light up each other's worlds, while being able to live on their own separately.

They are a healthy and loving couple, and their relationship goes to show that taking a chance on someone you want to be with, just might work. They are an inspiration for all of us here at Burroughs.

Eileen Gutierrez And Evan Quesada

By Ginger Short
Cub Reporter

Happy Valentines' to Eileen Gutierrez and Reggie (Evan) Quesada!

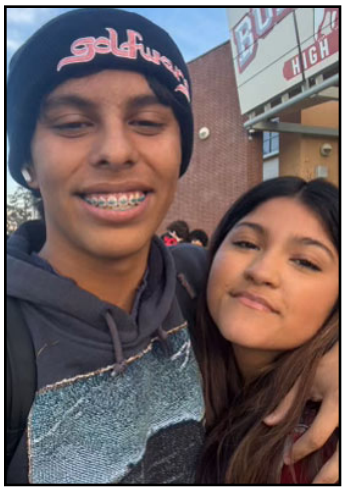
Both are not a part of any school organizations, though they are active members of the community by attending dances and Senior activities. Eileen used to be a part of an outside swim team, but she has decided to focus on academics.

These two Seniors have been in a wonderful relationship since July 3, 2024, and have many fond memories of each other.

Eileen states that their official relationship began over text during the summer, but they first met in class during Junior year.

She thought Evan seemed interesting, as he didn't talk a lot and kept to himself, which just made her like him all the more because he balanced her energetic, bubbly personality. On Evan's side of things, he found her really cool, from her confidence to the way she dresses.

For their first date, they walked around the Burbank Mall and saw the movie *Inside Out 2*. They still



watch movies together, and the theatre is a regular date spot for them.

When Evan asked Eileen out, she was very excited because she had really come to enjoy his presence and wanted to spend more time with him.

They see their relationship going far, even through their future plans.

Eileen plans to go to college and get a degree in the psychology field, and preferably become a child psychologist.

Evan, on the other hand, plans to go to community college then a UC in order to get a degree in film.

Although their goals are different, they still have much in common.

Eileen and Evan both enjoy the same type of music, which makes deciding who's on aux easy, and have similar styles of dressing, which is shown through their taste in hoodies and pants.

They both like each other as a whole, but some things in specific stand out.

Eileen was attracted to Evan's calm personality, noting his good temper. Since opposites attract, Evan enjoys the way Eileen is very mature and able to hold a conversation and is able to open him up to new experiences.

Even though Eileen and Evan come from different groups at school, they still enjoy the other person's circle of friends. In fact, they met through a mutual friend, which is what led to their relationship.

Shared humor, music taste, and the like has connected them to the other's friends and made an even bigger group for them to enjoy.

Both music enjoyers, Evan notes that the song "Dead Girl" by jaydes reminds him of Eileen. Especially the lyrics, "Yeah, I think you the one for me" in the chorus.

Eileen remembers meeting Evan's parents, and how nervous she was. She really wanted to make a good impression, and show how she is a mature and capable person. It went well, and she owes it to how cool Evan's family is.

Although Evan hasn't met her parents yet, he plans to make a good impression and show how respectful and thoughtful he is.

At school, they take advantage of any time they have together, including walking to class and talking during passing periods.

Their friendly banter lights up the school halls, and it is obvious they are a perfect match.

Evan and Eileen plan to spend the rest of the year on dates, hangouts, and exploring new places. Even farther in the future, they hope to see each other walk down the aisle at graduation.

Congratulations to this happy couple, and wishing them many years of happiness.

Sophie Arroyo And Ryder Tafoya

By Sam Lisi
Cub Reporter

Ryder Talfoya and Sophie Arroyo met in Sophomore year and have been inseparable since.

Ryder Tafoya has been playing Volleyball at Burroughs since his Freshman year.

Sophie has been dancing for thirteen years and has also been on the Cheer team since her Sophomore year and also cheered at a different school in her Freshman year. It is also Sophie's second year doing the Sports Medicine internship.

Ryder first saw Sophie in Mr. Mesquitas' 10th grade English class and Sophie didn't even see him. They officially met in Ms. Russon's Careers and Medical class.

Sophie's first impression of Ryder was that he looked like a character from *Onward*, but she also thought that he was cute and seemed like a nice guy. Ryder also



thought that Sophie was really cute.

Ryder asked Sophie out on August 19th, 2022 with food from Chipotle and he put a note in the chip bag that asked "Will you be my girlfriend?" There was only a yes box so she couldn't say no.

They have been together for two and a half years.

Their first date was at Olive Garden with Ryder's mom.

Their favorite thing to do together is to watch Netflix, they said that they like to watch *Kobra Kai* and *Squid Games*. Sophie also said that she forced him to watch *Jane the Virgin*.

Ryder's favorite thing about Sophie is her eyes and Sophie's favorite thing about Ryder is his smile and his height.

They have a lot in common as well. They said that they both care about each other a lot. Sophie stated, "We push each other for success and we support each other's aspirations."

They have a lot of songs that they enjoy listening to together but their two main ones are "Be My Baby" by the Ronettes and "Die With A Smile" by Bruno Mars and Lady Gaga.

Ryder said that he wasn't nervous to meet Sophie's parents but that he did want to make a good impression. On the other hand, Sophie said that she was nervous to meet Ryder's mom because Sophie wanted his mom to like her.

Sophie said that Ryder's friends act dumb when they're together but that they are nice and she likes that they encourage him to do his best. Ryder said that he thinks Sophie's friends are chill but he also doesn't know a lot about them.

Ryder knew that he liked Sophie when she would laugh at his jokes. Sophie knew she liked Ryder because the first day they started talking Ryder offered to walk Sophie to class. He also stayed up late to talk to her, and she thought that it was nice.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Zoë Mouser And Andrew Quiterio

By Christian Garay-Dang-Mendez
Cub Reporter



With love in the air this Valentine's Day season, we would like to take a look at a happy relationship here at JBHS. Andrew Quiterio and Zoë Mouser have been dating for six months. Both seventeen years old, they met in Pre-Calculus, where Andrew first noticed Zoë's intelligence as she answered questions with ease. Zoë, in turn, thought Andrew was quiet and shy, but she could tell he was smart. Andrew asked Zoë out with a sign at the park, and their first date was mini golfing at Castle Park, followed by ice cream.

Andrew is a basketball coach who had played basketball here for three years. He's also a Link Crew leader, and wants to study kinesiology. Zoë is equally driven, she is on the dance team and the President of the Nursing Club. Both are passionate about their interests and have strong friend groups. They share a love for sports, enjoy movies together (even though Zoë got Andrew to watch his first scary movie), and bond over their shared love of food. Andrew admires how easy it is to talk to Zoë, and Zoë loves how attentive Andrew is and remembers everything she says.

Andrew started liking Zoë because she's down to earth and someone he could be himself around. Zoë was drawn to Andrew because he's easy to talk to and never makes things awkward. They both feel comfortable and happy in each other's company. Their song, "Miss Independent" by Ne-Yo, holds special meaning as it was the song Andrew played on the way back from their first date.

When Andrew met Zoë's family, he found it a bit stressful but was quickly put at ease by how sweet they were. He loves them now, and Zoë feels the same way about his family, describing them as kind and welcoming. Zoë's friends also made a positive impression on Andrew when he attended a party with them, where they made him feel right at home.

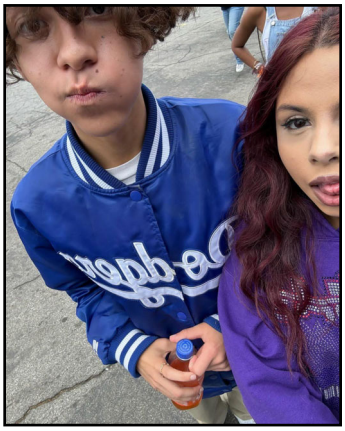
Ella Sage says, "Zoë is the smartest girl ever and she deserves Andrew and he will give her the respect she deserves."

Joseph Caamal adds, "Andrew is so happy, and he sees them both smiling and having a great time together."

The two are clearly well-matched, and their connection continues to grow stronger as they support each other's passions and enjoy each other's company.

Camille Vargas And Jorge Perez

By Charles Yungul
Cub Reporter



Among the most charming couples in this school comes two Seniors whose affinity for each other is fittingly unmatched. Jorge Perez is in 12th grade, and spends his electives playing trumpet in both the John Burroughs High School Instrumental Music Association's Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble. He plans in the future to go to a community college and then transfer to California State University of Northridge.

Camille Vargas is also in 12th grade, and is spending her time studying to become an escrow officer. She also wants to start up her own nail business!

Jorge and Camille both met each other through Instagram, and later would share classes together in-person. After getting to know him, Camille thought that Jorge was "was nice and cute," and "liked his curly hair."

Jorge's impressions of Camille were similar, after they got to know each other he recognized her keen sense of humor and intelligence.

On October 6th, 2023 Jorge asked Camille out with flowers, a hello kitty plush, and candy, and they have been together ever since! Their first date was at the Glendale Galleria where they spent time together walking around, eating, and sharing a red velvet cheesecake at the local Barnes and Noble. Camille first realized that she liked him, and an ex friend told her that they would be a great match. Jorge "saw pretty Instagram posts of her."

Both Jorge and Camille share the pleasures of watching TV shows together such as *Love Island* and *Dragonball*, and they both enjoy eating at Raising Cane's.

Camille acknowledges that she can be stubborn sometimes and because of that she really admires Jorge's patience and empathy. Jorge too no matter what mood he is in is able to appreciate the fact that Camille is "always there" for him. Along with watching TV shows together, and conversing over chicken wings both Camille and Jorge have the same music taste, and movie taste. They added that they both like "Roblox, Fortnite, brain rot, and getting food together."

This year for Homecoming Jorge asked Camille out by creating a decorative poster of Franke Valli, because of their mutual appreciation for Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons music. The song that they would use to describe themselves is "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You" by Frankie Valli.

Camille was scared to meet Jorge's family, but she soon took a liking to her mom who is gentle and chill, his sister who is funny, and his brother who she describes as being quiet.

Jorge doesn't like Camille's friends, and Camille finds Jorge's friend group to be obnoxious, however she does like and have great respect for Gianfranco and Jack, two of Jorge's close friends. Overall the love for each other is so wonderful, and it was great hearing their personal anecdotes, and amusing first impressions of one another.

Jorge and Camille, we were so happy to get to interview you as a pair, and think you are an inspiring and strong couple!

Happy Valentine's Day to this couple!

Sam Figueroa And Isaiah Alvardo

By Amelia Walsh
Cub Reporter

Meet Sam Figueroa and Isaiah Alvardo, both Seniors here at John Burroughs High School!

Sam and Isaiah met at Luther Middle School.

Here at JBHS Sam is a part of VMA Powerhouse and Neo Chromatics and Isaiah is on the Varsity Soccer team.

Isaiah asked Sam out to the movies for their first date. At the movies they watched the horror/sci-fi movie *Nope*. After watching *Nope*, they made it official. They're anniversary date is August 9th, 2022 and they have been dating for almost two and a half years.



What made Sam know she liked Isaiah was the effort he put in and how great he treated her. As for Isaiah he knew because they got along really well and both made each other laugh.

Isaiah and Sam love spending their time together going out to eat, baking and cooking, calling each other, playing video games, going to the movies, and spending lunch together.

This couple has many things they like about each other. Sam admires his passions and how attentive he is as well as having a calming presence. Isaiah loves how she can make him laugh in ways others can't. Sam and Isaiah have many things in common. They are both ambitious, get along with people well, have positive attitudes, like trying new things, and like school.

Sam and Isaiah's couple song is "Jukebox Joints" by Asap Rocky.

When they first met each other's parents, Sam said it was nerve wracking for her and she was scared because she wanted to make a good first impression. Isaiah had a more calming experience as he didn't mind meeting her parents, but he remembers Sam being nervous.

Sam and Isaiah have no problems with each other's friends. Their friends are very different from each other, but that doesn't stop them from getting along with each other and approving of them.

Wishing them a great last year here at John Burroughs High School!

Zachary Walker And Mackenzie Morris

By Clover Lee
Cub Reporter

Zachary Walker and Mackenzie Morris are one of the newer couples on campus. Both are Seniors, with Zach being eighteen and Mackenzie seventeen.

Zach works for the Young Dragons Dungeons and Dragons group and wants to be a Computer Science major in college. Mackenzie is part of the Link Crew program here at school and aims to be an Architect major in college.

Both enjoy shows like *Arcane* and *Vox Machina*. They also love playing video games together such as "It Takes Two," which is a multiplayer game focused on working together.



Mackenzie has said that one of her favorite things about Zach is how passionate he is about his interests. Zach stated that he thinks Mackenzie is "incredibly sweet and fun to spend time with" and that he knew he liked her because of the butterflies he got when he was around her.

Zach was an Eagle Scout and technically met Mackenzie when they were very young. Due to his younger sister being in the same Girls Scout troop as Mackenzie, they interacted somewhat, but never actually became friends until they re-met in high school. The pair were in the same AP Language class taught by Mr. Kuglen in their Junior year, which is where they really noticed each other. They sat across the room from each other, but both thought the other was cute. Neither expected to actually talk to the other until Mackenzie joined his friend group through mutual friends.

Even when they are apart, the couple text often and like to send each other cute animal videos and memes including the Chikn Nuggit Youtube Channel.

Zach first asked Mackenzie out over frozen yogurt after they went ice skating together. They made their relationship official on August 5th and have been together for about six months. The couple went on to have many fun dates including Disneyland and Universal Studios.

All in all, the couple is happy and bond over their shared interests as self-labeled nerds.

Happy Valentine's Day!

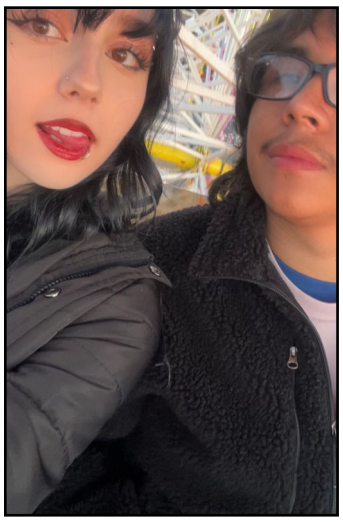
Julia Yamane And Anthony Cera

By Nico Garedakis
Cub Reporter

Among the many of the long standing couples at John Burroughs are Julia and Anthony. They began dating in March of 2023 and are going on a year and eleven months.

The couple first met through a friend and unexpectedly hit it off. After a little while of talking and dropping hints, Anthony asked Julia to be his girlfriend and brought her some of her favorite things.

Julia recalls her first impression of him which was "cute and funny." She liked how he always made the effort to hang out and talk to her. They got along instantly and



shared a lot of the same interests including playing video games, music, and staying inside.

Anthony says his favorite thing about Julia is her eyes, while hers is his smile. The two enjoy watching movies, getting food, going to concerts and building Legos together.

Their first date was at the mall over a year ago. "He bought me everything," Julia says, which shows how generous of a person Anthony is. Since then, he's bought her many of her favorite plushies from the Sanrio Universe.

Among all of her interests, Julia mainly loves Hello Kitty, dance, and clothing.

In the future, she wants to pursue a career of being a flight attendant so she can travel. Anthony, on the other hand, plans to enlist in the Army after high school and then become a police officer.

Meeting each other's families was a nerve wracking deal to both of them at first, but they are now very close.

When asked what made their relationship last for this long, Julia says the key elements are "communication, loyalty, honesty, and spending time together consistently."

Happy Valentine's Day!

Catherine Valenzuela And Michael Collins

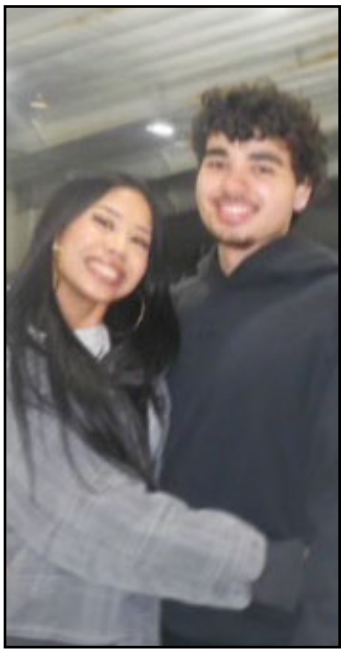
By Mary Engel
Cub Reporter

Senior couple Catherine Valenzuela and Michael Collins have been a couple since September 9th, 2023, and are going on a year and five months.

Catherine is seventeen years old, and Michael is eighteen. In their relationship, they affectionately call one another "Bae" and "Baby."

These two met years ago in 2nd grade as they both went to Thomas Edison Elementary School. "My first impression of him is that he's so funny. When we were little, I used to think he was the funniest person ever, and I also thought he was really, really cute," Catherine says.

Michael loved how artistic she was, recalling their time together in the Boys and Girls Club. Years later, they reconnected. Michael asked Catherine out after a football game, making it official.



On their first date, they went and got boba and hung out at the park. This being the very first time they ever hung out as a couple, they got to know each other more in-depth.

What made the two know they liked one another was with help from former feelings for each other from the past. They both value the humor they both brought.

"She made me laugh a lot," Michael says.

Catherine knew that she liked Michael because she was always excited to be near him and overall very intrigued by what he had to say. She always emphasizes how funny he is.

Their favorite activity together is simply talking. Whether it's discussing their career goals, personal aspirations, or the deeper aspects of life, they enjoy the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences. Catherine's favorite thing about Michael is his humor, and as for Michael it is that she is very kind and beautiful.

"I have never found myself smiling more with a person than him," she says.

They share a music taste in common along with finding joy in doing simple things, like going to scenic locations and sharing meals together. Michael says that Catherine's favorite song is "Stay Ready" by Jhene Aiko.

For Catherine, meeting his family was initially scary but very interesting as their families are very different. "I would say that it was just very interesting to be in a different environment at home. I love them, I like them a lot."

Michael agrees that it was scary to meet her family as well.

They both say that each other's friends are cool, and Catherine says that she's happy that he has people he's created such strong relationships with.

Catherine plans to pursue a career in Nursing, and Micheal hopes to attend college in San Diego. Despite their different career paths, they support one another's dreams and aspirations

These two have a special connection, built on years of friendship and shared connections. Their mutual appreciation for humor and deep conversations stands as a strong foundation for their relationship.

Cierra Arroyo And Eli Romsa

By Alex Hammeke
Cub Reporter

Cierra Arroyo and Eli Romsa are one of the best couples at JBHS. This perfect match met in their 9th grade Honors English class, being in the same choir, and through friends.

Cierra's first impression of Eli was that he was very shy and kept to himself. Cierra said "He was never one to spark conversations in class, but he always knew the right answer."

In some ways neither of them really asked the other one out, but in the end Cierra was the one to say yes. They technically had two "first dates." On their first date they walked around from Starbucks to Philly's Best on Magnolia, ending their night back here at Burroughs for the movie night in the auditorium. Their second first date was a simple date where they walked around the Burbank mall, grabbing some ramen for dinner.



It wasn't until then that they fully knew they liked each other. Cierra and Eli made it official on August 6, 2023, making them a year and a half strong. Some of their favorite things to do with each other are going on walks, watching movies, and baking together.

Cierra and Eli have most of the same friends because of Choir. They have a lot of things in common such as their love for choir and the performing arts.

Cierra and Eli are both in Choir and sang "Baby it's Cold Outside" together in the winter choir show.

Eli is in the Homeless Relief Club where they focus on shining a light and helping fight the homeless crisis.

One of Eli's favorite things about Cierra is her kind and welcoming attitude towards everything. Cierra said that her favorite thing about Eli is attention to detail and ability to read people's emotions.

When they met each other's families it was a super simple experience. They had both seen each other's families around because of choir so formally meeting them was no problem. Keep having fun and keep going strong.

Happy Valentine's Day you two!

Happy Valentine's Day To All Our Cutest Couples From *The Paw Print*

Hannah Hope O'Briant

By John Anderegg
Edtior In Chief

There are many exceptional students here at JBHS but one that stands out in particular is Hannah Hope O'Briant, or H. She's involved in many amazing things such as SkillsUSA and Tech Crew, but maybe most notably she made a documentary about endometriosis titled "Silent Suffering - How Endometriosis Affects Teens."

Endometriosis is a condition that effects the tissue in the uterus. An estimated 1 in 10 women suffer from it, including Hannah and her sister, Lily. However, it often ends up ignored or misdiagnosed, something that Hannah herself experienced and was inspired to create her documentary by.

In her own words, "'Silent Suffering' is a powerful and evocative documentary that delves into the often-overlooked struggles of teenagers living with endometriosis. This debilitating condition, recognized as one of the most painful diseases, affects 1 in 10 women yet remains underdiagnosed and misunderstood, especially in teens. Through the poignant stories of young women, the film sheds light on the physical and emotional toll of endometriosis. It explores their journeys of navigating severe pain, misdiagnosis, and the impact on their daily lives, from school attendance, activities, life as a teenager, and mental health. The documentary also features interviews with leading medical professionals, who discuss the challenges of diagnosing and treating endometriosis in young patients." Those interviews include thoughts from medical professionals Dr. Tamer Sequin and Dr. Amanda Chu.

Hannah also got the chance to interview some celebrities with endometriosis at the Blossom Ball, an event in New York that serves as a fundraiser for the Endometriosis Foundation of America. Among the attendees were Leslie Mosier, Abbey Lee, Chelsea Leyland, Amanda Fuller, Lexie Stevenson, Ayesha Strand, multiple members of the Irwin family, and more.

The goal of "Silent Suffering" is to raise awareness about endometriosis, but there's more than that. It also seeks to push for more support and research to better help those who suffer from endometriosis. "In making this film, my goal is to give a voice to those who have been unheard for too long, to educate a broader audience about the realities of endometriosis, and to inspire change that will improve the lives of countless teens worldwide," Hannah says. "Thank you for joining us on this journey of awareness, empathy, and advocacy."

Hannah's film has proven successful in many ways. "Silent Suffering" has been showcased in film festivals, but maybe even more rewarding, she has received messages from women who have been influenced by the film to pursue a diagnosis.

Hannah continues to raise awareness even after the release of "Silent Suffering." She's met with clubs focusing on women's issues to share her work and answer questions regarding the condition. "Hopefully this raises awareness to teens about endometriosis and becomes a commonly known disease to all," she hopes.

Hannah wanted to give a special mention to her mom, saying "My mom was truly an amazing force when it came to both my Endometriosis diagnosis and supporting me when I started making the film."

Though her work in creating "Silent Suffering" is done, Hannah's journey with filmmaking is not. In October, the music video for her sister Lily Brooks O'Briant's song "But I Don't Know" was released, which Hannah directed and edited. It's available to watch on Lily's YouTube channel.

Hannah's biggest passion in life is her filmmaking, and there will be more work to come. Make sure to support any past and future projects from this outstanding JBHS student!

The Alley Cats

By Charles Yungul
Cub Reporter



The Alley Cats are a jazz combo based in Burbank, California, founded in December of 2023, which enjoys playing jazz and jazz fusion music for weddings, bar mitzvahs, senior homes, and many other social gatherings. Founded by Jacob Hughes, the band consists of several students from John Burroughs High School, including Jacob on guitar, Emily Garcia on bass, Charles Yungul on trumpet, and Joseph Tanner on Piano. Arson Lazaretto is the percussionist for the combo, and he lives in Pasadena.

Explaining the origin of the band, Jacob Hughes noted how the band got its start from "playing at senior living apartments, with our first gig being at my own grandparents' apartment complex." He continued to mention how "Nowadays, we find ourselves playing at community and cultural events, business functions, and parties." Over the summer, the jazz band acquired a gig playing in a IATSE local #80 building, which is a union of theatrical stage employees, in honor of world-renowned costume designers and other stagecraft members.

Personally, as a member of the band, I can confidently say we pride ourselves in our versatility in various jazz standards, and adaptability. From playing tin-pan alley AABA form songs, to playing medium up post-bop songs, bebop songs themselves, as well as recent video game standards, including "Bob-Omb Battlefield" from the 1996 video game Super Mario 64 and "K.K Jazz" from Animal Crossing. Additionally, recently members of the band have been acquainting themselves with reinterpreted Christmas times jazz standards, from the Christmas Real Book. Such songs include "Santa Baby," "Christmas Time is Here," "Feliz Navidad," "Let it Snow!,"Baby, It's Cold Outside," "The Christmas Song," and "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas."

Jacob, Charles, Joey, and Emily, are also active members in the John Burroughs High School Jazz Band, and have had experience playing with one another for over two years now.

The band can often be seen performing around local businesses in Burbank and the Valley area, such as Crowning Glory Hair Studio, local retirement homes, senior living facilities, churches, synagogues, and temples.

In addition to performing for various businesses in the LA area and various residencies, The Alley Cats also consistently rehearses and practices the charts that they learn at home as a group in Jacob's garage, and figure out the set list, which refers to the order of songs being played, set to a particular gig, as well as the solo order, which refers to the number of and order of improvisatory soloists within a song.

This amazing and very talented band only charges $150 per hour for most gigs, and are available year round to play for events such as birthday parties, holiday events, restaurants, and any other social gathering for which you request a jazz combo.

Publicity circulating around this band has recently increased as founder of the band Jacob Hughes, was interviewed by VoyageLA Magazine, to discuss his inspiration for starting a combo, and his intense passion for playing music. The full article can be found on their website under the category of hidden gems.

The band can be reached out by contacting their email: alleycatsjazzcombo@ gmail.com, or their instagram: https://www.instagram.com/thealleycatscombo/.

New Attendance Technician

By Charles Yungul
Cub Reporter

Ruzanna Agaronian is the wonderful current Linguist Translator, and Attendance Technician at John Burroughs High School. She was born on September 2nd, 1986.

Ms. Agaronian stated how she decided to become a staff member when she realized how much she "liked this school and its students." She ended up here because she had already been subbing in the position of Attendance Clerk since September, but now she is an official office staff member. Ms. Agaronian picked her title of District Translator and Attendance Technician through submitting a joint job application, which was eventually confirmed, and then going through an interview process.

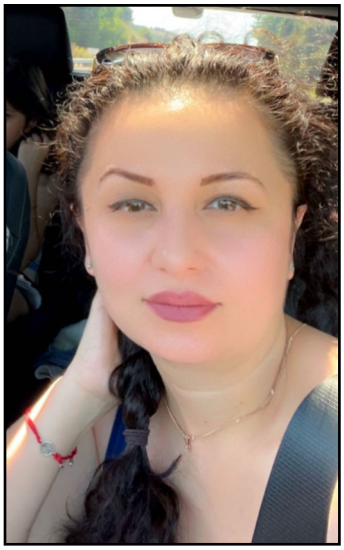
Interestingly enough, Ms. Agaronian has two degrees. One is a Bachelors that she obtained in Armenia, and the other is a Masters which she acquired in Germany. She also has past job experience working as Bank Senior Manager, for a bank. She also has been recognized and gotten awards in Russia, which shows her experience traveling around the world.

Her favorite subjects in school are, of course, Languages, and also History and Biology.

In her free time she enjoys "watching movies, traveling, and spending time with her family."

She is an amazing Linguist Translator because she is a polyglot that understands four different languages. Those languages are Armenian, Russian, German, and English.

Ms. Agaronian has two daughters, and lives in Burbank behind Burbank High School. Her long-term goals and aspirations for the future are to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in the United States, and to start up her own business. As attendance technician, she currently works inside the front office at the front desk, and she helps keep track of attendance. She can be reached through the school using the number 818-729-6900, and the extension number 61931. As part of her job description, she is responsible for excusing absences and helping students obtain off-schedules to leave campus early. Ways in which they receive Absence notices is either through hand-written notes or phone calls.



Several of the representative duties of attendance technicians include providing and compiling accurate reporting for daily attendance activities and updating attendance data for required ADA reporting. Another duty is to enroll students and process drops and withdrawals from classes as appropriate; verify addresses and request or send records; prepare and file forms, cards, and folders, and other documents in permanent student records.

The basic general function of an attendance technician is to perform a variety of clerical duties related to students attendance accounting and record-keeping activities at an assigned school site (which requires a lot of digital proficiency, meaning Ms. Agaronian's job is all the more impressive).

Attendance Technician's are also required to contact parents and guardians in the case that the student's unexcused or excused absences have not been verified. Typically, after verifying attendance and representative absences, the attendance technician will input and output attendance and other student information into an assigned computer system; establish and maintain automated student records; and generate a variety of computerized lists related to student attendance data.

Additionally, Attendance Technicians are responsible for initiating and receiving telephone calls, screening and routing calls as directed; taking and relaying messages, responding to inquiries, and providing student attendance and other information to personnel, parents and outside agencies.

Ursa Major Horoscopes

Aries (Mar.21- Apr.19): Your bold energy makes you irresistible this month, but don't let impatience rush matters of the heart. A surprise confession could spark passion if you're willing to listen as much as you lead.

Taurus (Apr.20- May 20)**:** Love is in the little things, and February asks you to slow down and savor them. Whether it's a cozy date night or a heartfelt message, romance thrives when you lean into comfort and connection.

Gemini (May 21- Jun.20)**:** Your charm is magnetic, drawing admirers like moths to a flame but be mindful of mixed signals. A deep conversation mid-month could turn a casual flirtation into something real.

Cancer (Jun.21- Jul.22)**:** Your heart longs for deep emotional intimacy, and this Valentine's season you may just find it. Whether single or attached, vulnerability will be your greatest strength in love.

Leo (Jul.23- Aug.22)**:** Grand romantic gestures are your style but this February it's the quiet, intimate moments that mean the most. A partner (or potential one) craves your undivided attention more than a dazzling show.

Virgo (Aug.23- Sept.22)**:** Love is in the details, and someone special is noticing your thoughtful gestures. Let go of over analyzing romance and allow yourself to enjoy the imperfect, messy beauty of connection.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct.22)**:** Your natural allure makes you the center of attention, but this month asks you to focus on who truly makes your heart feel at home. Love isn't just about attraction it's also about balance and reciprocity.

Scorpio (Oct.23- Nov.21)**:** Passion runs high in February, making your love life feel like a mystery novel with an exciting twist. Trust and emotional depth will turn sparks into something that truly lasts.

Sagittarius (Nov.22- Dec.21)**:** Love feels like an adventure this month, whether it's spontaneous plans or a new romantic prospect. Just remember even free spirits need a little stability to build something meaningful.

Capricorn (Dec.22- Jan. 19): Your steady nature is attractive, but February reminds you that love isn't just about reliability, it's about vulnerability too. Let your guard down and you might just receive the affection you've been quietly craving.

Aquarius (Jan.20- Feb.18)**:** This Valentine's season your unconventional approach to love draws in someone who appreciates your uniqueness. Stay open to unexpected connections as they may surprise you in the best way.

Pisces (Feb.19- Mar.20)**:** Romance feels like a dream in February, and your intuition guides you toward something magical. Don't be afraid to express your deepest feelings and remember your heart's truth is your greatest strength.

-Julian Stevens, Cub Astrologer

Catnip Coalition

By Clover Lee
Cub Reporter

The Catnip Coalition is a store centered around selling as well as showcasing art and antiques, making it the perfect place for your next thrift.

It's an extravagant hodgepodge of nostalgic items with a simultaneously trendy atmosphere that welcomes people from all walks of life.

Their main store has almost everything you could possibly want, including anything from movies to clothing to jewelry and much, much more. They also sell pins, bags, vintage technology and figures, records, dolls, art/paintings, and cat toys among many other things. Not only that, but they also donate a portion of their proceeds to aid cat adoption. The store has two resident cats named Franklin and Nigel that they rescued, who freely roam the main store. They are open 11am to 6pm everyday, including weekends, on 3412 ½ W Magnolia Boulevard, Burbank.

One of the neighboring sister stores, named "Yes, Baby!", which has the same co-owner as Catnip Coalition, specializes in lots of jewelry such as earrings and rings as well as more clothing.

One of the most notable parts of the store is the arcade section, which is an entire room's worth of old arcade machines and other vintage technology like VCRs and old Nintendo consoles. It has an entire bookshelf adorned with vintage tech from decades past, creating an atmosphere that you've been transported back in time. This section also contains a wide selection of old records and some interesting art.

Catnip Coalition had their grand opening on Sunday, October 1st of 2023 and have made it their mission to help cats in need. They mostly focus on donating to cat aid programs, as mentioned above, but they also have a more active role in helping these cats find homes. The store is associated with the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary and often features cats from the sanctuary at their store to promote adoption. This helps the cats to gain recognition and get noticed more easily than they would at a regular shelter. So far, Catnip Coalition has helped 53 cats get adopted through this program and hope to help many more.

All in all, the Catnip Coalition is a fascinating collection of widely varied items that can be enjoyed by anyone and everyone. They welcome you to walk in and let yourself be enchanted by their whimsical style and captivating items while supporting cats in need.

Palma Ristorante

By Clover Serio
Cub Reporter

Palma Ristorante opened in late November. It is located in downtown Burbank on 269 East Palm Avenue. It is an Italian restaurant with Spanish accents, and the owner is Armenian.

I went to Palma Ristorante with my family members, and it was very interesting. The indoor decor was lovely, but there was a lot going on. The table we sat at had couches instead of wood chairs or booths, which I much appreciated, and I have never seen that at another restaurant. The decor was very fancy, with wine bottles in a rack and gold fishes on the wall. At a certain point of the night, they started playing very loud Armenian music, which did not match the calm and elegant vibe of the restaurant.

For appetizers, my family and I got tuna tartare and escargot. The tartare was very delicious and was topped with guacamole and served with bread. The bread wasn't that good, which is an important part of eating tartare because it doesn't taste the same as a spoonful of meat. Overall, it was pretty well made and I would definitely get it again.

For the other appetizer, the escargot, it was very good. The snail was already out of its shell, which makes eating it more easy and enjoyable. The escargot was served in a bowl of garlic and herb butter, with focaccia bread on the side. Based on my prior knowledge on escargot at Petit Trois, which is a French restaurant, Palma Ristorante could have done a much better job, but then again they are an "Italian" restaurant. The escargot was a bit squishy, but overall was pretty good.

For the main dishes, my father got the Branzino. Branzino is a white fish that is pretty popular in Italian cuisine and is native to western and southern European coasts, as well as northern African coasts. The Branzino was on a bed of asparagus and had chimichurri on top. It was very bland and needed salt, and there wasn't anything incredible tasting about it. The fish itself was well-cooked, and the entire dish was well presented. There were flowers on top and the sauces were well placed.

Next up, my brother got the Pizza Mortadella with Pistachio crumble. The pizza was very large, and we needed to take leftovers home. There was no tomato sauce on the pizza, so it was a bit oily with only cheese on it. It sort of tasted like a sandwich, which is not what someone would be typically looking for when ordering a pizza.

One of the most famous dishes of Palma Ristorante, the pappardelle, was amazing. The noodles were nice and thick, and it was served with Oxtail. The Oxtail was cooked very well, and was a very nice addition to the meal. Overall, this dish was by far my favorite of everything we ordered.

The final entree that I myself ordered was the Tonnarelli with Fresh Lobster. I am a pasta and seafood lover, and this dish was extremely disappointing. The pasta itself was pretty bland and a little soggy. The lobster was a whole other story. I'm not the biggest fan of lobster, but this was just terrible. It was super overcooked, hard to eat, and chewy. The presentation of the Tonnarelli was beautiful, with a half cut open lobster on top, and on the website and several Yelp reviews, it is supposed to be one of the best dishes there, so maybe it was just a bad day.

For dessert, we got the chocolate gelato, and the beignets. The gelato was very good, but traditional Italian gelato has a very particular texture to it, and this tasted more like ice cream. The beignets were cold, and filled with chocolate mousse. It was very good, and overall I think the desert was a good way to end the night.

If looking for an Italian restaurant, I would definitely not recommend this one. Most of the dishes were not that good, and for the price, it should be better. The entire price was around $300. It is definitely not in a teenagers price range for a regular night out, so I think going somewhere else for Italian food would be for the better.

Smash Burger

By Adana Torossian
Cub Reporter

Smash Burger is an excellent choice if you want to have some delicious burgers. It is located on 188 North San Fernando Blvd near the Burbank Town Center.

Their menu includes various types of burgers including Smash burgers, Vegan burgers, and Old Fashion burgers. Their burgers cost around $7-13. You can also add additional fillings for $1 or $2 extra.

Apart from burgers, they also have flavorful fries. Their fries include hand cut fries, Cajun fries, cheese fries, smashed fried, and vegan smashed fries all ranging from $4-10.

If you prefer sandwiches, they also have grilled cheese sandwiches for about $6.

After you finish your burger and fries, be sure to try their desserts. They have a chocolate cake called Grandma's Chocolate Cake for $7, and various flavors of milk shakes also for $7.

They are open every day from 11am to 12am on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, and are open 11am to 11pm on Sundays-Wednesdays.

Next time you are craving burgers, make sure to check out Smash Burger Burbank.

Castle & Crown

By Elizabeth Browngardt
Cub Reporter

Castle & Crown is a new fairytale-themed play space that's quickly becoming a favorite spot for families in the Burbank community. Megan Pickett, the creative mind behind it, was inspired by her two young daughters' love for princesses and her own inner child's dream of a magical place to explore. "I wanted to create a space for families in the community, and my two young daughters being obsessed with princesses influenced the theme here, but I have to say... my inner child loves it as well," Megan shared.



The play space offers a variety of custom-built areas designed by a local set designer, ensuring a unique experience. Highlights include an enchanting castle, a shimmering carriage, a charming fairy cottage, an icy winter castle, and a sunken pirate ship. These imaginative environments allow children to create their own stories and engage in hands-on dramatic play, making every visit a new adventure.

To create an immersive fairytale experience, Megan envisioned a space that would captivate her own children. "Creating a fairytale land seemed so exciting and adorable. The moment I started thinking about it, I just couldn't stop!" she explained.

The play space is designed for children aged 1-8, providing a safe and enjoyable environment for young adventurers.

Castle & Crown also hosts special events, such as birthday celebrations and tea parties. Every month, they hold a Royal Tea Party featuring a princess visit, crafts, and tea party snacks, which has been very well received and sells out quickly. Additionally, they have introduced "PlayGroups" for toddlers and their caregivers, offering Music, Dance, and Musical Story Time sessions that include open playtime. These 2-hour sessions have been a hit with families, providing both entertainment and enrichment.

Ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment is a top priority at Castle & Crown. The play space focuses on hands-on dramatic play and does not include climbers, ball pits, or trampolines, making it a secure and engaging place for children to explore their imaginations. With its enchanting themes and thoughtful design, Castle & Crown is a fairytale haven where families can create magical memories together.

The attention to detail in every aspect of the fairytale play space is truly an enchanting experience. The unique set pieces give it a theater vibe, making it charming and magical around every corner.

Megan hopes that families from all around southern California will come and see just how special this place is, making magical memories together.

Castle & Crown is also hosting multiple school fundraisers in the new year in order to give back to the Burbank community.

Megan loves seeing the look on a child's face when they walk through the doors. Their excitement is contagious! Spending her days smiling and playing pretend with kids in the community is heartwarming and deeply rewarding.

They're open Monday through Friday from 10am to 6:30pm, and on weekends the same hours, unless they're closed for a private party! So if you know some adventurous children or just want to feel like a kid again, visit Castle & Crown, a fairytale haven where families can create magical memories together.

My Little Home Thai Kitchen

By Finch Monroe
Cub Reporter

My Little Home Thai Kitchen, located at 821 N Hollywood Way in Burbank, is a great choice of food for the night. Especially if you're a fan of Thai food. The restaurant serves both lunch and dinner, though the lunch menu is limited, the dinner menu is not. With indoor and outdoor seating, the choices possible for food for the night are plentiful.

The lunch menu is smaller than the dinner menu. Some stand out dishes include the Ka Peao rice bowl, with stir fried garlic, chili, red bell peppers and basil. The pepper garlic rice bowl, made with stir fried meat and the house special sauce. A few of the other lunch bowls are the broccoli rice bowl and the mix vegetables rice bowl. Both sauteed with their own sauces and seasonings. There are a few other lunch bowls, all with different mixes of sauces, veggies and different types of meat. While limited, the lunch menu is still a great choice to eat when hungry for Thai.

The dinner menu is where My Little Home Thai Kitchen shines. With an array of different meals consisting of appetizers, soups, salads, stir fried noodles, entrees, rice, curry, and noodle soups. The dinner specials consist of Salmon Curry, made with grilled salmon and red curry sauce served with steaming broccoli and carrots. Linguine Pa Nang Seafood, consisting of shrimp, fish, calamari, green mussels and scallop in pa nang coconut sauce. Pad Ped Swai Fish Fillet, a fried swai fish fillet in red curry sauce and red bell pepper topped with crispy basil. And finally the Fried Fish with Sweet Chili Sauce, a deep fried whole red tilapia top with their homemade sweet chili sauce red bell pepper and crispy basil. The other main entrees consist of different noodles, rice, seafood as well as stir fried meat.

The beverage menu is standard. With different sodas and water of course. There are also different types of tea as well, such as Thai iced tea and regular tea. A few other drinks include Thai iced coffee and San Pellegrino. The dessert offered is a crispy banana roll. While smaller, these menus provide a serviceable dining experience.

Overall My Little Home Thai Kitchen is a great place to dine in, as the dinner menu is large and expansive offering all different sorts of soups and meats, there's something for everybody here. Especially if you are someone who likes seafood, as the seafood menu here shines above the others. Or if you are a vegetarian, there are all sorts of fried veggies and veggie soups available here at My Little Home Thai Kitchen. It adds to the expansive roster of restaurants worth going to in Burbank.

Studio Hope Boutique

By Elizabeth Browngardt
Cub Reporter

The Studio Hope Boutique has recently opened in our community, offering more than just stylish clothes and vintage items. Founded by Lori Hartwell, an amazingly brave woman who continues to battle kidney disease since childhood, this boutique stands for strength and hope.

I visited the Studio of Hope boutique and had the chance to ask Isela King, one of the dedicated team members, some questions. Isela expressed that what sets this boutique apart from others in the area is its unique mission, which intertwines personal experience with community support. She explained that customers often wonder about the connection between kidneys and dogs when they first visit, but it's the story behind the boutique that is truly inspiring.

Lori Hartwell, the owner, was diagnosed with kidney disease at the age of two and is now on her fourth kidney transplant. In 1993, she created the Renal Support Network, a nonprofit benefiting kidney disease patients, to build a sense of community within the kidney world, which she felt was lacking. This initiative has been thriving ever since. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Lori also founded Paws for Hope, a pet rescue to give orphaned pets a second chance. Money from the boutique helps these two non-profits, making it a place of support for both people and pets in need. It was Lori's poodle, Pepi, that kept her strength and hope alive during her difficult times. Isela emphasized that Lori is the heart of the store, and when she's there, people see first hand why their mission is so important.

Isela shared that she's been involved with the Renal Support Network for a long time. Since Isela has kidney disease herself, she has worked with them for about two years. Her boss, Lori Hartwell, wanted to reconnect with the community after the pandemic, so she opened Studio of Hope in Burbank to expand their community and integrate into Burbank. Isela also mentioned that she's excited about the trends this season, particularly boots and crochet or knitted items like sweaters and hats.

Isela explained that their core mission is sustainability, and they are fully donation-based with the exception of items created by the owner herself. They are always accepting donations and specialize mostly in clothing, jewelry, and knickknacks. Lori, the owner, has been an artist for a long time. The whole team, which includes Lori, Isela, and Carol, each specializes in different things. Lori focuses on jewelry, Isela is huge on clothing, and Carol is all about kitchen knickknacks and house accessories.

"The community's response to the opening of Studio of Hope has been very positive," Isela shared. "The key here is the history of this location. Long before Studio of Hope, it was a nursery called Sheridan Gardens. After the nursery closed, the space remained vacant for a long time. So when we opened, many people who used to visit the nursery came in. The community has been very excited to see something fun here again. The biggest challenge was rallying enough support to bring Lori's vision to life," Isela explained. They have some incredible volunteers, and with their enthusiasm and dedication The Studio of Hope is thriving.

Future plans include expanding and potentially hosting a variety of community events aimed at engaging with local residents. Lori hopes to offer jewelry classes and utilize the back area for dog adoption events, among other exciting plans. One of the big events they support is the nonprofit Renal Support Network's annual teen prom for youth battling kidney disease. It's one night to get these teens and young adults together to have a fun night of celebration. Lori started this event after she missed out on her own prom because she was on dialysis. They need all the support they can get, and accepting donations and shopping here supports the fun event.

Make sure to check out Studio of Hope and support these important causes!

The store is open on Wednesdays through Saturdays between 11am and 6pm, and on Sundays from 11am to 4pm. Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. It is located at 817 N. Hollywood Way.

Juice It Up!

By Amelia Walsh
Cub Reporter

Juice It Up! Is a company that began in 1995. They opened a store in a new location in Burbank six months ago. They chose this location (at Via N Buena Vista St & Vanowen St, Burbank), as they saw a need for a smoothie and juice bar in the immediate area.

When you first walk in you can immediately smell how fresh the store is and see how clean and sanitary it is. The store is very well lit and is a pleasant white color with green and purple decor. The staff at Juice It Up! were very welcoming, nice, and helpful.

They have a good selection of handcrafted juices, smoothies, Açaí bowls, and many different categories such as berry blends, tropical smoothies, tart smoothies, and many plant based items as well.

During my visit at Juice It Up!, My family and I got the Pina Colada Smoothie, Lava Flow Smoothie, and an Açaí bowl. We were very happy with how delicious and flavorful everything was. We were also impressed with how quick our items were made, and we plan on going again soon.

Juice It Up! also, has an order Online option. They keep your order in an ice box so that it stays fresh when you pick it up. If you are looking for a great smoothie place that is quick and easy, as well as fresh, Juice It Up! Is the place to go!

Pop Mart

By Nico Garedakis
Cub Reporter

Popmart is not just a designer toy company, but a growing force in the pop culture and entertainment industry. You can find a lot of niche and mainstream popular figurines and characters at a relatively affordable price. From keychains, to statues, to collectors items and value sets, Popmart has it all. Within the last year, it opened its doors to Glendale Galleria shoppers and is now a thriving, regularly visited store in the mall.

As someone who visits Popmart pretty much every time I go, my favorite part is looking at all the different brands and collectors items. I have a few keychains from various mystery boxes and it's always fun guessing what I'm going to get.

Some of the most popular designer brands featured in Popmart are Labubu, Crybaby, The Monsters SkullPanda, Hirono, Nyota, Mega, Dimoo, Molly, Chaka, Peach Riot, Twinkie Twinkie, Disney, Pucky, Kubo, Pino Jelly, Star Wars, Hacipupu and Sweet Bean. Most of these are Japanese brands but some of them make collabs with American brands like Disney, Star Wars, and Marvel.

Besides just figurines, Popmart carries pendants, accessories, drinkware, plush toys, magnets, bags, badges, lanyards, cotton dolls, fragrances and blind boxes. Some of their most expensive items are from the Molly collection, with their Mega Space figurines being over a thousand dollars. Surprisingly, they're almost always sold out, proving there is a high demand and market for figures like these.

As for the store itself, Popmart is in a pretty good spot, given the fact that there aren't many other comparable stores in the mall. Some shops that carry figurines are Box Lunch, Chalice Collectibles, Miniso, and Super Fantasy Land, and Target, but none that cater solely to designer figurines.

The store's operating hours are 11am-8pm Monday through Thursday, 10am-9pm on Friday and Saturday, and 11am-7pm on Sunday. Overall, I'd recommend this store to anyone who enjoys collecting figures, likes accessories or just cute trinkets in general.

Girls Water Polo

By Mia Villalta
Cub Reporter

As the season comes to a close for the Girls Varsity Water Polo Team, they started their season at the beginning of winter break with strong ambitions of having a good season. From many heartfelt moments in the water and on deck to wildfires pushing back their season leaving them not a clue to what will happen, our girls can definitely say this was quite a season to be in.

Leading us to one of their most heart racing games against Crescenta Valley, as they are known to be a ruthless rival to go against our girls were definitely in for an adrenaline rushing game. With a close score of being 9-10 and going into overtime our Bears took an unfortunate loss but many of our girls were not as disappointed as you may think. According to Derika Berenguer "the loss was very devastating because we knew we should've taken it home but in the end we played a really good game and it's not our last."


Photographer: Spencer Stilgenbauer

Which brought them to Muir, the final game that would help place them in their League. They took a fantastic win of 11-9, and with it they placed last, but it wasn't the end for our Bears just yet.

On January 28th 2025, our girls played against Pasadena high with a score being 18-2. Our teams went into the water feeling confident and with thoughts of winning in which they did with 9 goals and 1 on the Bulldogs our Bears placed 5th in League, beating them a second time in their season. Even though this wasn't the placing they felt they deserved they still took each game with a smile and moved on to the next.

One of the most exciting games our Girls Varsity played was against their top rival Burbank High School. Bringing them with a score of 11-4 , our Bears took back their den and as many would say "sent those puppies to the pound." Scores made by Junior Derika Berenguer and Senior Ava Tomlinson is what helped bring this win home. As well as a surprising but well earned rebound shot by Senior Olivia Dominguez. Not only was this their rivalry game but our girls Senior Night. Lots of excitement was filled with many of the girls' families, friends, and old teammates. Being able to celebrate a great win and many of our Seniors, it had brought joy to the coaches, team, and the stands.

Many of our underclassmen were filled with laughs, hugs, and many thank yous as this would be one of their last games with their Seniors who they have looked up to ever since they walked on that pool deck. Handing them their heartfelt gifts they helped open a door to our Seniors' new beginnings.

With this being a chaotic but enjoyable season with it not ending how they had wanted, each game that came was just another push forward into becoming the best version of who they all can be in and out the water and our girls did exactly that and made sure they brought everything they had into that pool deck. Their pre-season not only helped them build as individuals but grow their bonds even more than before. We can't wait to see how their season next year will be.

Girls Soccer

By Amelia Dieter
Cub Reporter

Since the last update, the Girls' Soccer team has played a whopping nine games. Out of the nine, the team has won four games.

On December 6th of last year, the Burroughs team played La Cañada on La Cañada's field. Unfortunately, the Burroughs girls lost the game with a score of 5-1 in La Cañada's favor. Vivian Wright, a key player on the team, scored one goal during the game.

Burroughs played Louisville High on December 10th, 2024. Our team won this game with a score of 4-2.

The third game they played was against North Hollywood High School on the Memorial Field. The Burroughs team did spectacularly, with a winning score of 7-0! This game was played on December 11th of last year.

After they played North Hollywood, they participated in a tournament called the Best in the West. Over a hundred schools participate in the tournament, and they all play to see who will come out on top. Burroughs played Kennedy High, Saint Bonaventure, Lompoc High, and West Covina High.

On December 14th, they played Kennedy High. This was the first game they played in the tournament. Unfortunately, they lost this game with a score of 1-0 in Kennedy's favor.


Photographer: Spencer Stilgenbauer

The second team that Burroughs competed against in the tournament was Saint Bonaventure. This game was also on the 14th of December. Burroughs won this game with a score of 3-0!

A week later, on December 21st, the Burroughs' Girls team played Lompoc High. This was the third game they played as part of the tournament. They tied this game with a score of 0-0.

The last game our team played in the Best in the West tournament was against West Covina High. Burroughs finished off the tournament strong, with a winning score of 1-0.

The first game played outside the tournament was against Immaculate Heart. This game took place on January 3rd. The schools tied with a score of 3-3.

Then, the team played Crescenta Valley High on January 7th. This game also concluded with a tie. The final score was 1-1.

After a long break due to the fires, they tied another team, Arcadia, 1-1, on January 27th.

They then went on a three game winning streak to end League play, beating Glendale (6-0), Hoover (4-1), and Muir (2-0). Sadly, the streak was broken with a loss to Pasadena (0-1) last week.

But all was not lost! The girls came out on February 4th to win big in their cross town rivalry game, beating Burbank 2-0 to end the season! Sammy Sizemore scored both of the winning goals capping out an impressive experience for her.

If you see any of the girls on the soccer team, make sure to give them a congratulations on all their hard work and effort this season, as well as their winning scores!

Swim

By Kiana Hildebrandt
Cub Reporter

This year's John Burroughs Varsity Swim team is about to start their long-awaited season. The team will be led by Coach Jake Cook, and Coach Martin along with Team Captain Abby Chatalyan, and Harrison Siegal.

Chatalyan stated that the team aims for success not only together but individually as well through personal records. The team will kick start their season in mid-February for their first game.

Chatalyan had a lot to say about what we can expect from the team. Abby Chatalyan is a four-year returning Senior at John Burroughs High School. She has been playing since she was about nine years old. With this experience it has led Chatalyan to succeed in her high school career, competing in the 100 fly and 500 freestyle. Becoming a team Captain is something that she has always been interested in. She showed leadership and hard work during her Sophomore year and has been a Captain ever since.

Chatalyan strives for the best for her team. This is what she said regarding this year's team, "For the whole team I feel like we want to be more team-oriented and have a better bond between all of the swimmers." Not only does Chatalyan prioritize winning, but she also prioritizes the team dynamic to succeed at meets. Chatalyan mentioned that their team is always aiming for success together but also succeed individually as well through personal records."

Speaking to Harrison Siegal and another swimmer, they agreed that the team this year is working harder than ever for their exciting season. Siegal and the player are both Seniors and returning swimmers. Seigal is a four-year returning swimmer after just ending his season for Water Polo. He commits himself to the team and strives for the team's success.

According to Siegal, he is ready for the season to begin and believes that the Seniors will need to step up to be leaders for the underclassmen. However, the team has been practicing after school in preparation for their first meet, and we can expect great things coming for the Swim team.

Baseball

By By Spencer Stilgenbauer
Cub Reporter

Following a season where our Baseball team went 19-7 on the year, our Bears look to have a strong year ahead of them.

Led by Head Coach Matt Magallon and Assistant Coaches Mitch Kellogg, Frank Taormina, and Cam Diaz, the season looks promising. It looks especially promising behind the Smith brothers, Jack and Kyle, along with Seniors Chase Robinson, Elvis Martinez and Zachary Byars.

Coach Matt Magallon began his playing days in Burbank at Bell Jeff High School. After graduating, he attended Cal State Dominguez Hills for his first two years, and finished at Columbia Union College. Before becoming a teacher and a baseball coach, Coach Magallon worked for Showtime network.

With a strong Senior class, Coach Matt's goals are to "get the kids as prepared as possible for college."

Coach Matt is very ready for this year as he says "this year will be a special year because of the special group we have and I am extremely excited for what they can become."

As we look forward to the season, it was clear one thing was on all their minds. Win it all!

Chase Robinson said "We want to start with winning League and just keep winning from there."

Senior Elvis Martinez added to this stating that, "Not only do we want to win CIF, we also want to grow as a brotherhood."

Zachary Byars also inputted saying "This year is going to be fun and we are going to go out there and win."

When asked about this upcoming season, Senior Kyle Smith said "we are a young team with a lot of grit. We have a ton of great guys. I'm excited to see what's to come this year."

We can't wait to see how well they do this upcoming season.

Boys Golf

By Clover Serio
Cub Reporter

The John Burroughs' Boys' Golf team is just beginning to start their 2024-2025 spring season. The season officially begins on February 26.

The Head Coach of the Boys' Golf team is Micheal McKinley. He went to Crescenta Valley High School, then Cal Poly Pomona for university. He became a coach because he enjoys teaching. He first knew he loved teaching when he realized he had a skill for helping people grow at a subject or sport. His goal for the year is to help each player grow and push themselves to improve individually and as a team.

The two Captains of the team are Jarren Anthony Parungao and Dominic Lingad. Both Jarren and Dominic have been playing for two years, and are Captains because they know how to be responsible and how to lead a group of people.

The star players are Seth Malapote, Dominic Lingad, Tyler Jones, and Korbin Capili. Seth and Dominic have both been playing golf for two years, while Tyler and Korbin have been playing for three years.

Even though golf is seen as an individual sport, it is still important for team members to encourage each other, which the Burroughs' Boys' Golf team does very well.

Since the summer of 2024, the team has been practicing. They have been mostly working on swinging, putting, and chipping. They mostly practice at DeBell, which is a local golf course in Burbank. They currently play the course three times a week, playing 9-holes.

The first half of their games will be 9-holes, but will progressively continue to get more challenging. The harder games will be played as 18-holes. The team hasn't played 18-hole matches before, so they will have to try their best to improve quickly. Coach McKinley believes that if they practice hard, they have a good chance of winning one of the top spots in CIF.

The main goals that the coaches and players have for the year is to improve their short game. Specifically, the putting and chipping of short shots. They strongly believe that they have a chance at making Division 1 or 2 in CIF.

The players themselves are showing lots of improvement since they first began practicing in the summer. At least five of the players are looking to jump from Junior Varsity to Varsity.

The Boys' Golf team welcomed a new addition to the coaching staff this year, Nick Jones. He is the father of one of the team's star players, Tyler Jones. He is a fantastic player, and skilled at helping teach the boys skills for golf.

There are two Seniors on the collective JV and Varsity teams, Elliot Figeuroa, and Marcelo Estrada.

Lots of people think that golf is an easy sport, but it actually takes a lot of practice and focus to get the right motion and routine memorized to each individual player's preference. Along with it being a challenging activity, it is also very expensive. The time and money that the team puts into their sport deserves a medal itself.

As the JBHS Boys' Golf team goes through their 2024-2025 season, we can be sure to see improvements made among the team, and some wins in their upcoming games.

Dance Team

By Hailie Alvarez
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After months of preparation, Dance Team finally took the floor at their first Competition on February 8th at Riverside Polytechnic High School. Starting off the season strong, the team placed 2nd in two divisions! Some Captains along with Seniors showed some insight to how the season is going.



Dance Team has been working on these routines since November and finally debuted them after much preparation. Senior Zoe Normington says, "Competition really brings the team together and I'm really hopeful for a good season." Despite lots of changes, the team persevered and walked in confident to their first competition.

Before their first competition, Medium all Female got to show off their Rockstar set alongside Small All Male at the Winter Pep Rally. Captain Lily Pynchon says, "It's so exciting showing what we've been working on all of our peers." She hopes that the team will continue to grow as a whole and hopes to win 1st at Nationals in March.

Winston Bromhead, a Captain on Dance Team, was extremely optimistic after their first performance with All Male and sees a bright future with dedication and hard work.

Alongside Captains, Coaches were very proud to see the team handle their first competition very professionally and can't wait to continue flourishing at future competitions. While only having done one competition, Dance Team started on a high note and is only going up from here.

Good luck to Dance Team at their second competition February 15th in Thousand Oaks! Go Bears!

Boys Basketball

By David Romero
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The Burroughs High School Varsity Boys Basketball team is struggling to find their footing in Pacific League play, suffering a series of tough losses to open the new year. Despite their efforts, the Bears have yet to secure a win in League competition, facing stiff opposition from their rivals.

Their most recent game on Monday, February 3, resulted in a lopsided 50-84 defeat against Pasadena High School. Just two days prior, Burroughs fell in a close battle against Muir High School, losing 61-65 in a game that showcased their resilience but ultimately ended in disappointment. The team's struggles continued on Thursday, January 30, when they faced Glendale High School and suffered a 50-76 loss.


Photographer: Spencer Stilgenbauer

Earlier in the season, Burroughs endured setbacks against Arcadia (53-63 on January 27), Crescenta Valley (44-61 on January 21), and Hoover (42-55 on January 17). The team has shown glimpses of potential but has yet to put together a complete performance that results in a victory.

The Burroughs High School Varsity Boys Basketball team wrapped up its season on Wednesday night with a 42-57 loss to Burbank High School on what would have been Senior Night. However, with no Seniors on the roster, the young Burroughs squad instead focused on gaining experience for the future.

Good luck next year!

Girls Basketball

By Sophia Negrete
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As the winter season is coming to an end, Girls Basketball is ending strong with a record of 19 - 9 and winning games against Muir 67-37 on February 1st, winning on 1/30 against Glendale 68-36 and on 2/3 against Pasadena winning 48-40.

Before the Muir game, the team and family came together to honor the Seniors at their last home game of the season. Mariam Fahs, Ella Anderson and Isabella Davtyan were all mentioned and received flowers, a Build-A-Bear, and balloons.

Senior Isabella Davtyan said "It's a bittersweet feeling being a Senior and having to leave this program next year. I'm so happy that I got to experience being on a team with girls that I have a close enough connection with to consider family. I've gone through the same routine for the past four years, which would be going to school everyday, then going to basketball practice right after."


Photographer: Spencer Stilgenbauer

During the game against Glendale, all three teams celebrated their Bear Buddies for supporting them as an athlete and student. A Bear Buddy is a staff or faculty member who exchanges gifts with their buddy and goes to the games, supports their buddy and occasionally have lunch in Coach Oganyan's room as a bonding opportunity.

Closing off the season the girls faced Burbank for their annual rivalry winning by 71-27 and becoming League champions. Soon they will be going to CIF.

Isabella Davtyan said "Winning the League title as a Senior is a once in a lifetime achievement and I am so glad I got to experience that with the girls on the team. We worked very hard for countless weeks, and we are all so thankful for that to have payed off in the end."

Senior Ella Anderson said "I am so proud of my team and all the work we have put into this season. we're heading into playoffs now and I'm optimistic we will get far in CIF."

Overall, the girls had an amazing season being undefeated in League and overall having a great record of 19-9 of their games and having fun together. Good luck in CIF and Congratulations on League bears!

Boys Volleyball

By Ginger Short
Cub Reporter

To begin this season, Coach Brinton, a teacher at Burroughs, is coaching the Varsity volleyball team and motivating them to perform at their best.

Coach Brinton is no stranger to the sport of volleyball, as he played it throughout High School and was involved in the volleyball community during his time at Cal State Northridge. Coach Brinton also has a passion for sports, and is eager to help young athletes achieve their potential.

Tryouts for Boys Volleyball were held in the fall semester, with two rounds of cuts, and concluded with a final paper next to the gym detailing where everyone would be placed.

In order to prepare for tryouts as well as the volleyball season, the athletes conditioned through weight training, plyometrics, track, and open gym time. These activities gave the athletes the opportunity to strengthen themselves both mentally and physically.

The Boys Volleyball athletes also work to strengthen their mental health and resilience. The athletes participate in team bonding activities such as group races and obstacle courses, and discuss ways to beat performance anxiety along with mental blocks.

Leading the team this year is senior Ryder Tafoya! Tafoya is currently the off-season team captain, who was chosen by the previous seniors as a goodbye gift. Tafoya is dedicated to the sport and helps lead the team to their full potential. As a middle or opposite position, he is an important player in the game. Tafoya has been on the team since freshman year, and is now signing off his last year of high school as the team captain title.

The Varsity team has many strong players, the seniors on the team have been locked in to win since freshman year and are excited to have a fun and rewarding final year.

The impressive history of the Burroughs' Boys Volleyball team consists of 12 League Championships and countless games won. Continuing with this legacy, the team is dedicated to making it to the Pacific League this year.

Friendly rivalries are a necessity for a good season, and the team is mostly anticipating the games with the Burbank Bulldogs, longtime Burroughs rivals, and the Arcadia Apaches.

The season is going to be an exciting one, with many good games in store. The season will start off with a few home scrimmages, but will be followed by a match at Claremont and then at West Ranch. St. Francis and Newbury Park follow shortly after, sandwiched between multiple tournaments at various high schools. The Burroughs Bears go on to play with Glendale and Monrovia, and then Pasadena soon after. Crescenta Valley, a tough opponent, has games with the Bears all throughout March. A strong string of games will follow after including Westlake, Burbank, Pasadena, and then concluding with Arcadia. The season comes to a close with a final game against Crescenta Valley, Glendale, Monrovia, Burbank, and finally Arcadia. The exact dates and time are still up in the air based on an unpredictable future, but the Burroughs Bears have a full roster of teams to play against.

For this volleyball season, Varsity Team Manager, Otis Short, states "This is going to be our most competitive season, the job's not finished". He has been on the volleyball team since his Freshman year and has watched his teammates grow alongside him. He believes their performance is going to be strong due to their time spent bonding.

Otis also remarked how, "well balanced at what they [the team] bring to the table", and how everyone has their own unique skill sets that work with each other as they play.

Looking forward to an exciting season and best of luck to the Burroughs Boys' Volleyball team!

Track And Field

By Kayla Cabral
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Track and Field is about to start and the team has been desperately looking for a new head coach. Thankfully their wait is over because now there is a new head coach and his name is Will Robertson. Coach Roberson was born in January of 1974 and Graduated from California State University of Long Beach with a degree in Communications. He is also a teacher at an elementary school and teaches Fifth graders. He is officially a Burroughs track and field Coach as well.

Coach Robertson worked for the entertainment business for over twenty-five years. A lot of other people in his town working in that business, including him, had to transition to a new career, so that is when he decided to start teaching and coaching.

His first Coaching experience was many years ago coaching baseball. He loves teaching and coaching and it's rewarding for him because the kids are so great.

Coach Robertson was able to start coaching at John Burroughs High School this year because he has subbed at many other schools before but he mainly ended up subbing at Burroughs. Most of the time because his kids attend there and his wife is a teacher at John Burroughs High School and her name is Lisa Robertson. Which leads him to being able to become the head track coach.

The reason he applied to be the head coach of Track and Field was because he competed in track all four years of his high school years. He also loves the variety of events that Track offers for example being able to do up to Four different events so it never gets boring. The events Coach Robertson did when he did Track were Hurdles, High Jump and the 4x100.

Coach Robertson's favorite subject is History because he loves to hear stories from the past and he loves to tell great stories about the past. He also says "The painful lessons in history are to help us avoid painful lessons in the future" (Robertson). He also says the best thing about teaching and coaching for him is the kids who want to learn and experience new things, but the worst thing about teaching is the kids who don't want to learn and distract others.


Photographer: Kayla Cabral

Coach Robertson also loves his family and his sons, he says they are respectful, smart, funny and hope to achieve great things in their life. When Coach Robertson has free time he likes to spend time with his three sons, go bike riding, watch movies and play in trivia to win prizes.

His advice for students is to be respectful to your teachers and coaches. They hand out grades and that they shouldn't think they're as amusing as they think they are. Goals for him this year are to try and make sure everyone on the team has a great time and learns the sport and exceeds the goals they set for themselves.

A fun fact about Coach Robertson is he has lived and worked all over the world and has personally been on five game shows, and his wife and sons have also won big on game shows, won cash, cars and even vacation trips. Coach Robertson would also like to say "I have been lucky to get into John Burroughs High School and hope to continue there" (Robertson).

Softball

By John Anderegg
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Spring sports are rapidly approaching, including Softball!

The team is led by Head Coach Doug Nicol, Assistant Coaches Shiela Oasay, Katie Taix, Laban Freeman, and Bill Dunaway, and Team Captains Alyssa Morales and Chloe Centeno.

Both Alyssa and Chloe have been on Varsity for three years and have multiple year All-Pacific League selections. Their goal for the team this season is to build a strong community. Their personal goals include being League champions and continuing to play in college.

Alongside his role as Head Coach, Doug Nicol coached Varsity Basketball for twelve years and is a teacher at John Muir Middle School. He graduated from Burroughs as a part of the Class of '82. His goal for the season is to "create a culture that is strong and where players are supportive of each other. Also, we want our players to become strong, independent young women."

Some star players include Karlee Earl, a three-year Varsity letterwinner and returning All-Pacific League selection, and Sophie Rangsiyawong, one of Burroughs' leading hitters last season and one of the top starting shortstops in the area.

Coach Nicol commented on the teams progress so far, saying "The team is looking great in preseason workouts and scrimmages. We have a great mix of older experienced players, with some exciting new players. We have three Freshman of Varsity, and all of them will contribute to our success. It is going to be an exciting year."

Their first game of the season is on February 20, where they will play a home game against La Canada at 3:30pm. They then play in the Hart Tournament starting February 22. Make sure to come out and support them then!

Boys Soccer

By Jack Nothomb
Editor In Chief

Boys Soccer at John Burroughs High School have had an okay start to this season. Their official record is 5-10-3 with a crucial victory over Glendale recently. The Varsity coach is Coach Makan Afzali and important assistants are Coaches Bilal and George. The Senior Captain this year is Alex Loera.

Alex is the star of the offense on the wing with a style similar to a prime Eden Hazard, Nico Di Gangi controls the midfield like Toni Kroos, Winston is a great full back with more style than Andrew Robertson, and Isaiah Alvarado brings a lot of aggression and strength to defense just like the legend Sergio Ramos.

The 'Ositos' recently had an impressive comeback win away against the Glendale Nitros recently. They went down 2-0 in the first half and were trailing the entire game until the last 15 minutes when 3 goals were scored in rapid fire action to take the lead at the very end. That game marked their first victory in League this season.

Senior star Winston Bromhead had this to say about the impressive victory over the Nitro, "It was super exciting because in the last 15 minutes we scored three goals to secure the win," the celebrations afterwards were really fantastic, it was a great time. I'm fortunate to play with all these talented guys Senior year. Coach Makan is a fantastic Varsity coach, I'm very lucky to be able to play under him."

Although the win at Glendale was impressive we were unfortunately not able to pull off the win against the Burbank Bulldogs at home recently in our annual rivalry game.

Senior Captain Alex Loera had quite a bit to say about the lackluster defeat to the Bulldogs, "It's a little sad to be honest. I hope the team can get better next year, I know guys that have a lot of potential. We need to get physically stronger, communicate better, and develop a better football IQ as a team, then I know we can win and be successful. I know we could have played better, we need to improve."

Nevertheless, even though we lost, both Winston and Alex look forward to the future and know that we can do better as a team and organization.

They know that this is a young team with a lot of potential and some great coaches and staff. There are also a lot of big leaders on the team besides Winston and Alex, like Nico Di Gangi and Isiah Alvarado who will help teach the younger players the tools of the trade.

We can't wait to see the Boys Soccer team develop and improve throughout the remainder of the season. Go 'Ositos'!

Cheer

By Sam Lisi
Cub Reporter



Cheer season is moving along fast! The cheer team completed their 3rd competition on Saturday, January 18th at Agoura High School. The team had a lot of pressure for this competition because they needed to earn a certain number of points to qualify for the USA Nationals which will take place on Thursday, February 13th until February 16th. They ended up getting 2nd place at the competition and they qualified for nationals!

Their next competition on their schedule was the CIF-SS Traditional Championships. In this competition, they went up against three other teams. They got 3rd place in this competition and put out a very strong routine. Their next competition is the CIF State Invitational Championship, on Saturday, February 1st. Once they are done with their CIF competitions they will be focusing on the Winter Pep Rally, BUSD School Cheer showcase, Winter Mini Cheer Camp, and most importantly USA nationals.

Here is some insight from the Captains and how they are feeling about the rest of their season. Bella Ruvalcaba states "We've made a lot of improvements in the season and we are getting ready for Nationals."

Cheer has had a few interruptions throughout their season so far but they're working hard and improving their routine after every competition to get the most possible points. They also are working on new skills and difficulties. Their goal is to hit zero deductions at their next competition and to win Nationals!

Good luck Bears!

Fires Affect Burroughs Teachers' Family

By April Pickering
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Mr. Osmonson, an English teacher, shared his personal experience and steps he took during the devastating LA fires. "During the fire, the steps I took were to call my friends and see if they were okay, and some family members" he explained how his niece, who lives in Altadena, had her house completely burned down so he was worried for her. "She got everything out of the house that she needed, so mostly it was just making sure that we were okay" says Mr. Osmonson. He prepared by packing and bag and made sure he and his family had enough water supplies.

When asked about the resources and support systems that were helpful during this time, Mr. Osmonson highlighted the Pasadena convention center and the Santa Anita racetrack. "The resources really close to us is the Pasadena Convention center, and so we were able to go there and actually donate clothes and water."

Luckily, Mr. Osmonson was just far enough away from the fires that he was not personally affected. He shares that people close to him were affected and he was able to help people. "We had people staying with us who were displaced because of the fires. One was a cameraman for Channel 4."

Mr. Osmonson emphasized as well the importance of family and readiness. "Time will tell how things will work out. I just think you need to rely on family, and kind of be ready," he advised.

Mr O's story is a testament to the power of community and the importance of being prepared in the face of natural disasters. His actions and words serve as an inspiration to many who are navigating the aftermath of the fires.

Fires Affect Burroughs Students

By Aiden Francoeur
Cub Reporter

In the recent fires throughout Southern California, thousands of households were forced to evacuate, seeking asylum from the ravaging flames that have devastated entire communities, affecting many lives, including many Burroughs Bears, who lived near or in the affected areas.

One such evacuee was Ethan Salamoff, a Junior here at John Burroughs High School. Ethan lives in Pasadena, where a wildfire rapidly spread in combination with the dry weather and damaging winds that began following the Palisades fires in January.

Ethan and along with his family evacuated on January 8th at 5am due to a state government-issued evacuation order. Ethan's power had gone out that day, and remained dark throughout the raging fire, and kept his friends updated on his Instagram story.

Once the fires became too close to be safe, Ethan and his family were forced to leave, leaving behind several items that he possibly could have never seen again. He was given just twenty minutes to evacuate, scrambling to make heavy decisions on what to bring. Ethan's home was deep within the red zone, and his family made the right choice in leaving considering the states of other homes that had been stricken by the wind-swept fires.

In a stroke of luck, Ethan and his family were able to stay at a friend's home because they were out of town. He and his family periodically made quick trips back to his home to gather belongings and keep tabs on the progress of the fire in relation to were is home was situated.

Fortunately, Ethan and his family's home was left unscathed in the fires, and was able to fully return to their home after an incredibly scary and dangerous time. Ethan is just one of John Burroughs Bears who were affected in some sort of way. Ethan is committed to help reconstruction efforts of his and his peer's neighboring communities in the coming future.

Bagel Boss

By Amberlyn Grajeda
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If you're in need of a new local bagel shop, then Bagel Boss is the place for you. Located at 3116 W Magnolia Blvd, Bagel Boss just opened in June of 2024. It's open seven days a week from 6am to 3pm. It's located close to JBHS, making it a great option for lunch. You can easily make it there and back on time during lunch.

Upon walking in, the staff are very friendly and immediately greet you. Then you can go up to the counter where your order will be taken. Bagel Boss has many options to choose from on their menu. Offering bagels, mini bagels, egg sandwiches, breakfast burritos, bagel sandwiches, and a variety of cream cheese flavors.

There are fourteen different bagel flavors to choose from including plain, sesame, pumpernickel, garlic, onion, poppy, everything, bialy, salt, egg everything, egg, cinnamon raisin, whole wheat, and whole wheat everything. They also offer fourteen different cream cheese flavors.

The prices are pretty reasonable considering the quality of the bagel. One bagel is $2.25 and toasted with cream cheese costs $4.99. Also, it is cheaper to pay with cash rather than with credit. The bagel was nicely toasted and the flavor was subtle and not too overpowering. It had a nice crunch from being toasted and the cream cheese also complemented the bagel nicely.

It tasted very fresh, and was crunchy on the outside and fluffy on the inside which made it taste like an authentic New York bagel. The cream cheese had a nice flavor that wasn't too overpowering compared to others.

Inside the store, there was a lot of bagel artwork on the wall that paid tribute to New York and also showcased California. There was also a large window inside that allowed you to easily look outside. It smelled exactly like what you think of when you think of a fresh, warm bagel.

There was a lot of seating indoors including booths that could seat around two to three people. If you don't want to sit inside, there is also outdoor patio seating. The outdoor tables can seat up to four people and are a great way to enjoy some fresh air while also enjoying your delicious bagel.

Overall, Bagel Boss is a great addition to Burbank. It has something for everyone and you can never get bored of it. If you're not in the mood for a bagel you can always get a burrito or a sandwich. If I'm ever in the mood for a bagel in the future, I would definitely choose to go back to Bagel Boss.

Chicken Guy

By Alex Hammeke
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In September of this year Los Angeles got an amazing new chicken place by the Pantages Theater, Chicken Guy! They are open every day of the week with hours of 11am-11:30pm every day of the week. They are located at 6201 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 108 Los Angeles, CA.

Chicken Guy! has their seven amazing sandwiches: The CG Classic, Bourbon Brown Sugar BBQ, B.L.A.T, Hot Honey, Buffalo Mac 'N' Cheese Sandwich, Buffalo Ranch, and Korean BBQ Sandwich. These sandwiches have a choice of either two crispy fried or grilled chicken tenders on them. Their kids meal gives you a choice of two tenders or a grilled cheese with either fries, a fruit cup or apple sauce. They also have their sides of Chicken Guy! Fries, American Slaw, Fried Pickle Chips, Mac 'N' Cheese, and Load It Up.

Chicken Guy! has something for everyone like their regular or hot chicken tenders. With a side of fries and a choice of two of their sauces, the tender combos are a great option. Another good option is their Guy's Chopped Salad with a choice of fried or grilled chicken tenders, romaine, slaw, chickpeas, pepperoncini peppers, cheddar cheese, bacon, tomato, and red onion, served with Italian dressing, this is a delicious meal. For a little sweet something, there are five Flavortown Shakes being their Hand-Spun Vanilla, Strawberry or Chocolate Shakes, Oreo, Apple Cinnamon Cereal, Triple Double Mint, and the Sunshine Shake.

Chicken Guy, is the perfect place to hang out and grab a bite to eat with your friends or family.

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