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POP SHOW #46: NEW ATTITUDE

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On February 28, March 1, and March 2, the John Burroughs VMA put on their long-awaited Pop Show, a show choir extravaganza combining the incredible competition sets of the program's five award-winning show choirs with countless acts both performed and created by the students. Pop Show began in 1980 under Mary Rago, Mr. Jennings' predecessor, making this the 46th Pop Show.

The choir students are obviously the ones in the spotlight who get all of the standing ovations, but it's important to recognize all of the hard work behind the scenes. This show wouldn't exist without the help of Mr. Jennings, Jen Oundjian, Dan Scoville, and all of the talented musicians, arrangers, chairs, choreographers, and tech crew members who helped bring the show together.

The show began with an upbeat performance of the 1984 Pattie LaBelle song "New Attitude," made up of performers from Powerhouse and Sound Sensations. The soloists featured in the song were Cierra Arroyo and Georgia Dadekian, who both did a phenomenal job

welcoming the audience to the show.

"New Attitude" was followed by "Jealousy, Jealousy" by Olivia Rodrigo, an act including Kyra Lambert, Camryn Daniels, Sofia Martinez, Bella Meneses, Lily Kennedy, and Zoey Savyon. All of these girls are Freshmen, so getting to do this act was such an honor for them.

Rosalie Marmo, Alani Machala, and Sadie Beal then performed "Fever," featuring dancers Athena Pichardo, Emily Leong, Eliza Goulet, Declan Chinn, Maddie Grossnickle, Jack Guest, Noël Mason, and Brandon Perez.

Then, Powerhouse Senior Eli Romsa sang, "Moonlight in Vermont," a Jazz standard popularized by Frank Sinatra. Romsa's smooth, deep voice completely did this classic justice. Following Eli was JBHS' intermediate treble choir performing their competition set based on The Haunted Mansion character Madame Leota from Disneyland.

This intense, spooky show was a departure from Decibelles' normal more traditional show choir sets, but they took the challenge head on and did absolutely amaz-



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ing. Their set featured Jovie Rowe and Everly Crowther, who did an incredible job bringing the story to life with songs like, "Season of the Witch," by Lana Del Rey and "Bury a Friend," by Billie Eilish.

Decibelles was followed by "Play with Fire," by Sam Tinnesz with Rafi Nalbantian and Eliza Goulet singing and Riley Hall and Evan Baker dancing.

Then, Sound Sensations singers Haylee Zilbert, Lucy Chesley, and Brooke Williams performed Lanie Gardner's 2024 song, "Chasing the Wind," from the movie Twisters with dancers Karlee Green, Ava Inchaurregui, Arthur Zurita, Alessi Umali, Kiana Reader, Molly Hauser, Caroline Canny, Lluclie Munoz, Anthony Torres, and Matthew Torres.

This number was choreographed by Sound Sensations Sophomore Caroline Canny. She tells the *Paw Print*, "Getting to choreograph something for my friends and then seeing it transformed from my living room to the stage is something I'll always be grateful for. And the little moments onstage and backstage with them are always my favorite memories I'll never forget."

Noel Mason then sang a stunning rendition of Gladys Nights' "Midnight Train to Georgia," with background singers Nick Joven, Jarel Monfero, and Evan Lanier.

Noel was followed by the incredible Muses, the a cappella group made up of members

of Sound Sensations. They sang "Try" by Colbie Caillat featuring soloists Lexi Palomino and Mariella Cistone.

Following Muses was the annual Powerhouse boys act. This year they sang "Perm" by Bruno Mars with choreography by Athena Pichardo.

Rose Hemingway then sang a charming, acoustic cover of Sabrina Carpenter's "Taste," with Rafi Nalbantian on guitar. Rose was followed by Sound Waves, Burroughs' intermediate mixed choir.

Sound Waves' set, called "48 Hours to Rock," was about kids having a party during the weekend. Though it may sound a little frivolous, this set was so fun and engaging. An absolute highlight was Norah Redman's solo which she has won Best Soloist before at countless competitions.

Sound Waves and Decibelles just recently went to Arizona to perform their competition sets nationally. Congratulations to them!

Sound Waves was followed by "Back on 74" by Jungle. Maddalena Grossnickle, Alana Gay, and Lana Dadekian were on main vocals and Noel Mason, Clementine Toronto, Georgia Dadekian, Sam Figueroa, Lexi Palomino, Evan Lanier, Eli Romsa, Barlow Kirkorian and Jarel Montefro were on backup vocals. It also featured dancers Riley Hall, Evan Baker, Anthony Torres, Matt Torres, Fabian Sanchez, Athena Pichardo,



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Ryder Bowne, Arthur Zurita, Jacob Mejia, Camryn Daniels, Emily Leong, Eliza Goulet, Izzy Antigua, Lauren Chaparro, Harlow Hamer, Ella Hukle, and Nia Askerneese.

Ani Darbinian, Sienna Lay, Savana Lay, and Evan Baker then performed a beautiful acoustic cover of "Honeybee," by The Head and the Heart. This song was very heartfelt for the singers who are also close friends. Darbinian writes, "I am thankful for my three honeybee's for making this song and act a forever memory for me."

They were then followed by NeoChromatics who performed a mashup of "Abbey" and "Eye of the Night," with soloists Zoe Martinez, Sam Figueroa, Eli Romsa, Jhanessa Equila, Silas Schulz, and James Cunha.

Lana Dadekian then sang a stunning rendition of "Woman in Love," by Barbra Streisand with background vocals by Noel Mason, Georgia Dadekian, and Raquel Brogmus. She was followed by Silas Schulz who sang "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," by Frankie Valli.

Silas was followed by Sound Sensations, the advanced treble choir here at Burroughs. Their set, "Siren's Spell," follows sisters Camryn Daniels and Rosalie Marmo. This set includes many technical features like an ocean and a band cart that the choir mem-

bers jump off of. Including songs like Britney Spears' "Toxic," and Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," this set is engaging, fun, and incredibly unique.

After Intermission, Zoe Martinez and Ani Darbinian sang Adele's "Rumor Has It" with dancers Alana Gay, Alessi Umali, Ava Villalobos, Camryn Daniels, Eliza Goulet, Ella Hukle, Elli Storkel, Evan Baker, Harlow Hamer, Lauren Chaparro, Rose Hemingway, Sienna Lay, Savana Lay, Sutton Schiff, Emily Leong, and Silas Schulz. The background singers in the song were Raquel Brogmus, Alani Machala, Jillian Pirruccello, and Lexi Palomino.

Martinez writes, "'Rumor Has It' was such a special experience, opening second act of Pop Show with a storytelling, drama filled duet with amazingly talented backup dancers was a dream come true and I'm so glad I could experience it with my partner in crime."

Sam Figueroa then sang a beautiful rendition of Kelly Clarkson's 2004 hit "Because of You." Men At Work, the after-school all boys choir at Burroughs, set was about a group of boys who are all incredibly wealthy, which they tend to poke fun at. This set features songs like "Whatcha Want," by Lawrence and "Fabulous" from *High School Musical 2*.

Junior Liam West comments,

"Men at work only has the chance to meet outside of school for a couple of hours but the guys in the group always find a way to make it one of the most fun choirs. Even if choir gets to be my break from school, Men At Work gets to be my break from choir."

Alessi Umali, Ella Hukle, and Sutton Schiff then performed Lizzy McAlpine's "Erase Me." They were all Freshmen in Sound Sensations together last year and were very excited to reunite to perform this song that they all love. They were followed by Jasmine Dobie who performed an absolutely incredible rendition of "Misty" by Ella Fitzgerald.

Dobie was followed by Dance Ensemble, a group of elite dancers from each choir who performed a set of dance numbers choreographed by Emily Depauw. This year the set featured dancers Declan Chinn, Jasper Jemison, and Izzy Antigua. Chinn writes, "I've really felt a growth in performance and technique from performing in this elite dance group. We're taught a unique way to express meaningful stories, making this program a special edition to the VMA."

After Dance Ensemble was a duet with Lana and Georgia Dadekian of the song "What About Love?" by Heart. This was a highlight of the show due to the sisters' outstanding vocals. Lana tells the

Paw Print, "I am so incredibly happy I got to sing my solo but nothing will ever compare to being able to perform and sing a duet with my sister in my last Pop Show here with her."

They were followed by the incomparable Jhanessa Equila who sang "I Surrender" by Celine Dion. Equila was the last act of the show before Powerhouse, the program's advanced mixed choir.

This year's Powerhouse set was based on the Greek myth of Pygmalion with Silas Schulz as the Sculptor, Rose Hemingway as the Statue, and Evan Baker as the Suitor. This tale of love and loss features songs like "Strangers Like Me," by Phil Collins and "I Can't Make You Love Me," by Bonnie Raitt. This set is one of a kind and was performed on the national level at Powerhouse's trip in Dallas, Texas.

As the audience dried their tears after Powerhouse's set, every choir member ran on stage and in the audience to do a final chorus of "New Attitude" to bow and close out the show.

This Pop Show was one of the best yet! The show was incredible and each choir has been dominating at competitions, so if you didn't get the chance to check out Pop Show, be sure to check out Spring Concert in May to see them perform one last time!

OPEN HOUSE

BY AMBERLYN GRAJEDA
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On Thursday, March 6, students at JBHS attended Open House and showed their family and friends all the hard work they've done this year. Families were able to visit their students' teachers and get feedback on how their child has done so far this year.

Before heading into the school, there were food trucks outside ready to serve hungry families and students. The available food trucks included Bistro 34 - Tea n Spice, Hamburger Planet, and Barbecue 43.

Despite the rain, informational tables were still set up inside of the

gym for families looking to learn more about the opportunities offered at JBHS. There were many tables set up for various clubs and organizations including CTE, Softball, LAVC, Link Crew, Girls Basketball, ASB, and GCC. In the library, art created by students was being showcased. Incoming Freshmen and their families were also invited and able to attend an informational meeting to learn more about JBHS and all we have to offer.

Around the school, ASB and Link Crew students were also available to answer any questions families may have had or to give them directions. At 7:00PM Open

House officially began and students and parents began visiting their teacher's classrooms.

Some teachers put up work that students had done throughout the year for families to view. Teachers took time to speak individually with each parent about their child's progress throughout this year.

Many students had a great time showing their parents everything they've done this past semester. Sophomore Sreghita Gandla said, "I liked Open House. It was fun to show my parents all the work I've done at school."

Parents also appreciated hearing teachers' feedback on their students. One JBHS parent said, "I

really enjoyed Open House. I loved meeting my daughter's teachers and seeing the place where she spends her time everyday." Many parents don't really hear much about what their child is working on at school, so being able to see what they've been up to is very exciting for many.

Overall, both students and parents had a great time at Open House, whether it was going to the food trucks, visiting classrooms, or simply just spending time with friends and family, there was something for everyone.

ENGINEERING FIELD TRIP TO UNIVERSAL

BY DAKOTA O'CONNELL
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On February 24th, the NAF Engineering Academy immersed their students in a behind the scenes tour at Universal Studios. The Academy was shown the ins and outs of Amusement park robotics and ride automation. They also were gifted with a Q&A with professionals in the field.

Led by NAF Director Mrs. Edge and Engineering Instructor Mr. Vezina, students were bussed up to Universal Studio Parks, gearing up for a look into the real world applications of their subjects. Students of Engineering 2 classes rode the park's Harry Potter: Forbidden Journey, then were given a tour of the Ride's mechanical workings.

Toured by an engineer from the park, students saw the mechanical structures used to maneuver the attraction's seats. They followed the tracts and were given a detailed look into how the ride truly functions while passengers are safely harnessed in.

The other side of the field trip

depicted presentations by industry professionals. While seated in a Universal Pictures-branded conference room, students were given detailed career paths within amusement park engineering.

Mr. Vezina explained the importance of showing his students the real-world applications of the Engineering Principles. Explaining the key points of why the Academy was taken on the trip, Vezina elaborates, "Some kids don't realize what they can really do after high school."

By showing students accomplished Park Engineers, students can set their goals further into the plenty of fields encapsulated in all things mechanical engineering.

While many students were excited about actually riding the attraction, Mr. Vezina remarked on his favorite part of the trip being after that portion. The class was taken up above the construction of the park's newest ride based on *The Fast and the Furious* Saga. Remarking that "it was fascinating to see them actually working and



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building" during their time spent at the park.

The NAF Academy hopes to continue their educational trips next year. If you're interested in

joining the NAF Academy, speak with your counselor or contact Mrs. Edge with further questions regarding next year's classes and requirements!

GMJB COMPETITION IN TAMPA BAY

BY JACOB FELTS
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Our very own Good Morning John Burroughs broadcast team took a direct flight from LAX to Tampa, Florida to compete in a Student Television Network (STN) convention from the week of February 28th to March 4th earlier this year. The trip was open to Ms. Meschkat's Advanced TV Production 2 and 3 classes, and a group of 12 students ultimately went.

The broadcast team paid for the trip through a variety of fundraisers with family and friends, and Ms. Meschkat, the film and TV Production teacher and Advanced TV Production teacher, and Mr. Henriquez, the AP of Student Services, chaperoned the trip.

STN is an US-based association of high school and middle school broadcast, film and media programs. The schools' teams came together for the convention to compete in a myriad of competitions, but also work in educational work-

shops. GMJB team member Dakota Benz estimated around 6,000 people came to the convention, with over half of them being students, predominantly from high schools.

The convention competitions could range from anchor team work, to making a short film, trailer, or commercial. The teams were given a certain amount of hours, submitted their projects at the deadline, and winners were decided at the end of the day. Our class's team competed in four competitions total.

Benz's favorite part was the anchor team contest she competed in, in which she was given three hours to write a script and record a show based on stories that are provided. In a conversation with Benz, she says, "They also had party nights, [where] they would [have] little disco lights and they'd shoot lights at us and throw balls at us and confetti."

Benz had to say about how the trip related to the class that it's

simply "what we do." The class is meant to set students up with their future careers, especially if they want to do anything in broadcast, and the event simulated working a real day in broadcast professionally. "You have deadlines, you have stuff that you need to do, [and] this is competitive, so it's showing how good [you are] compared to everyone in the entire country. And if you can place? That's like saying that you're one of the best in the entire country. That'll get you a job anywhere," she explained, "It's pretty awesome."

It also functions as a way to make new friends! Benz said, "I met a high school from Texas, and they gave us a lot of good tips about how to frame an anchor shot correctly and they were very nice to us."

Benz found the trip helpful, "it actually taught me a lot, it taught me about how to do things in a short amount of time, and how to do things efficiently. I also had to

set up a teleprompter for the first time which was rough, and we did everything with twenty minutes to spare, so honestly it taught me a lot. And when I was looking at the winners ... I noticed what was wrong with like, my framing and I was a little bit off-angled, when I was looking at the winners and comparing it to what I did before, so it did teach me a lot."

Ms. Meschkat herself also found it helpful. This is the second time that she's taken Burroughs students to the convention, and at her last school, Canyon High School, she took students to conventions three times. "Every time it is so eye-opening for students to see what other students around the country are creating, and to come back inspired. To improve our own work, to improve our own productions and continue to grow as storytellers."

JSA: BURROUGHS CHAP-CON & WINTER-CON

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During the month of February, JSA hosted and attended several conventions, with Burroughs Chapter Con being held at our school on February 1st.

Junior State of America, better known as JSA, serves as Burroughs' debate club. Students primarily focus on public speaking, debating both serious political issues and occasionally, satirical prompts.

Mr. Knatcal, who has served as JSA Club Advisor for almost two decades, has been involved with the organization since 1983 both as a member and teacher advisor.

"I think our chapter has done a lot to further debate and civic engagement," he shares in an interview. "I think that's ridiculously important right now."

At Burroughs Chapter Con, students had the opportunity to debate various topics such as, "Cancel Culture is a Beneficial form of Accountability," "Album of the Year," "The Media Popularity of Luigi Mangione Affects the Fairness and Unbiasedness of the Case," and around thirteen others.

When asked about speaking, Secretary Ella Towne reveals, "You get to put all your facts out there, educate people, and give them the opportunity to make comments on what you said."

Towne also adds, "By main-



speaking, you open yourself up to other perspectives on what you say and you might be able to change your opinion. That's what I like about mainspeaking."

When organizing Burroughs Chap-Con, JSA Chapter President Ellie Guerrero reveals "It was a lot of work both on a state and chapter level. Thankfully, I have such a great cabinet that was able to help me a lot."

Guerrero was able to find teachers to chaperone, get cabinet members to incorporate a cultural fair, and publicize the event on a statewide level in a short amount of time.

JSA eventually registered up to sixty people from over twelve schools such as Camarillo High School, Dominguez High School, Alliance Collins High School, Temple City High School, Santa Monica High School, Los Angeles County High School for the Arts, and many others.

Additionally, JSA decided to incorporate some fundraising initiatives, one of them being "Pie for Pali." Organized by the LACHSA JSA Chapter, 50% of the proceeds go to fire disaster prevention orga-

nizations and the other 50% goes to affected JSA members in Palisades.

Burroughs JSA was able to raise over \$100 for the Palisades fire which led to all members of the executive cabinet to get pied in the face, including Ellie Guerrero, Zoey Gould, Ansh Lalwani, Ella Towne, Aniana Advincula, and Leslie Femenias.

Overall Burroughs-Con was a great success. Guerrero adds "it was honestly such a great experience and I'm so happy with what we were able to do with the Palisades fire. I think we definitely got Burroughs on the map again."

Aside from Burroughs-Con, JSA also attended Winter-Con at La Cañada High School on February 22nd.

Winter Congress is one of JSA's "Big 3" conventions, consisting of Fall State, Winter Con, and Spring State.

This Winter Con was especially remarkable for Burroughs as many of the members are campaigning for positions in JSA's statewide counterpart, Civic Leaders of America (CLA).

Members include Isola Serena, running for Vice Mayor, Nao-

mi Bayarjavhlan for Mayor, Lily Campion and Zoey Gould running for Senator, Leslie Femenias for Speaker of Assembly, and Ellie Guerrero for Lieutenant Governor.

External Vice President Zoey Gould shares her experience in running for AR Senator stating, "I had the choice this election season to run for a higher position, but I was not interested in elevating so I decided to run for the position again." Gould adds, "I find it to be interesting as well as the duties I have so those are my obligations right now."

At Winter-Con, Burroughs participated in many debates, for example, Leslie Femenias participated in the Spanish debate, a debate conducted entirely in Spanish.

Students also listened to guest speaker Ines Kuperschmit, a distinguished attorney who advocates for the rights of students and underrepresented communities.

Gould shares that "Conventions are a great way to meet people from different schools, especially if you're not in a sport or an extra-curricular."

JSA is extremely beneficial if you are looking to pursue a career in politics or legislation and looks great for college as well.

If you're interested in joining, you can contact and follow JSA on Instagram @burroughs_jsa, where they post weekly debate topics, fundraising initiatives, and more!

BLACK STUDENT UNION ASSEMBLY

BY ELIZABETH MORRISON
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On Thursday, February 27, John Burroughs High School's Black Student Union (BSU) had an informative assembly in the auditorium. The assembly was optional, however, many teachers assigned their second period classes to it.

The BSU Executive Cabinet consists of Quiana Laughlin and Kharmia Goston as Co-Presidents, Gemari Morrow as Vice President, Tristan Kairouz as Secretary, Kendra Broussard as Treasurer, and Jada Graham, Izzy Antigua, and Giovanna Iannone as Social Media Managers.

They did the assembly to teach students about Black History and what it represents. They discussed how African American culture has shaped America even now.

They started the assembly with the National Anthem before discussing African Americans' contributions to the social, political, and cultural landscape of the United States. They discussed how Black culture has been a driving force in music and fashion, which influences global trends.

They went over the Harlem Renaissance and showed an informational video on it, showing the cultural impact of African Ameri-

cans during the early 20th century. This era of art led to many Black authors and artists getting more credit than before. The Harlem Renaissance was also known as the "Jazz Age" because of the musical influence Black culture had. BSU explained how Jazz is a genre of music that was developed from Ragtime and Blues with a syncopated rhythm.

BSU mentioned the Black Lives Matter protest and how it was spread globally. They talked about how African Americans have influenced sports, mentioning Jackie Robinson, who broke the color barrier in 1947, paving

the way for all people of color in sports, Serena Williams, LeBron James, and Simone Biles, and how they have used their platforms to spread awareness and hope.

They ended the assembly with a quick exercise where the audience was asked to close their eyes and think of how prejudiced comments can negatively affect the students at John Burroughs High School, before doing a trivia where the audience was asked to answer questions for the prize of bracelets and candy. A student that attended the assembly states that they, "felt like it was very informational and entertaining in a fun yet formal way."

CTE DAY

BY JAYDA LARA TRAN AND
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Hey Bears! With the start of second semester you know what that means, CTE Day!

CTE Day is an event during the second semester where many different jobs, organizations, and groups come to visit our very own school.

CTE Day is to help you prepare for your future after high school and it really helps with narrowing down your interests with so many stalls to visit. There are many different two and four year colleges that come to visit such as CSUN, USC, and LAVC. They had many different programs you could choose from such as an Art Major, Broadcast Journalism Major, Film Major, Culinary Major, and many more.

Other stalls had job opportunities, in case you want to go directly into the workforce after high school. There were many tables for different jobs that you may be interested in. Some options were lifeguards, working at the Burbank DWP, and Construction workers. All of these jobs you are able to apply to once you're eighteen years old if interested.

If you are more interested in being an esthetician or hair stylist there were also many opportunities for you. There was a cosmetology area with colleges you could apply to, to become a hairstylist, makeup

artist or special effects for movies and shows where you can learn how to do prosthetics.

Something that CTE Day gets mistaken for that it's only for Seniors, but they also have many things for the underclassmen. They have many volunteering options for almost everything such as working with the City of Burbank over the summer where you can get paid for working with them or if you enjoy being around children they have coaching opportunities for any sport or class you can think of.



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the end of the panel for people to ask their own questions.

Anisa Walker discussed the countless auditions that helped shape her career and land her first commercial.

Similarly, actress Kali Rocha shared her experiences from working on set and being cast as the mom in the popular Disney show, "Liv and Maddie." Kali highlighted the need for both professional and real-world experience.

Disney Casting Director Michelle Paxton described her role in identifying talents as someone who not only fits the character or role, but also brings an authentic presence to the screen.

Writer Blaise Hemingway emphasized the importance of authenticity. He also said you must be able to accept rejection but that shouldn't stop you from continuing your work and improving.

Lastly they had a special selection of people come in if you are more into creative fields.

This year we had the chance to have a visual and performing arts panel. The panel included Professional dancer Anisa Walker, Professional actress Kali Rocha, Disney Casting Director Michelle Paxton, Writer Blaise Hemingway, and RPM CEO and Agent Tiffany Alwood. Together they offered an insight into their career paths, sharing how they got their jobs and providing advice on how others could pursue similar careers. Each person got asked questions related to their job role and there was a chance at

RPM CEO and Agent Tiffany Alwood discussed the business side of the industry. She said that recording anything that could be used to impress agents is something to start doing now if it's something you're interested in and to balance creativity with a solid understanding of the industry.

Overall, their shared experiences and advice left an impact on aspiring artists equipping them with the motivation they need. This year's CTE day was seen as a big success in many people's eyes and we hope to continue having wonderful opportunities like this.



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NO SUMMER SCHOOL

BY APRIL PICKERING
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As the school year slowly comes to an end, many students are excited for summer plans. For some, that includes the possibility of summer school. But it looks like, for most BUSD students, there are limited opportunities for summer school.

But that might not be a bad

thing. There is a growing debate about whether summer school is truly beneficial or if it should be eliminated. Summer is an opportunity to recharge and relax, pursue hobbies, and spend quality time with family and friends. By eliminating summer school, we can ensure that everybody gets a proper break for the follow school year.

Though some people argue that

summer school is intended to help students catch up or get ahead, the compressed timeline can make it difficult for meaningful learning to take place. In that case, it would be more beneficial to offer additional support during the regular school year, like after school tutoring, weekend workshops, or even online resources.

By focusing on year round sup-

port and enrichment opportunities, we can make sure all students have the resources they need to succeed. While summer school has its advantages, it might be time to reconsider its role in our education system. By giving everyone a fair break and focusing on year round support, we can create a more balanced and equitable approach to learning.

MANDATING SIX CLASSES

BY NICO GAREDAKIS
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There are many benefits to being able to only have five classes on your schedule. The opportunity to have this is considered a luxury to many students. Many students favor going home early and this gives them the chance to leave an hour early.

It also motivates students to get their credits out of the way, and keep their grades up so that by Se-

nior and possibly Junior year, they are able to have a shorter schedule. Five total classes could mean students have a zero period and get out at lunch. It could also mean that they get out after the fifth period. Or, if a student chooses to take a dual enrollment class or college course, their schedule on campus might be even shorter. However they choose to split up their classes, five is always easier than six, especially when you take extra cur-

ricular activities, sports and college prep into consideration.

After speaking with a few students, the results are almost the same: five classes are favorable to six. Sophomore Shayla says, "It's unnecessary and frankly a waste of valuable time to take an extra elective or filler class when a student already has that credit done."

Another student who wishes to stay anonymous says, "I like being able to come home early and rest

before practice. Leaving at lunch is so nice because I can eat out or at home without worrying about rushing back to school."

Overall, this privilege should be considered more of an accomplishment as a reminder to students that if they stay on task and do well for their first two years of high school, they can possibly qualify for a reduced schedule and use that time to engage in college classes or just relax and study.

BUSD DIVERSITY, EQUALITY, INCLUSION POLICY

BY AIDEN FRANCOEUR
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Following Donald Trump's inauguration on January 20th, 2025, the 47th President ushered in several changes to the federal government by signing many executive orders relating to several topics, ranging from the unsealing of the Kennedy assassination, and most notably, the ending of DEI programs throughout the federal government.

Donald Trump has quickly utilized several of his executive powers to crack down on several governmental programs, many of which had aimed to further include minorities across the country.

Per governmental orders, public schools have two weeks to end all Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity programs, or else the government will cut their funding. This two weeks is up as of the printing of this paper.

This order comes directly from the Department of Education, run by Linda McMahon. This was announced on February 18th, less than a month after Trump was

sworn into office.

Our Principal, Mr. Knoop, gave a statement pertaining to the issue, "Given the current political landscape, our work with DEI may feel tenuous. Let me be clear, we are not stopping the work. It is at the core of our mission."

The Superintendent, John Paramo, during a recent DEI meeting with staff at Counsel PTA, stated that "The board wants us to continue our work because it is the right thing to do for our kids. The issue becomes the potential of the federal government withholding funding based on DEI. If that happens, the District will meet with the board to discuss how we want to move forward."

Riley Quigley, President of SAGA (Sexual and Gender Alliance) says the recent orders have had an effect on all members of the club, and even to those who might not even attend the club. SAGA meets in Mrs. Weiner's room (1216) on Thursdays to provide resources to students along with celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community. Along with this they also

do special meetings to celebrate other members of the community, such as on February 26th, where they discussed important Queer African-American people. Despite the changes, Riley says that she and her other SAGA members feel very safe due to the staff whose key objective has been to support her and her fellow peers here at JBHS. The staff here is always sharing confirmations to those both a part and not a part of SAGA that they would never compromise any personal information relating to sexu-

al orientation and identity. SAGA's goal is still to include and protect all members of the LGBTQIA+ throughout the JBHS campus.

Every student here at JBHS should be able to feel safe in school, no matter if they're LGBTQIA+, no matter their gender, no matter their race. We should all stick to the objective of continuing to include all members of the JBHS family, and securing a comfortable and negative-free environment for everyone going forward.

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BEARS ON FILM

BY MARY ENGEL
CUB REPORTER

The student-owned account known as “Bears on Film,” created by two Seniors, Victoria Menendez and April Pickering, was inspired by their desire to capture the class of 2025’s memories in a fun and easily accessible way. “We wanted to capture our memories because it’s our last year,” April Pickering explains. Since it’s their Senior year, they both wanted to document as much as possible, believing it would be enjoyable to look back on.

Victoria Menendez adds, “In a few years, you’ll look back and say, ‘Wow, that was Senior year.’”

The two started the account very early in the school year, about a week after the first day. They focus on photographing Seniors at various events like dances, football games, and those who participate in spirit weeks.

They even use their own money to create cool boards for events, allowing Seniors to take pictures inside them. For example, they have designed different boards for events such as Senior Sunrise and



football games. These boards are often decorated to match the event, adding an extra layer of fun and creativity to the photographs.

Victoria and April’s dedication to “Bears on Film” gives a sense of community and nostalgia among the Seniors. The goal of the account is simply to provide a way to look back at these cherished memories, and they believe that these captured moments will be treasured by their classmates for years to come, serving as a reminder of the friendships, experiences, and milestones that defined their Senior year.

COOKIESBYANGIEE

BY ELIZABETH BROWNGARDT
CUB REPORTER

Angelina Guzman, a sixteen-year-old student here at John Burroughs High School, has a successful, delicious baking business! In addition to her baking, she’s also a student-athlete, playing soccer for both the school team and a club team. Angelina’s passion for baking started with her mom, who went to culinary school. Growing up, they would bake together, and she fondly remembers how her mom would go all out for her birthday parties.

Angelina’s favorite thing to

bake is cookies, especially s’mores cookies, which she makes every day. She also enjoys making cakes, though she admits they require more effort. When baking, she prepares the dough, adds all the ingredients, and bakes the cookies in batches due to limited space. While some batches are in the oven, she works on drizzling and packaging the finished ones.

Balancing her baking business with school and soccer requires good time management. One of the biggest challenges she faces is managing her time as a student-athlete. Angelina used to struggle with

this, but baking has helped her improve. By prioritizing her activities and staying organized, she manages to keep up with both her baking and her schoolwork. If she has a busy day with other activities, she simply won’t sell cookies that day to ensure she has time for everything else.

Looking ahead, Angelina plans to continue selling her baked goods and hopes to expand her business in the future online! With flavors from Cookie Monster to Red Velvet these cookies are a perfect sweet treat! Go check out her baking business on instagram @cook-

iesbyangiee and order some tasty cookies and cake!



URSA MAJOR HOROSCOPES

Aries (Mar.21- Apr.19): This April, embrace challenges with confidence, as your bold energy will attract exciting opportunities. Trust your instincts, but remember to pace yourself to avoid burnout.

Taurus (Apr.20- May 20): Stability is within reach this month if you remain patient and practical. Focus on strengthening your relationships and building a secure foundation for future growth.

Gemini (May 21- Jun.20): April encourages you to communicate your thoughts more clearly and explore creative outlets. Stay adaptable, and you’ll find unexpected solutions to lingering problems.

Cancer (Jun.21- Jul.22): This month, prioritize self care and emotional well-being as you navigate shifting dynamics. Trust in your intuition and let go of what no longer serves you.

Leo (Jul.23- Aug.22): Your natural charisma shines brighter than ever this April, drawing new allies and exciting prospects. Just remember to balance your ambitions with genuine connection.

Virgo (Aug.23- Sept.22): April is all about organization and efficiency, helping you achieve your goals with precision. Be open to collaboration and constructive feedback for the best results.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct.22): As the month unfolds, seek harmony between your desires and your responsibilities. Striking the right balance will enhance your creative and personal growth.

Scorpio (Oct.23- Nov.21): April brings opportunities for transformation and renewal, but only if you’re willing to let go of past grudges. Embrace vulnerability, and you’ll find deeper connections.

Sagittarius (Nov.22- Dec.21): Adventure calls to you this month, urging you to expand your horizons and embrace new experiences. Stay optimistic and trust your journey, even when the path isn’t clear.

Capricorn (Dec.22- Jan. 19): In April, your determination and discipline pay off as you make significant progress towards your goals. Remember to celebrate your achievements and keep moving forward.

Aquarius (Jan.20- Feb.18): April encourages you to think outside the box and embrace innovation. Your unique perspective will attract like-minded individuals and exciting projects.

Pisces (Feb.19- Mar.20): This month, your intuition and creativity are at their peak. Dive into your dreams and allow your imagination to guide you toward healing and inspiration.

- Julian Stevens, Cub Astrologer

NEW SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

BY CHARLES YUNGUL
CUB REPORTER

Tisha Pettus is the new school Psychologist at John Burroughs High School! Her birthday is August 25th, and she now joins Anita Kostas as a psychologist here at JBHS. She has worked within the realm of school psychology for twenty-five years, and this is her first year working in Burbank Unified School District.

The reasons why she applied for this position are she enjoys working with kids and helping find solutions as to why kids are struggling in school. Ms. Pettus stated she ended up working here at Burroughs due to a friend she had who was working here.

When asked how she picked the position she was in she stated that she previously worked as a program specialist, administrator, and said "I came from a family of educators; it's in my blood."

In addition to being an enthusiastic empath, Ms. Pettus is known

for being an avid animal-lover who rescues dogs. She also collects sports memorabilia in her free time and enjoys traveling.

Ms. Pettus' formal education is very impressive, as her credentials include a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology that she obtained from California State Long Beach, two Master's Degrees from Chapman University, one of which is in School Counseling and the other one in Educational Psychology. Furthermore, as a licensed psychologist she has a Pupil Personnel Services Credential.

Her helpful and selfless actions don't end there, as in addition to assisting struggling students in getting better grades and helping them personally, she was a part of the Orange County Crisis Response Team. Moreover, she is a licensed Educational Psychologist, and has an Administrative Services Credential, which qualifies her as not just a psychologist but an administrator. Ms. Pettus has always been

inspired by humanitarian/social work, psychology, social services, or just the helping profession in general. Her flexibility and genuine optimism are two notable characteristics which assist in making her an exceptional psychologist. "One of the best things about being a psychologist," she states, "is that everyday is different." This, to her, is very rewarding. Unsurprisingly, the worst aspect of her occupation boils down to all the report writing that she has to complete.

In her free time, Ms. Pettus enjoys taking her dogs to the beach, or if not walking, anywhere in her Jeep. She frequently visits Arizona, and will take her dogs to any place that they are granted access to. She has a husband named Steve. She also has a daughter who teaches 8th Grade History and Freshman College History at Grand Canyon University and lives in Orange County, close to Newport Beach.

Her best advice for students is to "be open to trying new things

and meeting new people."

Overall, her goal for this year is just to get more acclimated to the school, to remember everybody's names, and to assist people who are here to finish off the year. Her aspirations for the distant future are to make the Special Education Department stronger, and to assist the Special Education teachers with whatever they need. Personally, Ms. Pettus described that her only major goal in life is to live one that is happy, peaceful, and devoid of conflict.

Some of the responsibilities that Ms. Pettus is equipped to handle include responding to and supporting student behavior emergencies and crises, conducting functional behavior assessments and developing, monitoring and revising behavior intervention plans, and consulting with staff and parents related to behavior.

SKILLSUSA COMPETITOR OLIVIA DOMINGUEZ

BY MIA VILLALTA
CUB REPORTER

Senior Olivia Dominguez had recently showcased her culinary skills at the SkillsUSA competition, earning a silver medal for her submission of sugar cookies and coffee cake. The competition required her to film a ten-minute video of herself baking the dishes and submit it for judging, a process that took weeks of preparation and hard work.

"It took me literally two weeks," Olivia said. "I would work on it during my lunch periods; one day measuring, the next day editing, then cooking. I kept remaking the dishes over and over because I wanted to make sure they were as good as possible. I really wanted to qualify for state."

Olivia's dedication paid off. Despite not wanting to continue a career in culinary, she embraced the challenge and found joy in the process. "I've always used baking and cooking as a hobby, so being able to do it competitively is a really cool opportunity. Even though

it's not a field I want to go into, it's still a cool thing to have under my belt."

Preparing for the competition put pressure, but Olivia was motivated by her passion for making people happy through her cooking. "I was really nervous because there were people there doing it to get into college or start a career in baking. But even though it's just a hobby for me, I'm passionate about cooking because I like seeing people happy with what I make. Hopefully, the judges will feel that too."

Describing the competition atmosphere, Olivia said, "It's literally like MasterChef Junior. That's basically what you're walking into."

Olivia will hopefully compete for Nationals on April 12, with travel scheduled from April 10 to April 13. She's looking forward to the opportunity and credits her culinary class with helping her prepare. "Being in Culinary with Mia last year started as just a fun class, but it became a second passion. I hope to make Miss Macias proud

and bring home some sort of prize. That would be a cool addition to our program and hopefully encourage others to try new things."

Balancing baking with her other commitments, including playing water polo and pursuing a career in nursing, Olivia believes the ex-

perience has taught her valuable lessons about dedication and drive. "Even if cooking isn't your passion, just venture out and try other things. I think as long as you have the drive, you can really do anything."



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TEDDY SEVERSE

BY CHRISTIAN GARAY-DANG-MENDEZ
CUB REPORTER

There are many students here at John Burroughs High School that do all sorts of things, one of these students is Theodore "Teddy" Severse. Teddy was born on September 27, 2008 which makes him 16 years old and in 10th grade. He plays both football and baseball, for football he plays O-Line and long snapper, while on baseball he plays catcher. He plays sports because he likes the team atmosphere and he just likes sports in general.

He has gotten awards for football, being Best Frosh O-Linemen Freshman year and Sophomore year sharing the most improved award with fellow linemen and friend Cooper Beebe. Teddy is known to be a kind-hearted and funny person.

Teddy is originally from Boston and he went to Joyce Killmer School which goes from Kindergarten to 8th grade.

He has played for four different teams including the Parkway Fal-

cons for three seasons, Dedham Junior Marduares for two seasons, Burroughs for two seasons, and every year he goes to Canada to play football for the Boston Rebels.

With him playing in Canada, he says he had never been outside of the country so it was a cool experience seeing a whole other place, and he met so many new people from all different walks of life. One of these stories was from his bus driver named Tank, he talked about his story, he used to play football but then he got injured and couldn't play anymore but because of that injury he got to meet his wife and have his kids, he also gets to play good competition. He played with D1 athletes and it reminded him of playing back in Boston. He's also happy to see his coaches again because he only sees them once a year and he sees all his teammates. He even adopted his child he calls Hunnybun. Hunnybun is twelve and Teddy says he is a beast. Another kid he knows is nineteen and already has a full

beard "it was crazy." Overall traveling has broadened his horizons.

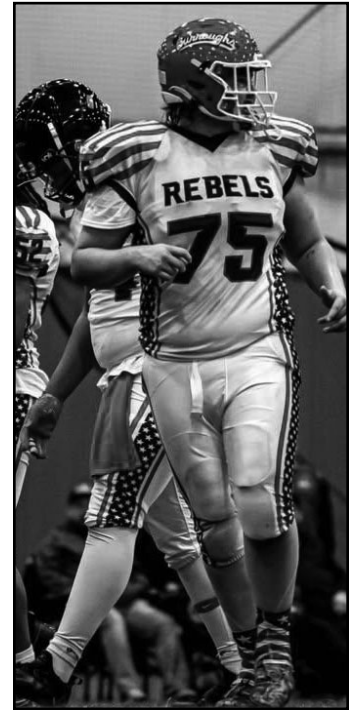
His favorite classes are AP Euro and Spanish. His favorite teacher is Mr. Mook who taught him Algebra 1 and Science.

What Teddy does in his free time is go to the gym, field and he also drives around with his friends. He works out at Fitiquity and at the field.

His favorite food is Sushi, and his top three restaurants are Champs, 50's Diner, and IHOP. His favorite artist is Zack Top, he likes the New England Patriots, and his favorite show is Rick and Morty.

His role models are his dad and Ted Karras, the center for the Bengals.

His goal for this year is to end the year with a 3.4 to 3.6 GPA and to just have fun with baseball. His goal for the future is to get recruited to a good school for football. Teddy's goal is to go to College of the Canyons for two years and then try to get recruited to his dream school West Virginia University



so he can play football there and be closer to his family. But, if that doesn't work out he wants to go to the Coast Guard.

CALIBROOKE MYERS

BY ADANA TOROSSIAN
CUB REPORTER

John Burroughs High School is filled with many talented students, including Calibroke Myers. Calibroke plays the guitar and the bass guitar. She has been hired as a musician to play for the singer Daire McLeod.

They play at many different local events in and around Burbank including The Troubadour, twice at Whiskey a Go Go, and a venue in Florida. She even got a chance to perform at New York Fashion Week! She says "it's always an honor and thrill to play in front of my family and friends." They have been awarded many things from various venues, such as an award from a local state senator for a city performance.

Calibroke is a Sophomore, she is 16 years old, and her birthday is on February 14th, 2009. Not only is she a musician, but she is also in ASB. Calibroke is currently Sophomore Vice President, and she was Freshman Co-President of ASB during her Freshman year.



This year, she is on the Burroughs Girls's Golf team, and last year, she was Team Captain of the Frosh Volleyball team.

Apart from school, she is also starting to design and build her own remote control planes! Also, if you are interested in learning how to play an instrument, she teaches guitar and bass lessons.

When asked why she chose to be a musician, aside from loving to perform, Calibroke responded "It's a whole universe to explore." There are so many more skills beyond learning to play music that

musicians learn. They learn how to travel, network, they get to meet new people, do professional recordings, and play rehearsal sessions!

Her love for performing began at Roosevelt Elementary School where she began playing in the school Variety Shows. She also performed at Luther Burbank Middle School during Luther's Got Talent.

Calibroke's favorite class is ASB. She likes ASB because it gives her many opportunities to help others, including students

from other schools. Earlier this year, when the wildfires hit, Calibroke led Burroughs' part in helping schools and students affected by the fires. They helped by welcoming back students from Pasadena and John Muir High Schools. She also volunteered at clothing donation centers.

A quote that leads Calibroke through her musical journey is "Closed mouths don't get fed." She relates to this quote because there is so much networking involved in music. She states "I have made so many connections and have gotten so many opportunities by putting myself out there, and asking questions to help me get to where I want to go."

Calibroke continues to look forward to where her music takes her both on stages, and in the world. It constantly surprises her, and she is incredibly grateful for the opportunities it has given her.

We can't wait to see what you do next Calibroke. We are so lucky to have so many talented students on campus.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

**BY GINGER SHORT
CUB REPORTER**

The Boys' Volleyball season has begun, and many exciting games have taken place for the Bears.

To start off, on Tuesday, February 19th the Varsity Boys Volleyball team won their game against West Ranch with a score of 3-0.

Next, on Wednesday, February 20th Burroughs were victorious against Claremont High School with a score of 3-0 also.

The Varsity team had an exciting overnight tournament spanning from Friday, February 21 to Saturday, February 22. The team left school early on the 21st at the end

of 3rd period, and began the trip to the Redondo Tournament.

There were a series of exciting games on Friday the 21st, including their impressive start of a 2-1 match against Torrance High School which was then followed by another Bears' victory of 2-0 against Bishop Montgomery High School.

The Bears had a close game with Warren High School, but were ultimately taken over with a score of 1-2.

They didn't let that keep them down, though. The Varsity Team came back swinging with a victory against Servite High School with a

score of 2-1.

These intense games took longer than expected, with the final match between them and Servite lasting to 10PM! Still needing to eat and return to the hotel, the Boys team reportedly got to bed around midnight, as said by Varsity Team Manager, Otis Short.

"Yeah, we were the first room to actually go to sleep, around midnight. We were lucky, everyone else got to bed around 1AM," Otis recalls.

This goes to show the team's dedication to their game, willing to sacrifice to come out on top.

While running on little sleep, the Boys' Team was still motivated to play on the second day of the Tournament.

The next day of the Tournament, February 22, the Boys Varsity team started off strong with a 2-0 match with Santa Monica High School. A great way to start the new day!

The Tournament was concluded

with a match against Mira Costa High School, which the Bears fought hard in, but Mira Costa came out on top with a score of 0-2.

The Tournament, full of victories and celebrations, brought the team closer because they learned to look out for each other while away from home.

After a few days of rest from the intense weekend, the Bears' got back up again in a game with St. Francis High School, beating them 3-1!

Friday, February 28th, held another home game against Newbury Park in which the Bears won 3-0!

The Bears have some exciting games in store. So make sure to come out and support them as they end their season next month!

They are dedicated to practice and have three hour practices everyday, and it certainly reflects in their performance.

Best of luck to this year's Boys Varsity Volleyball Team, and go Bears!

BOYS TENNIS

**BY AMELIA DIETER
CUB REPORTER**

The Boys Tennis team officially started off their season on March 4th, coached by Thomas Hardy.

Coach Hardy attended JBHS and played on the tennis team. He then went on to play for Glendale Community College. He began coaching private lessons to see the sport from another angle, and not from the competitive playing side. After an injury that mostly ended his competitive career, he began to focus more on coaching. His main goal for this season is to win League.

The Varsity team has three captains: Jacob Hughes, Zach Barry, and Bernard Woods.

Coach Hardy explains his decisions behind choosing his captains. Hughes is "very motivated" and has the energy to get the boys going quickly. He also "leads by example." Barry is one of the most focused players Coach Hardy has ever seen, and is always working to improve his skill set. Lastly, Woods is an incredible player and role model, and Coach Hardy wants the other players on the team to look up to him.

Coach Hardy believes that their biggest opponents this year will be Arcadia High School. Since they're almost always at the top, their players are top notch and hard to beat. Additionally, Crescenta Valley High School is a big oppo-

nent. Coach Hardy says they are "no slouch." Lastly, Coach Hardy has heard that Burbank High has a very good singles player, so he's looking forward to seeing how his singles line will play against them.

Their games will be held almost every Tuesday and Thursday for the next couple months.

Coach Hardy says that he "feels good about our team" and there's a "really good lineup." He also believes that they have a "really good shot this year" at winning League.

Coach Hardy believes that his singles lineup is very strong this semester, so he's been putting a lot more focus into developing his doubles lineup. He wants the players to have good chemistry with each other and be able to play well together.

He says "I see it going pretty well [this season]. [We'll] be in contention for winning League."

Hardy's biggest goals for this season are, of course, winning League. Additionally, he would like to make a deep CIF run.

Coach Hardy believes that people are going to be surprised by the depth of skill on the team. There are a lot of underclassmen on the team this year who are exceptionally good.

Seniors on the team include Zach Barry, Bernard Woods, Joshua Liwag, Jacob Hughes, Paul Vu, Matteo Solis, and Ari Pathak.

BOYS GOLF

**BY CLOVER SERIO
CUB REPORTER**

The John Burroughs' Boys' Golf Team started their 2024-2025 season on Friday, February 28. They have been having three practices a week at De Bell since the beginning of the school year.

Their first game was against Diamond Bar High School. Burroughs won with a final score of 3-1 for JV, and 2-0 for Varsity. The all together score was 5-1.

The team has been practicing very hard, and the work and effort have clearly made them an excellent team.

The two captains of the team are Jarren Anthony Parungao and Dominic Lingad. Both Jarren and Dominic show great leadership skills, as they lead the teams to victory.

They have a lot of upcoming games, including the one against Burroughs Rivalry school, Burbank High School.

The game against Diamond Bar was their first game this season, so the coaches and captains are wait-

ing to see lots of improvement as the boys get the hang of playing against other teams in the upcoming games left of the season.

This first game of the season was a 9-hole game, which is easier than the second half of the games this season, which will be more challenging 18-hole games.

The team has been waiting to play since Summer of 2024, and after all their practice, they finally get to play, and win by a lot.

The two coaches, including the Head Coach, Micheal McKinely, are confident in the teams' skills and believe they have a good chance of continuing and winning the CIF tournament.

The players themselves are showing lots of improvement since they first began practicing in the Summer. Some of the players are looking to jump from JV to Varsity, and will hopefully succeed in that.

We can see in the upcoming games, the boys are prepared to win and continue to the championship.

GIRLS SOCCER

BY AMELIA DIETER
CUB REPORTER

On Wednesday, February 12, the Burroughs Girls Soccer team traveled to Costa Mesa High School to compete in a playoff game. Unfortunately, they lost the game 4-1, in Costa Mesa's favor.

Junior Samantha Sizemore was the first person to score during the game. Coach Robert Sanchez elaborated by saying that he thinks

that shocked Costa Mesa's team because Burroughs was in a much lower division than they were.

Coach Robert also said that he feels the girls weren't able to play their best because they had played five games in the last six days. Their energy levels were lower than they would have been if they hadn't played so many games in the days prior.

This was the last game of the

season, so Coach Robert made sure to get all of the Seniors on the team a chance to play. They all were in at the same time for one last time to play all together.

Seniors on the team include Ella Sage, Vivian Wright, Kaylei Quintero, Gema Chavez,, Ruby McGrath, and Danika Rodriguez.

Of course, everyone was disappointed in the outcome of the game, but they tried their hardest. How-

ever, Coach Robert did elaborate, saying "I'd like to say that as hard as it was for our team this season, there were teams the experienced much worse, and we are grateful to have had a season at all."

They held their banquet at Dab-Belle Golf Course on March 7th to celebrate their season and the players on the team.

DANCE

BY HAILIE ALVAREZ
CUB REPORTER

Dance Team has started off their competition on a high note, as they are only moving up as Dance Team season continues. Here's some insight on how their competition season is going from the eyes of coaches and captains.

On February 15th Dance Team went to Thousand Oaks, getting second place in two divisions and Senior Zoe Normington placing second for her Senior Hip Hop solo! Alongside Dance Team, Alana Sanchez and Lauren Olsen, Seniors from Dance Production competed their duet getting third place!

Alana Sanchez and Lauren Olsen are both Directors on Dance Production. Outside of being directors they have known each other for seven years, which made the chemistry throughout their dance undeniable. Alana has been competing for the last seven years, so competing their duet wasn't anything out of the ordinary.

Alana says, "Competing in that environment was an exciting challenge for us, we are excited for upcoming competitions and what they have to hold."

While each team is competing against each other, these competitions are really meant to bring the dance community together.

Dance Team Captain Alana Coquia says, "My favorite part of competition season is the long competition days, it's what I look forward to

most and it never fails to bring me happiness." Alongside Alana, Captain Lily Pynchon says, "No matter how tired we all are, it's so worth it when we place and see our coaches smile and be happy with their hard work. Even just looking around at our teammates cheering and smiling together makes it all worth the long hours."

While competitions are extremely fun, what most team members think is most memorable are

the long hours inside the Dance Room together.

Captain Grace Barmore says, "As tiring as it can get when we're practicing daily and competing weekly, being able to spend so much time with all of the people on team makes it worth it. Being able to form bonds with so many amazing people is something I'll look back on as good memories."

After Thousand Oaks, Dance Team took on West High with Medium All Female placing 6th place out of 11 teams and All Male placing 4th out of 11 teams! West is known as one of the biggest competitions of the season with around 20 schools there. West also marked the team's halfway point through their competition season!

While the competition season is only half way through, Dance Team is very excited to take on Nationals very soon. Good Luck to Dance Team on their upcoming competitions!



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CHEER

BY SAM LISI
CUB REPORTER

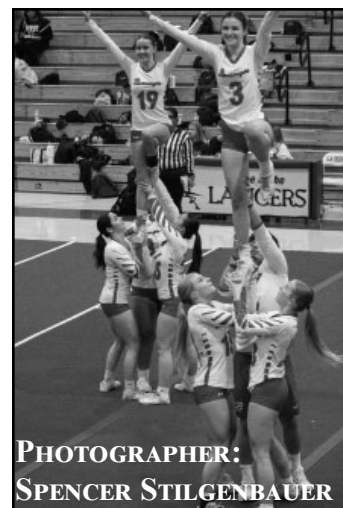
Cheers season has, unfortunately, come to an end. At the USA nationals, varsity and JV both did not make it to the finals. Although both teams put out their best routines of the season and almost hit zero deductions! Neveah Fox stated, "We did our absolute best on our last competition. I think we put in all our hard work and did a great job knowing that we left no regrets on that mat". We will see cheer again soon at the spring pep rally.

Now, with cheers season coming to a close, STUNT season is in gear. STUNT practice continued while

cheer was going on, but now it was time for STUNT to be the main focus. So far, the STUNT team has had one tournament and two games. Their first game was against La Serena. The final score was 24-1. In the second round of their tournament, they put up a good fight and scored 6-7. The final score of their second game of the season was 6-21. Warren had to fight for their win.

The captains of the Varsity STUNT team are LaLa Nestor, Isabella Ruvalcaba, Paige Conahan, and Max Batres. Let's see what insight our captains have based on how the season is going. LaLa Nestor states, "This season, we are

transitioning into a new league, and although the outcome isn't the one we desire, we're doing the best that we can, and we've all come together". Paige Conahan says, "We definitely entered a hard league, but we are progressing and getting better". Lastly, Max Batres says, "We've had our ups and downs, but I think that this team is great and is growing as a team and as a family". Based on the insight from our captains, it sounds like the STUNT season has had a difficult beginning, but they're growing and progressing and definitely have the potential to thrive.



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SPENCER STILGENBAUER

SPORTS

SWIM

BY KIANA HILDEBRANDT
CUB REPORTER

This year's Varsity Swim team has finally had their first meet to kick-start their season. They competed on February 28, 2025 at Arcadia High School for the Pacific League relays meet. Every school that competes in the League participated. The meet was only for relay races and competed with all of their division. Out of all the 7 teams Burroughs placed 3rd for boys and 4th for girls.

According to Senior Swimmer

Kelan Schuler, a lot of swimmers weren't able to attend the meet, resulting in placing rather 3rd than 1st. The team unfortunately only had around six of their best Varsity swimmers, which affected their placing. However the teams overall performance in 4x50 butterfly relay, and the 5x50 freestyle relay was very strong.

Schuler had this to say about the overall meet, "This meet showed us where we were, how far we've come since the beginning of training, and what we need to work on

to improve our performances and help prepare us for future meets."

Senior Ian Duffield expressed the team did pretty well, and that the placing for the team was, "normal for what we do, but there are still things to be improved on." When it came down to why Burroughs didn't place 1st this is what he had to say, "Arcadia and Crescenta Valley High School are typically the best swimmers in League and they focus on swimming more than anything else and honestly they are just that good."

Additionally Duffield said that the Pacific League Relays meet brings out enthusiasm and excitement for the team. The team is able to have a bunch of fun since there is no actual competition behind it, it's just everyone having fun. With that being said, Duffield said "You're always doing your best when you're having fun."

Sophomore Shahla Badaei said "Burroughs had a disadvantage because of the amount of club swimmers on the opposing teams."

TRACK AND FIELD

BY KAYLA CABRAL
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The first Track and Field meet of the season was at Crescenta Valley High School and was a Distance Invite at La Canada High School Saturday, February 22nd. Girls Varsity 3200s top times were Isabella Galustians time of 12:05.34, Lucy Thomson time of 12:10.92, Liczy Mercado time of 13:17.99 and finally Valorie Shaby with a time of 13:48.68. The next event was Girls Varsity 1600. The top time was Amy Harkins time of 6:02.97.

Boys Varsity 3200s top time was Nico Radlein with a time of 10:25.45. Boys Varsity 1600s top times were Liam Ellingsworth, time of 4:32.06, Justin Cano, time of 4:52.93, Alex Acevedo, time of 4:53.57, and lastly Nathan Marca with a time of 4:57.78. High Jump Varsity Girls Quiana Laughlin

placed 1st with a leap of 5-02.00. She also placed 1st in Girls Varsity Long Jump measuring 16-04.00. Boys Varsity High jump Blayne Smith placed 3rd with a leap of 5-06.00. He also placed 2nd in Boys Varsity Long Jump with a measurement of 18-01.50. Girls Varsity Shot Put Jada Ali placed 2nd with a throw of 18-11.00.

The second race of the year was the Trevor Habberstad Distance Carnival which was at Canyon High School, Friday and Saturday February 28th, March 1st. The first event was the Girls Varsity 800 Meter Run. In the first heat Lucy Thomson placed 2nd with a time of 2:30.77, Saida Getz placed 3rd, her time was 2:30.78, in the second heat Kayla Cabral placed 3rd with a time of 2:45. The next event was Girls 1600 Meter Run Varsity, Isabella Galustians placed 3rd with a time of 5:39. In Girls 3200 Meter

Run Varsity, Amy Harkens placed 3rd with a time of 12:57. The next event was the Boys Varsity 800. Alex Acevedo placed 3rd, his time was 2:01, in the second heat Liam Ellingsworth placed 3rd with a time of 2:04. In the next event, Girls Varsity 100 Meter Hurdles,

Zoe Ben-Yair placed 3rd with a time of 17.83. Girls High Jump Varsity Quiana Laughlin placed 1st and jumped 5-04. Finally, in Girls Long Jump Varsity, Quiana Laughlin placed 1st with a leap of 17-07.25. Good job Bears and good luck at your next Track meets!



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SOFTBALL

BY JOHN ANDEREGG
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Softball has had a great season so far, currently standing at 6-2. Coach Doug Nicol says "The team is looking fantastic. We have a great mix of younger and older players and they play well together. The sky is the limit with this years team."

Their first game of the season was an away game against La Canada on February 20. They scored 14 runs, beating La Canada who scored 7.

They went on to play in the Highland Tournament on February 22. Unfortunately, they lost 7-0 in their first game against West Ranch, but won their next game against Highland scoring 8-6.

On March 1 they played in another tournament at El Camino Real, winning both their games. They scored 6-5 against Louisville and 7-4 against El Camino Real.

On March 22, they played Mater Dei for the first time, winning 2-1. Coach Doug Nicol commented "Our biggest win was last Sat-

urday, where we beat the #15 team in the State of California in Mater Dei High School 2-1. We played extremely well and showed the potential we have to beat the best."

They also played San Juan Hills, beating them too with a score of 13-12.

Their most recent game was on March 24 where they played Torrence, losing 10-1.

Captain Chloe Centeno shared her thoughts on the season so far, saying "It's going good. We're doing good. We're all coming togeth-

er as a team. We've just been practicing and working on our bond as a team."

They have a few more games before League starts. On March 26 they play a home game against Cleveland, on March 27 they play an away game against Harvard-Westlake, and on March 29 they play in the Woodbridge Dugard Tournament, their last tournament before League. Their first League game is on April 1 against Muir.

Good luck in League!

BASEBALL

BY SPENCER STILGENBAUER
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Baseball season is officially in full swing. Our Bears are coming off a good season last year where they finished 19-7 and finished 3rd in League. To kick off the year, our Bears took on Arroyo High school. Junior Ryan Walsh got the start for the Bears. He threw 3.2 innings, striking out 7, and allowing 3 runs. Senior Kyle Smith came in to relieve him and he threw 2.1 innings, striking out 3 and walking 1. The scoring would start right away as Senior Andrew Cosio would hit a sac fly scoring a run. Junior Devin Wittikiend would follow that up by singling in another run. The first inning would be capped off on an error by Arroyo scoring 2 more runs. That first inning would give our Bears all the momentum they needed. As they would score 3 more runs in the third inning by way of another RBI from Devin Wittikiend, an RBI from Junior Zach Guevara and one more by Sophomore Jake Rauenswinder. The hit parade would continue into the 5th inning as our Bears put up 5 more runs on an RBI's from Sophomore Slater Mersola, Sophomore Elliot Ross, Senior Elvis Martinez and 2 additional runs on passed balls. In the 6th, Zach Guevara added one more run to finally put the nail in coffin, giving the Bears their first win of the year by way of mercy rule with this 13-3 win. The Bears start this year 1-0 and look to continue with this momentum in the next game against the San Fernando Tigers.

Following the win against Arroyo Knights, our Bears would travel to the San Fernando Tigers. Junior Devin Wittikiend would start on the bump for this game. Our Bears would take the first lead of the game scoring 2 runs in the fourth. This wouldn't be enough though as the Tigers would come back and take this win 5-4.

After a tough loss, our Bears hosted the Temple city Rams. Senior Kenny Montgomery started this game giving up 4 hits and 5 runs while striking out 5 and walking 5. Juniors Nathan Botorlo and Jack Guess would continue on and combine for 3 strikeouts, 4 hits,

and 1 run. Temple city would have a large lead for most of this game scoring 5 runs in 3 innings. The Bears would tally their first run in the bottom of the third on a Devin Whittenkiend double, scoring Senior Andrew Cosio. This double would kick start the offense as in the 4th, the Bears would score 2 on RBI's from Sophomore Elliot Ross and Junior Logan Drossin. The Rams would score 1 more run in the 5th extending their lead to 6-3 in the fifth. The Bears would add a run in the sixth on a bad throw. With the game on the line, our Bears would rise to the occasion. Senior Andrew Cosio would start the inning off with a single and would get to second on a Devin Wittikiend groundout. Jack Smith would advance Cosio to third on a single. A few batters later Zach Guevara would tie the game, scoring both Andrew and pinch runner Thomas Martin, on a ground out. That ground out would also advance Sophomore Slater Mersola to third. That wouldn't be for long though as the next batter, Junior Jake Rauenswinder, would hit a game winning single. The final score would be 7-6 advancing our Bears record to 2-1 on the year.

Following a comeback win against the Rams, Our Bears would take on the Verdugo Hills Dons. Junior Ryan Walsh would have himself an amazing start. He would pitch all 7 innings striking out 14 batters and not allowing a hit. The scoring would start on two wild pitches in the first inning scoring Sophomore Elliot Ross and Senior Elvis Martinez. The scoring wouldn't stop there as in the third Sophomore Slater Mersola would hit an RBI single scoring Junior Jack Smith extending the lead to 3-0. In the 4th inning Elvis Martinez would walk in Kyle Smith followed by an error scoring 2 more runs pushing the score to 6-0. Junior Jack Smith would cap off the scoring in 4th with a single scoring Elvis Martinez finishing the 4th inning with the score set at 7-0 Bears. The Bears would add one more run on an error in the 6th. Both offense and defense were clicking in this one. Ryan Walsh earned this win against Verdugo Hills tossing his

first no-hitter. After the game we got to catch up Ryan about what was going through his head after the last out. "I was pretty nervous in the last inning and once I got the last out it was a relief and a great feeling." Ryan's incredible performance catapulted the Bears to an 8-0 win, moving to 3-1 on the year.

Looking to continue this hot streak, the Bears would travel to the South Pasadena Tigers. Senior Kyle Smith got the start in this game striking 7 in his complete game. Kyle held the Tigers to 4 hits, 2 runs and 3 walks. The Bears started the scoring in this with an RBI single from Junior Isaiah Magana scoring Sophomore Slater Mersola. The Bears would extend this 1-0 lead in the 4th, as Senior Andrew Cosio would score on an error that lead would then be extended with a 4 run inning in the 6th with 3 RBI's from Senior Chase Robinson and 1 RBI from Junior Logan Drossin. The Bears would lead 6-2 after Kyle Smith gave up his lone 2 runs in the bottom half of the 6th, but our Bears would answer back with 3 runs of their own in the next half inning. RBIs would come from Jack Smith and Jake Rauenswinder in that half inning of play. The Tigers would be shut out in the bottom half of the inning ending the game 9-2. After the game we got to talk to Senior Chase Robinson on his bases clearing double in the 6th. He said "It felt great coming back from injury to be able to come up big for my team and do a job." This win pushed our Bears record to 4-1 on the season

After a nice win against South

Pasadena, League play would begin for our baseball team as our Bears would travel to Glendale. Senior Kenny Montgomery would get the ball to start the League. He threw 6 innings which would be enough for a complete game. Kenny struck out 4 and only allowed 2 hits and 1 run in his win against the Nitros. Sophomore Slater Mersola started the scoring off with an RBI single scoring the first 2 runs of the game. The Bears never looked back as this became an absolute slug fest. Thirteen runs were scored for our Bears including multiple RBI hits from Slater Mersola. The Bears would absolutely stomp the Nitros on their home turf, winning this game 13-1. The Bears started League strong with a record of 1-0 and their overall record to 5-1 on the season.

After an amazing showing by the Bears in the League opener, the Glendale Nitros seek revenge in a rematch. Junior Ryan Walsh would get the ball in this one as he would go on to pitch 6 innings, striking out 10 and only allowing 2 runs. The Bears kicked off the scoring with a single from Junior Jack Smith scoring Senior Andrew Cosio. The Bears would maintain this 1-0 lead until the third where, once again, Jack Smith singled home Andrew Cosio. The following inning, the Bears would score their final run of the game on a Devin Wittikiend single. The Bears would hold this lead until the 6th where the Nitros finally answered with 2 runs of their own. The Bears would enter the final inning, holding onto a 3-2 lead. They called on Kyle Smith to get the final three



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BASEBALL (CONTINUED)

outs. He would get the first batter to fly out to Left Fielder Andrew Cosio, the second batter to line out to shortstop Logan Drossin, and the final batter to strike out. The Bears win this game 3-2 and move their League record to 2-0 and their season record to 6-1.

Coming off back to back League games, our Bears would take on the Marshall High School Banisters in a non-League game. Devin Whittikiend would start this game on the hill for our Bears, allowing 1 hit and striking out 3. Junior Nathan Bartolo would come out of the bullpen and have a similar outing to Whittikiend. He threw 3 innings of his own, also striking out 3 and only allowing 1 hit. The Bears would start the scoring in the second, with a bunt single from Senior Kyle Smith. Our Bears maintained a 1-0 lead for all of one inning as the offense would show up with a 4 run inning. Slater Mersola would start the scoring in the inning with an RBI single. Jake Rauenswinder continued this with a sacrifice fly and Sophomore Elliot Ross had an RBI single of his own. This 5-0 lead continued on until Slater Mersola had an RBI double in the 4th moving the score to 7-0. This lead would stand and Junior Mason Fournier would get the final 3 outs. Final score Burroughs 7- Marshall 0. This win moved the Bears record to 7-1 and continued this win streak.

Our Bears would pick up League play once again, traveling to Hoover to take on the Tornadoes. Kenny Montgomery would get the start in this one. He threw all 5 innings, striking out 10, and

only allowing 2 hits. The Bears came out with a bang. Both Sophomore Elliot Ross and Senior Elvis Martinez would walk to start the game. Ross would score on a wild pitch and Martinez would score on a stolen base. Later in the inning, Slater Mersola would score Andrew Cosio after an error by the defense. Kyle Smith kept the scoring going with a sac fly and the inning would be capped off with Jake Rauenswinder single. The Bears scored 5 runs in the first and would carry this moment into the second. Devin Whittikiend, Jack Smith, and Elliot Ross would both single in runs while Slater Mersola doubled in one of his own. Logan Drossin and Jake Rauenswinder also both brought in runs this inning pushing the score to 11-0 after just two innings of play. The score would remain 11-0 until Junior Thomas Martin tripled in Elliot Ross and Junior Isaiah Magana. Martin would score just one batter later on a single by Devin Whittikiend. The Bears would mercy the Tornadoes, 14-0. This moved the Bears record to 8-1 and League record to 3-0.

Just a few days removed from a mercy rule win against the Tornadoes, our Bears would play them again, this time on our home turf. Ryan Walsh got the start in this one throwing 5 innings, allowing 3 hits, and striking out 6. The scoring would start until the second inning where Slater Mersola would single in Devin Whittikiend. Later in the inning Mersola would score on a wild pitch and Kyle Smith would score on a sacrifice bunt by Logan Drossin. Jake Rauenswinder would



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score later in the inning, capping off a 4 run inning by the Bears. In the bottom of the third, the Bears extended this lead after Isaiah Magana scored on a wild pitch and Slater Mersola scored on a ground ball by Jake Rauenswinder. Both offenses remained quiet until the 5th. Senior Zachary Byars would come up and draw a bases loaded walk. Later in the inning, Chase Robinson would score on a wild pitch and Thomas Martin would send the fans home happy with a walk off 2-run double. The Bears go on and mercy the Tornadoes once again with a final score of 10-0.

After the game we got to talk to Slater Mersola who went 2-3 on the day. When asked about his at bats he stated "I didn't see a single fastball all night so I was just sitting on the breaking ball and when you know what's coming it becomes a lot easier to hit it." Overall a great team win which pushed the season record to 9-1 and League record to 4-0.

Once again the Bears followed up back to back League games with a non-League. The Roosevelt Rough Riders traveled to

Burroughs on this occasion. Devin Whittikiend started on the mound for the Bears. He struck out 9, allowing just 3 hits in his 6 innings of work. Devin would get the first tallies of the games reaching first on an error which also scored Elvis Martinez. A few pitches later Andrew Cosio would score on a bad throw to second by the catcher trying to throw Whittikiend out at second base. Whittikiend also came home to score in this inning on a Slater Mersola single. In the third, Slater Mersola would score on a wild pitch extending the lead to 4-0. Whittikiend would hit an RBI single all the way in the 6th inning scoring Thomas Martin capping the score at 5-0. Nathan Bartolo would come in for the last inning allowing just one run, closing out the game on his birthday.

After the game we got to talk to Devin Whittikiend about his great day. "I came in from yesterday's game and carried the moment into today's game and everything paid off."

The Bears take this 5-1 over the Rough Riders and move their record to 10-1 on the season.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BY SOFIA NEGRETE
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As the Varsity Girls finished the Pacific League games as League Champions, they still had to take on the challenge of moving on in CIF. As they beat Millikan with a huge lead 40-12, the girls moved up to play Village Christian with a close game winning 40-34, and then Pioneer also with a close lead 58-48, they still had to go through some more tough competitors.

Junior Alyssa Prachasaisoradej said "This was my first time getting this far in CIF and it was an incredible experience. Even though we didn't win, it was a great experience being with my teammates. We put in so much hard work and that got us 1st in League. It felt good to be part of something bigger than myself, and I'm grateful for the memories we created together from Hawaii till the end of the season." The team unfortunately lost

to Rolling Hills Prep 57-45, getting eliminated in the second to last round of CIF.

Junior Izzy Amoroso said "I thought we did really well and I thought it was a cool experience to get as far as we did but it was unfortunate that we didn't make it to the championship but I'm really proud of the team and how well we played. I hope we make it as far or even further than we did next year. As long as we put in the work and

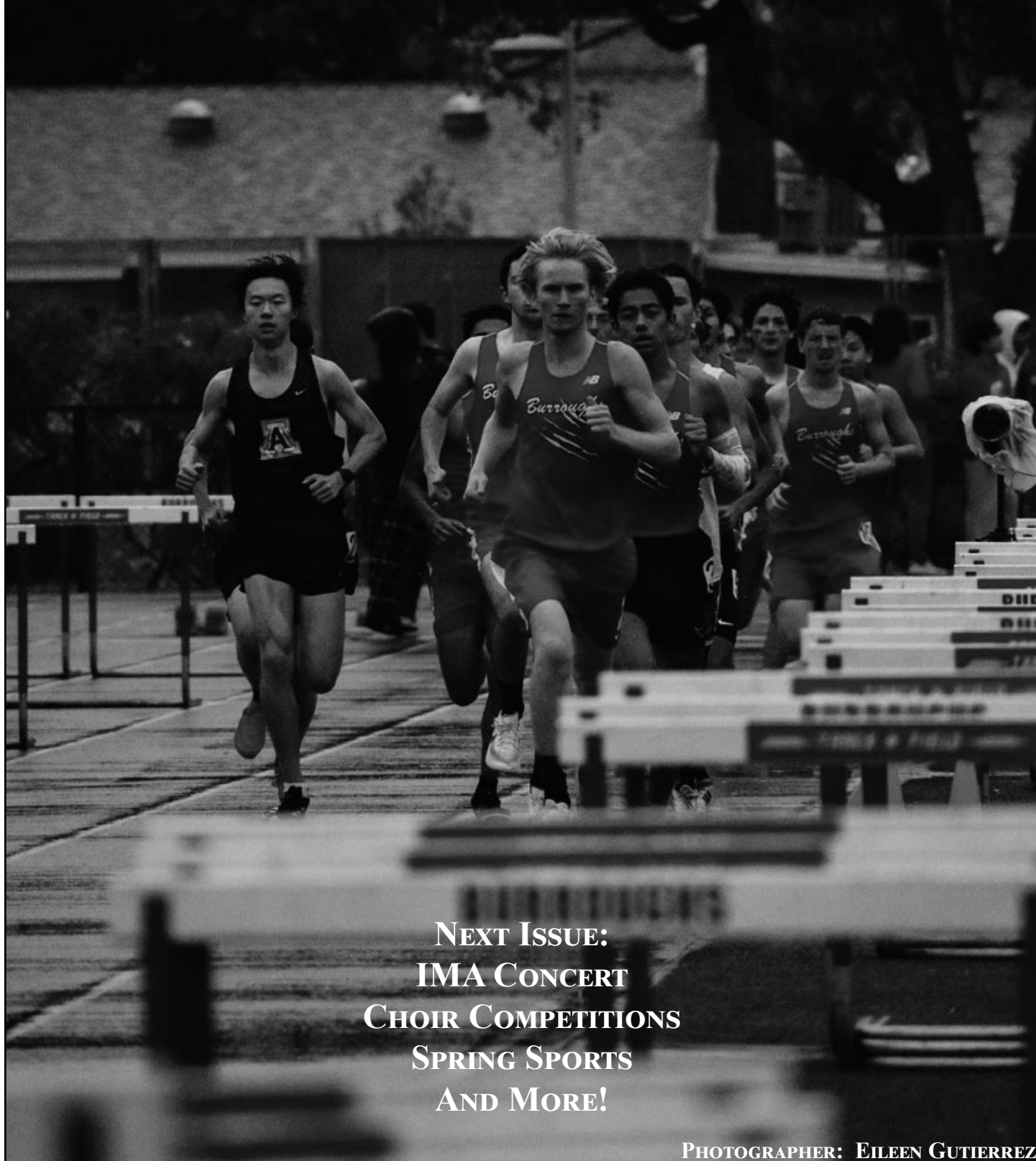
work on what we need to, we have a huge chance of making championships."

The Girls' last game was played against Arroyo Grande but sadly they lost 64-45. Although they didn't win CIF, they still had a good season winning League and participating in CIF. Overall, the season ended with an amazing record of 23-11 and 8-0 in League. Congrats Bears and we're looking forward to a great next season!

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