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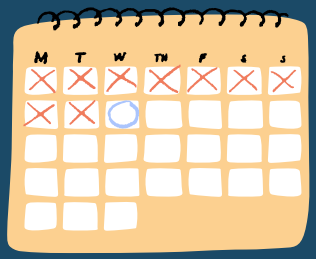
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June 3 Last Day of School (minimum day)
June 9 First Day of Summer School
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Dear Grad... Your Fan Club Has Some Things to Say!

TO: **Jasmine Guiterrez Castro**

FR: Omar Lares

MESSAGE: I hope you have a good summer and a amazing graduation I love you so much.

TO: **Isias Pena**

FR: Jamayner Zeron

MESSAGE: Conrgats on graduating!!! Hope God steers you in the right way to have a bright future In soccer or in whatever you choose at the end .

TO: **Melissa Ochoa**

FR: Adriana Gomes

MESSAGE: We're so proud of you for this achievement and we love you so much. Your family wull alway be here supporting you. WE LOVE YOUUU

TO: **Kai Hill**

FR: Mom

MESSAGE: I am so proud to be your mom and I love you! Keep growing and learning you will make yourself stronger and prouder!

TO: **Eren**

FR: Bradley

MESSAGE: I'm better than you!

TO: **Elijah Shillingford**

FR: Maria E. Rodriguez

MESSAGE: I am so proud of you! Be proud of everything you have accomplished this year. Love, Mami

TO: **Brianna Gonzalez**

FR: Balinda Gonzalez

MESSAGE: I am so proud of you! I Love You

TO: **Ara Reza**

FR: Minh

MESSAGE: Ara. Congratulations on your high school graduation - you did it! I am proud of you + know this is only the beginning of many great things to come. I hope you know it too. Love you always - Mama

TO: **Christian Canova**

FR: Michael Canova

MESSAGE: Big Kid, your mother and I are so proud of you and your accomplishment. We love you so much!

Dear Grad... Your Fan Club Has Some Things to Say!

TO: Prisila Torres Lopez

FR: Rosa Prado

MESSAGE: Congratulations Prisila 🎉🥳 I'm so happy for you and proud 😊. Being with you was fun and I hope you can become the best ultrasound tech in the future❤️.

TO: Kai Hill

FR: Ms. Paula

MESSAGE: So proud of you Kai! You did great work this year, remember your successes and keep shining on through life! Congratulations!!!

TO: Jezzibelle Morel

FR: Mom, Dad, and Lydia

MESSAGE: We are all o proud of everything you worked hard to achieve and how far you've come. We can't wait to see what's in store for you!

TO: Elly Garcia

FR: Shakira DeAbreu

MESSAGE: Your dad and I are proud of you Elly. Your siblings also are proud of you. Remember to stay focused on your future goals and dreams and you will accomplish all that you put your mind and energy on. We love you! Congratulations Elly!

TO: Sergio Oxcal

FR: Sergio Oxcal

MESSAGE: Los obstáculo solo estan en tu mente ..lo que te propongas puedes logarlo ..dios te bendiga

TO: Angelysse Ochoa

FR: David Ochoa

MESSAGE: You made it. I am so proud of you. May life be filled with wonders, the sky is the limit, you go, girl.!

TO: Mason Dantono

FR: Sara Hazelwood

MESSAGE: I am so proud of you Mason, you are the most hardworking, respectful, thoughtful and amazing son and I know you will succeed in everything you aim to do! I love you, love mom

TO: Will

FR: Adrian

MESSAGE: Don't forget about us.

Dear Grad... Your Fan Club Has Some Things to Say!

TO: **Sarai Alvarez**

FR: Elena Álvarez

MESSAGE: Saraí we are very proud of you. YOU DID IT !!! We are excited for your new chapter in your life. You are an amazing person and we know you will succeed in anything you set your mind to. You have shown courage and strength, never giving up. It's been an honor to watch you grow into the wonderful, talented person you are. You are a unique and intelligent individual. Have fun creating the life you deserve. Enjoy your graduation day to the fullest. We are excited to be part of this special day. We love you.

TO: **Ronnie Morton**

FR: Sheila Gomez

MESSAGE: Hey Ronnie, I just wanted to say how incredibly proud I am of you for graduating. I know it wasn't always easy, and you had to push through some tough moments — but you did it. That shows real strength and determination. Your hard work paid off, and I hope you take a moment to feel proud of yourself, too. Congratulations — this is just the beginning of even greater things ahead!

TO: **Jacob Pevny-Judd**

FR: Gloria

MESSAGE: Dearest Jacob, we are so proud of you! It's been a long road with many surprises, ups and downs and you pushed through it all and completed your high school career. You should be so proud of all your hard work and determination. You did it!!!! We love you Jake. I'm excited to see what you do next. Love mom, dad and Cade

TO: **Trinity Collazo**

FR: Auntie and Uncle

MESSAGE: We are sooo proud of you! The sky is the limit for you, we know you will do great things as you have passion in your heart and a drive that has only just begun to be known to you and all that surround you. We love you to pieces! Love, Auntie and Uncle ❤️

MY JOURNEY TO GRADUATION: FROM AFGHANISTAN TO THE U.S.

Hello everyone, I'm **Sayaeed Arashullah Akrami,** but I go by Arash. I want to share a part of my journey to graduation.

I spent much of my life in Afghanistan, and since I was young, I dreamed of studying in the United States; I didn't know how or when it would happen, but I knew learning English was key. I started learning English in middle school, and by high school, I was already teaching younger kids the basics, but I never imagined I'd be finishing high school in America; my plan at that time was to stay in Afghanistan and finish high school there, then travel to the United States for university, but in 2021, everything changed.

The Taliban took over, and our safety became uncertain, especially due to my father's work as a Prosecutor. We had no choice but to leave behind everything, hoping for a better life. My family moved to Iran, but life was hard there, too, and eventually we had to move on. We relocated again, this time to Suriname, a small country in South America next to Brazil. We didn't have many options at the time, so it was simply the best thing to do. While we were in Suriname, I had a serious motorcycle accident. It was life-threatening, and my recovery took a long time. Just when we thought life might get better, the most painful loss happened. We lost my little sister, her name is "Frishta, who was only three. Her name means "Angel" in Dari, and I believe she is one. We miss her every day. Even with all these difficult situations, we had to move on. In November 2024, we started our journey to the U.S. This was one of the toughest experiences we had faced. We crossed dozens of countries, traveling by foot, buses, boats, cars, motorcycles, whatever was necessary. The worst part of our journey was the Darién Gap, a jungle with no real roads. We were lost for eight days, surviving on little food and water, and we somehow made it. After a month of nonstop travel. We finally arrived to the U.S. in December 2024.

Getting into school here was another challenge; without any transcripts from schooling in Afghanistan, they told me I had to start high school all over, which I did. I was enrolled at Mesquite High School in Ridgecrest, a small town near Bakersfield. There, the principal and his brother helped us a lot. My teachers believed in me, offering the encouragement I needed. Without a permanent place to live, we moved to Concord, and I came to Olympic High School, here I met more incredible teachers and staff who truly listened and cared. They guided me through every part of the last stretch of school, and I just want to express my gratitude to everyone at Olympic, especially the teachers. They do their best for their students, no matter where they are from or who they are.

One piece of advice I can give to people is not to leave today's work for tomorrow. I don't always follow it perfectly, but it keeps me focused. To my teachers, my family, and everyone who helped me, thank you.
To the Class of 2025, keep chasing your dreams, be a dreamer. It will not always be easy, and your road might not resemble anyone else's, but that's fine because you need to build your own road and trust in yourself.

This year, I'm not just graduating from school, I am stepping over the struggles I encountered in my journey, and this isn't the end, but a beautiful beginning on what's to come.

"Shukur Khudaya, " Thank you, God.

Congratulations Class of 2025

By Jayden Flores

Adam Lanham
Adrian Torres De Leon
Agustina Martinez Varela
Aiden Nelson
Alejandra Toribio Arzate
Alex Asig Tec
Alexa Larios Ramos
Alexandra Avelar-Torres
Alexis Ayala Rodriguez
Alvaro Zavala
Andrea Toribio Arzate
Angelysse Ochoa
Anna Pham
Apollo Bernal
Ara Reza
Arely Guzman Cruz
Armando Febo
Arturo Sandoval
Ashley Flores Gomez
Ashley Sanchez Jovel
Ashley Zaragoza Becerra
Ashly Guerra Cruz
Aurora Lopez-Robles
Beautiful Taylor
Bella Sosa
Brandon Anderson
Brandon Ayala Peralta
Brealene Sarria
Breanna Alvarez
Brian Richards
Briana Ramirez Guerra
Brianna Gonzalez
Bryan Moreno Miranda
Christian Canova
Christopher Amaral Cayetano
Christopher Cristofani
Ciara Gallegos
Crystal Ochoa Gonzalez
Crystian Martinez Gonzalez
Cynthia Ortiz
Damien Garcia Guzman
Daniela Ochoa
Danilo Tot Mucu
Darrianna Harris
Dasheme Coleman
David Ramos
David Rodriguez
David Guzman Deleon
Destiny Rodriguez
Diego Aguilar Gutierrez
Dominique King
Edgar Caal Xona
Edgar Mundo Zepeda
Edin Dayler Ico Morente
Eduardo Escobar Ventura
Edwin Cibrian Andrade
Elias Zuniga
Elijah Shillingford
Elisa Febo
Elly Garcia
Emigdio Moran Villa
Emilio Ayala
Emma-Marie McCall
Erick Ruiz
Ernesto Ramirez Diaz
Fatima Villa Vega
Fernando Henriquez Franco
Frankli Ical Muz
Gabriel Santellan
Gaspar Sanchez Caba
Giovanni Zarate Garibay
Guilherme Pedroza
Henrry Ruelas-Espejel
Horacio Arceo
Isaac Tellez Valente
Isabella Godwin
Isaiah Torres-Chavez
Isaias Pena
Ismael Luna
Israel Castillo Taleno
Iverson Orantes Orantes
Jacob Pevny-Judd
Jacqueline Magallon
Jamayner Zeron Huerta
Jared Gallaga Sanchez
Jasmine Gallegos
Jasmine Gutierrez Castro
Jason Guzman
Jaylen Dunkley-Wagner
Jazmin Ayala
Jenna Gray
Jeremy Nunez Ruiz
Jezzibelle Morel
Jocelynn Meza Salas
Johann Contreras
Jonah Davis
Jonathan Jaimes Quiebras
Jonathan Williams
Jordan Ennik
Jorge Guzman

Congratulations Class of 2025

By Jayden Flores

Jorge Mendoza Barajas
Jorge Ruiz
Jorge Zarate Ibarra
Jose Flores Merino
Jose Salazar
Joseph Zaragoza
Josiah Thompson
Juana Ochoa Alonzo
Julia Navarro Ceja
Justin Bernardo Sanchez
Kail Hill
Karla Arce
Kate Mejia Zuniga
Katia Juarez
Kayla Hegarty
Kaylee Galvin
Keiri Lovos Recinos
Kimberlyn Magtoto
King Knowles
La'niya Jefferson
Lamiya Harris
Layla Vanderver
Leila Vega
Leonel Luna Silva
Leslie Cordova Cordova
Leslie Sanchez Sanchez
Levee Fries
Lily Lorona
Lorraine Fautua
Luis Avalos Lopez
Maia Olvera
Majestic-Wonder Pree
Marcela Jose Menjivar
Marcello Canas
Maria Vazquez Aguilar
Mariah Holmes
Mariana Arzate Valladolid
Mason Dantono
Maynordino Chomo Pop
McKayla Sivil
Mckenzie Escalante
Melissa Ochoa Gomez
Michelle Rivas Martinez
Milder Salgado Argenal
Mitchell Gorgonio Gonzalez
Nahida Kirkham
Natali Herrera Quezada
Nayeli Orozco Ochoa
Neri Vac Sacul
Niyah Braggs
Norberto Lopez Padilla
Omar Perez Ruiz JR.
Pablo Garibay Avila
Pavel Olivo Plascencia
Prisila Lopez Torres
Rechel Mora Largaespada
Roberto Villanueva
Roman De Avila
Romeo Medina
Ronald Morton Jr
Rosa Ceja Martinez
Rose Parks
Samir Azizi
Santiago Garcia-Saucedo
Santino Esquivel
Sarah Leon Castillo
Sarai Alvarez
Sayaeed Arashullah Akrami
Serena Gomez
Sergio Max Tiul
Sergio Oxcal
Sienna Koski-Grant
Sione Taimani
Sofia Martinez
Stafford Williams
Stella Peters
Toni Snyder
Toshio Rogers
Trinity Collazo
Valeria Avila Ceja
Vanesa Vazquez Rodriguez
Victor Ramirez Cortez
Viktor Sweet
William Munoz Lara
Williamlee Gorrell
Wyatt Bailey
Xavier Lopez
Yaretzi Delgado-Serrano
Yarizet Cano Torres
Yasmin Gomez
Zachery Merritt
Zion Gonzalez



Men's Mental Health Month

Mental health doesn't follow a calendar. Men's Mental Health Month is a great reminder, but we should be talking about mental health every month, all year long. Whether it's your brother, friend, dad, mom, aunt, grandma, grandpa, or yourself everyone deserves to feel seen, supported, and okay. No one should have to go through it alone.

By: James Mauritho

Every June, it's Men's Mental Health Month. The purpose is to spread awareness of the mental health challenges men face and to hopefully help them open up with honest conversations. While mental health is important for everyone, men often face barriers that make it harder to talk about their struggles or seek help. This month is about breaking those walls down, but the conversation doesn't stop when June ends. Mental health matters every single day, for everyone.

Mental health issues like depression, anxiety, and chronic stress can impact anyone, regardless of age, background, or gender. But for many men, opening up can feel especially difficult. Society often pushes outdated ideas that men should always "be strong," "tough it out," or keep emotions up in their head. That pressure can leave men feeling isolated and ashamed when what they really need is support and connection.

That's why talking about men's mental health is so important. The more we talk, the more we normalize it. We can encourage others to speak up and make it easier for people to get the help they need. It's not weak to talk about your mental health, it's real, it's human, and it's necessary.

Another big issue is access to care. Therapy and mental health services can be expensive or hard to find. Not everyone has insurance that covers it, and even when care is available, it may not always feel welcoming or relatable. By raising awareness this month, we can push for better mental health resources, more inclusive services, and more open spaces where everyone feels safe to speak up.

Mental health is just as real and important as physical health. We wouldn't tell someone to "walk it off" if they broke a bone, so we shouldn't tell someone to "man up" when they're struggling emotionally. Let's treat mental health with the same care and energy

How You Can Help: Supporting Men's Mental Health

- Start a conversation. Ask the men in your life how they're really doing and listen.
- Be present. You don't need to have all the answers. Just being there for someone can make a huge difference.
- Learn more. The more you understand mental health, the better you can support others.
- Look after yourself too. Whether you're a man or supporting someone who is, self-care matters.

summer solstice

hello SUMMER

By Sienna Koski

Have you ever wondered what the reason is behind the summer solstice? Well, let's get into that right now! The summer solstice is the longest day of the year, marking an official start to an astronomical summer. It usually occurs between June 20th and 22nd, around the same dates every year, because it takes 365 days to complete a full orbital cycle. Those who celebrate the summer solstice try to get close to nature, and there are many traditions that different cultures have to celebrate moving towards summer. Some of the traditions include bonfires, feasts, and rituals to honor the sun and the observation of astronomical alignments. The summer solstice played a pretty big role in early agricultural societies; it served as a crucial marker for various aspects of life, such as agricultural practices. This time was observed as a time of transmission from planting to the growing season, a period of intense sunlight, and a sign of nature's abundance. There are places where the sunlight aligns with the rocks. In some places, people celebrate the summer solstice, including Stoneridge, the Great Pyramids in Egypt, and the Chichen Itza Pyramids in Mexico. All of these places were used to create early calendars or timekeeping systems. There are quite a few myths and legends about the summer solstice; a few of them are crazy. For example, some people believed evil spirits were active on the summer solstice, leading to the use of protective garlands and herbs like St. John's wort to ward off evil spirits. Another myth is that women in Russia will float a reef of flowers down rivers, hoping to divine their romantic fortunes from the fate of the reefs. Many people have their own beliefs on the day of the summer solstice; in reality, the summer solstice is just a long day of sunlight and warmth welcoming the coming of summer. Click the image to learn more about the Summer Solstice.



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JUNETEENTH

By Jayden Flores

Juneteenth is a holiday celebrated on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States (U.S.). Juneteenth celebrations began in 1866, the year after June 19, 1865, when news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached enslaved people in Galveston, Texas. This holiday honors the day when 250,000 slaves in the state of Texas, which became the last bastion for slavery during the final days of the Civil War, were declared free by the U.S. Army. The day was recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when the U.S. Congress enacted and President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.

Some people choose to celebrate Juneteenth in place of July 4th. This is because some people see Juneteenth as a more authentic Independence Day rather than the 4th of July, because the 4th of July marks the nation's independence, yet slavery continued to exist in the U.S. for almost another century. They see Juneteenth as a symbol of the delayed, but eventual freedom of EVERYONE in the U.S. including those who became free from the bonds of slavery,

Juneteenth is celebrated with a variety of activities, including family reunions, parades, barbecues, and educational events. Some cities and communities even host parades, festivals, and other public gatherings. These events often include music, dancing, speeches, and educational displays. The Bay Area celebrates Juneteenth with several events, including parades, festivals, block parties, and gala events. San Francisco hosts a Juneteenth Parade & Festival This event features a parade led by dignitaries and community leaders, followed by a festival at Fulton Plaza. The Hella Juneteenth Festival includes Oakland's popular Black-led summer tradition, featuring live music, vendors, and more. Marin City Juneteenth Festival consists of a large festival of Black African arts and culture in the North Bay.







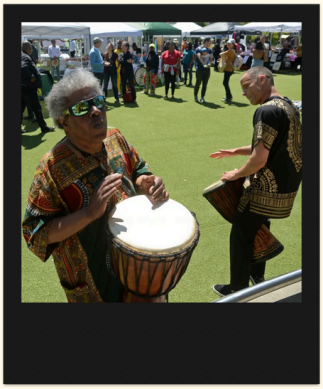






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GAME ON

SUMMER GAMING TOURNAMENTS

By Jose Tolento-Meza

Summer video game tournaments are competitive gaming events that take place during the summer months, typically featuring both professional and amateur players competing in various video games. Summer video game tournaments take place all over the world, ranging from large international events hosted in major cities to smaller, community-driven competitions held locally or online. The largest group of participants in summer video game tournaments is 16 to 30 years old.

These groups are the most active due to their free time, physical gaming advantages, and ambition to pursue esports professionally. Participants in summer video game tournaments can vary from a small local event with 16 players to global events with millions of players competing for a spot in the finals. Many are drawn to the prizes at the events; some tournaments, especially those targeting younger or student gamers, even have prizes like scholarships or educational benefits.

Games played during summer video game tournaments are diverse, spanning multiple genres and offering something for every type of gamer. Whether it's the fast-paced action of Fortnite and Valorant, the strategic depth of League of Legends and Dota 2, or the precision shooting of Call of Duty and CS: GO, these games provide the foundation for some of the most exciting Esports tournaments.

One popular tournament is the Call of Duty League (CDL) Championship, which is usually held in August. This event brings together the top teams from across the world to compete in a high-stakes tournament. Ioften features the most intense gameplay and massive viewing numbers. Call of Duty is one of the most popular and long-standing competitive First-Person Shooter (FPS) titles, and the CDL Championship showcases the best teams fighting for the championship title, with massive prize pools of $2 million+ per season and global recognition on the line.

Conlave

By Christopher Amaral

The Conclave has made national headlines in recent months. So what is it and why do so many people care? It is a gathering of Cardinals in the Catholic Church to elect a new Pope after the resignation or death of the current Pope. Most recently, after the death of Pope Francis, who was pope for the last 12 years. The Conclave is important because the Catholic Church has 1.406 billion parishioners; that is 17.67% of the global population. With that many followers, it is no wonder the Pope's influence extends beyond religious matters, impacting social, political, and moral issues globally.

So how did the papal conclave originate? It originated because between 1268-1271 a hold up in the election of a new pope frustrated local authorities. They locked the Cardinals in a room, where they were considered "Cum Clave"(Locked with a key), until a decision was made. Pope Gregory X standardized this progress to avoid outside influence.

There are steps involved in the election of a new pope during the event. The College of Cardinals, all Cardinals under the age of 80, have a series of votes with everyone writing the name of their chosen person on a ballot and places the name on a chalice. They have four votes a day, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. If there isn't a Pope elected, black smoke emerges from the chimney signaling there wasn't successful vote. Secrecy is maintained during the conclave and is considered essential with each Cardinal swearing an oath of absolute secrecy, under penalty of excommunication. They are also not allowed to have any communication with the outside world. Not by cellphone, not by email, or any other way.

These traditions are essential in a Conclave because they ensure each Cardinal votes for a Pope solely on their faith and judgement. This practice also protects the Conclave process from any kind of interference from the outside world.

This time, the decision came faster than expected. The conclave took just 33 hours to elect Pope Leo XIV. New outlets report that the Cardinals say there was already unity heading in – and a desire to continue Pope Francis' legacy of his focus on people, fairness, and making the Church more welcoming. He spoke out about big issues like climate change, helping refugees and immigrants, and standing up for those who are often ignored. During his time as pope, he also started important conversations about LGBTQ+ rights, women's roles in the Church, and divorce. Even though he didn't go as far as letting women become deacons, he still pushed for more inclusion. He was also admired for being humble, trying to bring people together, and working with leaders from other religions.

WHO IS LEO XIV?

By Christopher Amaral

The Catholic Church has a new leader—Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost in Chicago, Illinois. Many people, especially in the U.S., were happy and proud when he was elected. Around the world, the general feeling was one of hope and joy.

Before becoming pope, he studied at Villanova University in Pennsylvania and earned a Master of Divinity at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He also served as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, a major leadership role in the Church.
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Pope Leo XIV wants to continue the work of Pope Francis by focusing on unity, love, and caring for those in need. So far, he has spoken out about important topics like the need for peace in Gaza and the importance of Catholic-Jewish dialogue. He has also strongly rejected antisemitism.

While Pope Francis was known for being outgoing and spontaneous, Pope Leo XIV is seen as more careful and thoughtful in his leadership style.

His time as pope is just beginning, but many are hopeful that he will continue to tackle big issues in the Church, including reform and healing from past problems.

Click the image to learn more about Pope Leo XIV.



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IRAQ WAR PROTEST

By Priscilla Reinhardt

On February 15, 2003, 36 million people in over 600 cities participated in the world's largest peace demonstration in opposition to the Iraq War. After 9/11, the nation prioritized a focus on immigration policy and established the War on Terror, which focused on dismantling Al-Qaeda. On September 12, 2002, George Bush gave a speech to the United Nations General Assembly which arguing that the Iraqi government was violating United Nations resolutions, primarily on weapons of mass destruction. The proposed war was controversial, with many people questioning the motives of the US government. Anti-war groups worldwide organised public protests. Protesters marched, made blockages, and participated in disruptive and symbolic acts such as throwing up on sidewalks or wearing red paint to represent war casualties. Americans on the far right accused the protesters of giving comfort to the enemy. Bush said war remains a last resort, but told reporters, "The risk of doing nothing is even a worse option as far as I'm concerned." The president said the size of the protests would not weigh on his final decision whether to go to war. Following the invasion the North Atlantic Treaty Organization took over command of the international security assistance force in Afghanistan and provided Turkey with defensive assistance. Although they didn't prevent the war they showed how they can unite and inspire future generations to come together to demonstrate activism.

DIY FATHER'S DAY

BY SIENNA KOSKI

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Be prepared June 15 with a DIY gift for Dad!



DIY FIRE STARTER

A great DIY for your dad who loves to camp or have a fire going in the fireplace. It will make starting fires easier and more efficient and we all know every father loves efficiency !!!



BEER CAN PLANTER

A beer can planter is a great gift for fathers who like to have a relaxing brew, but also loves plants! Putting both together is like a double wammie !



#1 DAD AWARD

To make your dad feel special, you can make him his very own award to let him know he's #1 in your eyes!



PAINTED ROCKS

Fathers love to collect art that their children make, so why not make them a personal painted rock by adding all the things he loves, like sports, animals or colors !

IMAGE SOURCE: GOOGLE IMAGES

SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Make your summer count—volunteering is a great way to give back, meet new people, and discover what you're passionate about. Whether you're helping out at a local shelter or joining a community project, every small act can make a big difference. Plus, it looks great on job applications!

BY DAMIEN GARCUA

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FOSTER YOUTH MENTOR

Be A Mentor, Inc. has been positively interacting with at-risk and academically low performing youth since its founding in 1992 and continues to connect youth with dedicated volunteer adults throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

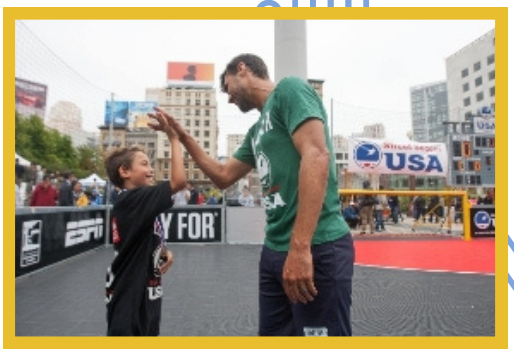
COUNSELORS FOR ART SUMMER CAMP

We are looking for students (high school or college) who are great with kids (ages 6-13), like art and science and have a positive and energetic attitude. Experience working with children and interest in science, nature, and the creative spirit are strongly preferred. You must have your own transportation and be reliable.



BOOK EVENT COORDINATOR

BTSYA is seeking an outgoing personality to schedule book signings and speaking engagements in the San Francisco Bay Area. Event Coordinator would contact schools, bookstores, libraries, and other venues that can benefit from having our author and teen contributors visit in person.



YOUTH SOCCER COACH

Street Soccer USA uses the power of soccer to help people of all ages and backgrounds discover their strengths and take positive steps forward in their lives. At Street Soccer USA, we play for more. We play for ourselves, we play for our team, and we play for our community.

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SUMMER ACTIVITY LIST!

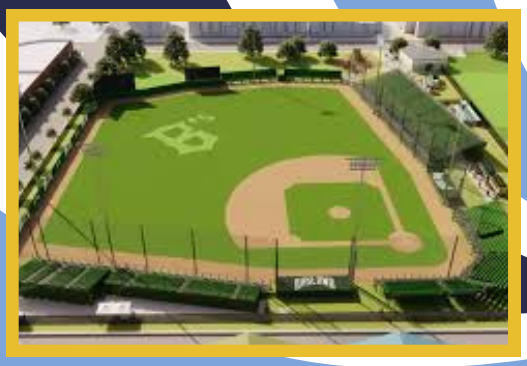
BY SIENNA KOSKI

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CHECK OUT A FAIR

Over the summer there are many fairs open ranging in different prices . going to the fair can be nostalgic and fun for you and a group of friends! Click the image to find a list of fairs in California.



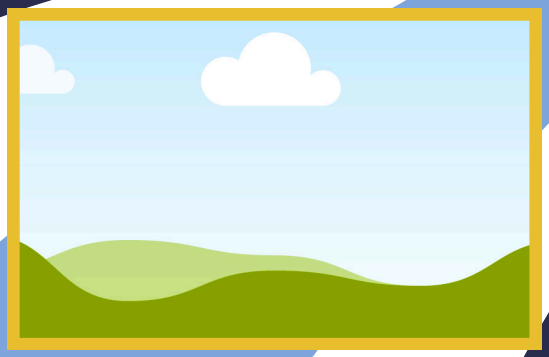
OAKLAND BALLERS GAME

Go with your family to a day at the park everyone can enjoy! Stadium treat makes this a great way to get out of the house and spend some family time together .



DRIVE-IN MOVIES

Go to the drive-in movies with friends and watch a scary or funny movie. Don't forget to take lots of snacks and drinks. This is a great activity for a warm summer night.



TAKE A TRIP TO THE WATERPARK

A good activity to go cool off would be going to the water park. Water World in Concord has fun slides a wave pool and a lazy river.

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Best Places to Stay Cool in the Bay

BY SIENNA KOSKI





HALF MOON BAY

A short 1 hour and 19 minutes is all that stands between us in Concord and Half Moon Bay (HMB). With a blend of scenic coastlines beaches and hiking trails to a variety of dining, shopping, and cultural attractions, HMB is the perfect place for to make memories.



CAVALLO POINT

A unique blend of nature and culture makes this place a popular destination for those seeking relaxation and rejuvenation through activities like yoga, healing arts, and exploring the beautiful surrounding landscapes, while also being conveniently located for exploring San Francisco



JAPANESE TEA GARDEN

A good place to visit in San Francisco for its serene and tranquil atmosphere, with the opportunity to experience a piece of Japanese culture and art. The garden's design, featuring elements like koi ponds, stone lanterns, and bonsai trees, creates a calming and inspiring environment.



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

82 miles South of Concord, you'll find a great place to put your toes in the warm sand and play in the beach water on a fun summer day, Santa Cruz boardwalk creates a great place for families and friends to take a nice off day at a beach with an amusement park attached adding some extra fun for everyone!

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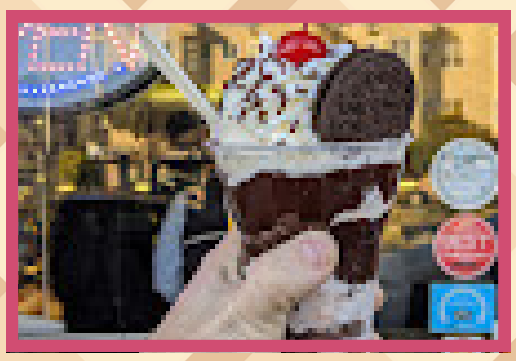


Best Ice Cream Spots

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MITCHELL'S ICE CREAM

LOCATED: SANFRANSISCO

OPEN : SUN - MON

11:30 AM- 11:00 PM





FENTON'S CREAMERY

LOCATED: OAKLAND

OPEN : SUN - MON

11:00 AM -10:00 PM



SAN FRANCISCO CREAMERY

LOCATED: WALNUT CREEK

OPEN: SUN - MON

12:00 PM - 10:00 PM



BI-RIGHT CREAMERY

LOCATED: SAN FRANCISCO

OPEN: SUN - MON

12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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SUMMER VIDEO GAME PICKS

BY JOSE TOLENTO MEZA



Call of Duty

RATED M FOR 17±

Call of Duty is a fast-paced, adrenaline-pumping game, offering both casual players and competitive enthusiasts engaging experiences. There's something for everyone in the Call of Duty universe.



Asphalt 9 Legends

RATED M FOR 12±

Asphalt 9: Legends delivers an exhilarating, fast-paced racing experience with a wide variety of cars, and engaging multiplayer modes. Blending high-speed racing with action-packed stunts, it's both casual and competitive at the same time.



DragonBall FighterZ

RATED T FOR 13+

Dragon Ball FighterZ is a highly acclaimed 2D fighting game. Released 2018, it is based on the iconic Dragon Ball anime series. It has received widespread praise for its stunning visuals, fast-paced gameplay, and faithful representation of the Dragon Ball universe.



Street Fighter 6

RATED M FOR 12+

Released in 2023, it is the seventh main entry in Capcom's iconic fighting game series. It introduces a dynamic combat system centered around the Drive Gauge. Players must manage this resource wisely, as depleting it leads to a Burnout state, reducing blocking efficiency and increasing vulnerability.

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4th of July in the Bay

BY SIENNA KOSKI



4th of July Celebration at Great America

Great America stays open late and holds a fire work show for their guests

When: 4th of July
Where: Great America
Time: 9pm
Cost: $40



Pier 39 Fireworks

Pier 39 holds a firework show for friends and family to watch the show !

When: 4th of July
Where: Pier 39, San Francisco
Time: 9:30pm
Cost: Free



Independence Day Celebration at Ardenwood

Music and games a fun time for everyone in the family.

When: 4th of July
Where: Ardenwood
Time: 10AM-4PM
Cost: Free-$10



Concord 4th of July Celebration

Enjoy a fun morning with the family! Check out a parade and family-friendly activities.

When: 4th of July
Where: Todos Santos/Mt
Time: 8 AM-9 PM
Cost: Free

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Credit Crushers

By Jayden Flores

Term 7

Alan Maciel
Aldrich John Candasa
Alejandra Toribio Arzate
Analeigh Zendejas
Andrea Toribio Arzate
Angel Solis Rodriguez
Anthony Camarena Murillo
Apollo Bernal
Arely Guzman Cruz
Ashley Islas Rodiles
Beautiful Taylor
Belen Lopez Talamantes
Bella Sosa
Briana Ramirez Guerra
Christopher Amaral Cayetano
Cynthia Ortiz
Damien Garcia Guzman
Darrianna Harris
David Ramos
Diego Leon
Edwin Cibrian Andrade
Eleazar Fernandez Hernandez
Elmer Andres Perez
Emely Sepulveda Munoz
Emilio Ayala
Felix Cruz Quezada
Gaspar Sanchez Caba
Giovanni Zarate Garibay
Guilherme Pedroza
Hana Gad
Isaac Garza Escobar
Isaias Pena
Israel Castillo Taleno
Jacob De Rosas Herrera
Jamayner Zeron Huerta
James Mauritho
Jasmine Gallegos
Jason Avila Lopez
Jayden Flores
Jazmyne Ardebili
Jenna Gray
Jeronimo Choc
Jocelynn Meza Salas
Johann Contreras
Jordan Ennik
Jorge Zarate Ibarra
Jorge Guzman
Jorge Ruiz
Jose Balanzar Ojeda
Jose Tolento Meza
Jose Salazar
Juan Haro Leonides
Juana Ochoa Alonzo
Julia Cardenas
Julia Navarro Ceja
Julian De Jesus Espejo Ceron
Kate Mejia Zuniga
Katia Juarez
Kelly Miles
La'niya Jefferson
Lamiya Harris
Leonel Luna Silva
Leyla Gutierrez
Litia Tufunga
Majestic-Wonder Pree
Mariana Arzate Valladolid
McKayla sivil
Mckenzie Escalante
Natali Herrera Quezada
Neri Vac Sacul
Nolan Robertson
Omar Lares
Oscar Gallegos
Raphael Pelayo
Rechel Mora Largaespada
Ronald Morton Jr
Ronnie Crawford
Rosa Prado Navarijo
Sarahi Rivas
Sayaeed Arashullah Akrami
Sergio Cano Lopez
Sienna Koski-Grant
Sofia Martinez
Stafford Williams
Stella Peters
Stephanie Becerra Zaragoza
Toni Snyder
Turmaine Daniels
Vanesa Vazquez Rodriguez
Yasmin Gomez
Zamara Burton
Zayuri Licona Vargas
Zion Gonzalez

Happy Birthday JUNE

By Jayden Flores

Toshio R. 06/05
Kelly Jaquelyne R.E 06/05
Charles K. 06/06
Ms. Syder 06/06
Damien G.G 06/14
Carlos R. 06/14
Diana R. 06/14
Bryce D. 06/15
Jorge S. 06/17
Isaiah G. 06/18
Maddox W. 06/18
Brandon A.P 06/20
Angelysse O. 06/20
Manuel C.G 06/21
Ronald M.J 06/24
Zada L. 06/24
Ms. Rodriguez 06/24
Ms. Isa 06/27
Aldrich John C. 06/29
Mitchell G.G 06/29
Sayaeed Arashullah A. 06/30
Juan H.L 06/30

Happy Birthday JULY

By Jayden Flores

Rechel M.L 07/01

Joel R. 07/01

Mr. Correa 07/04

Belen L.T 07/04

Mana 07/05

Ms. Chang 07/07

Christopher A.C 07/07

Kate M.Z 07/08

Kiyomi W. 07/09

Iverson O.O 07/11

Valeria A.C 07/13

Jayden-Scott S. 07/13

Sienna K.G 07/16

Stephanie B.Z 07/16

Eleazar F.H 07/16

Eduardo R.V 07/18

Arely G.C 07/20

America O.M 07/21

Ms. Lyon 07/24

Nayra S. 07/24

Isabella G. 07/25

Viktor S. 07/25

Erick R. 07/26

Demetra 07/28

Cory 07/29

Ryder S. 07/29

Julia C. 07/31

Happy Birthday AUGUST

By Jayden Flores

Giovanni Z.G 08/01

Ms. Paula Soto 08/03

James M. 08/06

Aaron T. 08/06

Jose T.M 08/06

Litia T. 08/07

Ms. Chaves 08/08

Elias Z. 08/08

Tiffany G. 08/08

David P. 08/10

Aston H. 08/13

Agustina M.V 08/14

Israel C.T 08/15

Lamiya H. 08/15

Savannah K. 08/16

Julian De Jesus E.C 08/17

Ileanna T. 08/17

Mr. Bream 08/19

Ms. Melisa 08/21

Eric S. 08/21

McKayla S. 08/24

Briana R.G 08/24

Julia N.C 08/25

Marcela J.M 08/26

Majestic-Wonder P. 08/29

Gaspar S.C 08/29

Elijah S. 08/30

A fond farewell to the RETIREES

Join us in celebrating the retirements of **Lori**, **Nurse Lilli,** and **Ms. Bjordnal**! We're incredibly grateful for their years of dedication, care, and support for our students on the Olympic campus. Thank you for everything—you'll be deeply missed, and we wish you all the best in your next adventures!



A Daily Dose of Observances

June is filled with national and global observances, with each day dedicated to celebrating someone or something special! From recognizing everyday objects to appreciating life's little joys, these observances offer the perfect excuse to smile, step away from routine, and enjoy some fun activities. Whether you want to add a touch of humor to your day or learn about meaningful celebrations happening across the country, this calendar will bring you a daily dose of amusement and joy throughout the month!

By Jayden Flores

June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Dinosaur Day	2 Leave the Office Early Day	3 World Bicycle Day	4 National Cheese Day	5 World Environment Day	6 National Donut Day	7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
8 National Best Friends Day	9 National Donald Duck Day	10 Iced Tea Day	11 Corn on the Cob Day	12 Peanut Butter Cookie Day	13 National Sewing Machine Day	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16 National Fudge Day	17 National Eat Your Veggies Day	18 International Sushi Day	19 Juneteenth	20 Take Your Dog to Work Day	21 World Day of Music
22 National Onion Ring Day	23 Typewriter Day	24 National Pralines Day	25 National Catfish Day	26 National Chocolate Pudding Day	27 Ice Cream Cake Day	28 National Paul Bunyan Day
29 Almond Buttercrunch Day	30 International Asteroid Day					

A Daily Dose of Observances

July is packed with quirky, heartwarming, and just plain fun celebrations–there's something to smile about every single day! From honoring random objects (yes, there's a day for that) to spreading joy over life's little wins, these observances are your perfect excuse to break the routine and have a little fun. Whether you're looking for a laugh, a reason to eat cake, or a cool fact to share, this calendar has your daily dose of joy all month long

By Jayden Flores

