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Banning High School Boys Cross Country Advances to CIF Finals

BANNING, CA — The Banning High School Boys Cross Country Team made history once again this past Saturday, advancing to the CIF Finals for the second consecutive year after an outstanding performance at the CIF Prelims. This marks the first time in school history that the team has achieved back-to-back appearances in the Finals.

Superintendent Terrence Davis commended the team’s achievement, stating, “This historic milestone is a testament to the perseverance and excellence of our student-athletes. They continue to inspire our community with their dedication and success.”

The team, led by an exceptional effort from Thomas Carr, who placed 3rd overall in his heat, and Alan Canela, who finished 9th overall, demonstrated their strength and determination. Additional standout performances from Alvaro Villavazo, Parth Amarkotia, Jahzeel Anzola, Javonte BoHannon, and Nathan Cardiel contributed to the team’s historic achievement.

“We couldn’t be prouder of our cross-country team for qualifying for the CIF finals!” said Brandon Mason, Banning High School Athletic Director. “This incredible achievement reflects the dedication of our student-athletes, who train tirelessly year-round, and the exceptional guidance of our coaching staff, whose expertise and leadership have been instrumental in their success. This is a testament to the hard work, determination, and strength of our program. Let’s carry this energy into the finals!”

Coach Victoria De La Rosa also expressed her pride in the team, saying, “The boys have done an exceptional job this year. Every athlete has bought into the program and has helped build the culture that has made this season a success. I couldn’t be prouder of all the hard work and dedication they have put in. These boys plan on giving everything they have at finals! I can’t wait to see how they race on Saturday.”

The 2024 CIF Southern Section Ford Boys Cross Country Finals will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024, at Mt. San Antonio College, located at 1110 N Grand Avenue, Walnut, CA



91789. The Broncos will compete in Race 6 at 9:25 AM. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://gofan.co/event/2143539?schoolId=CFSS>.

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About Banning Unified School District:

Banning Unified School District serves nearly 4,300 students across its schools and is one of the largest employers in the city of Banning, with over 500 dedicated staff members. The district's mission is to collaborate as a diverse community to develop responsible, respectful, and prepared students who achieve their full potential. Guided by its vision to prepare, inspire, and educate, Banning USD is committed to fostering a supportive environment where students can thrive academically and personally.

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(Photos have been attached)

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PHOTO CAPTION: The Banning High School Boys Cross Country team with coaches gathers for a group photo before competing at the CIF-SS Prelims.



PHOTO CAPTION: The Banning High School Boys Cross Country team stands proudly together, celebrating their advancement to the CIF-SS Finals after a strong performance at the Prelims.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Banning High School Boys Cross Country team members give it their all during the CIF-SS Prelims, showcasing determination and skill on their path to the Finals.