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# Drama Puts On Fall Play *Everybody*

**By Kamryn Miller**
**Cub Reporter**

A unique, modern take on the play *Everyman*, the play crossing the Burroughs stage this fall is *Everybody* written by Branden Jacobs Jenkins.

The play begins with the Ushers, played by Isola Serena, Sasha Stopek, and Lila Strobl. They immediately break the fourth wall by introducing the audience to the play and its concept.

The special thing about the production is that some of the characters are played by different actors every night, this is determined by a lottery system. The Ushers introduce the rest of the cast to the character Death played by Evan Baker, who instructs the character of Everybody to go on a journey to the underworld and allows them to bring someone to accompany them. The companion prospects called Somebodies include Friendship, Kinship, Cousin, and Stuff. The four Somebodies and Everybody are the five lottery roles played by Casey Cavanaugh, Lucy Chesley, Jasper Jemison, Noël Mason, and Jacob Worsham.

Everybody meets all the Somebodies and asks them to accompany her. During all of this we see Everybody recounting her experience as a dream to characters A, B, C, and D played by Grant Baker, Declan Chinn, Jaxon Cohen, and Sutton Schiff, who also play The Four Virtues. We are also introduced to the character Girl played by Bettina Diaz (also playing Time) who runs away from Everybody's attempt to take her on the journey.

Everybody, after being rejected by all the Somebodies, meets Love played by Raquel Brogmus. Love agrees to accompany Everybody in exchange for humiliation which leads to Everybody stripping their outer layer of clothes and running around the stage in circles. The scene then transitions to the La Danse Macabre, a captivating dance that represents the journey to the grave and the process of coping with death. During this Death comes back and is ready to collect Everybody.

The Four Virtues who were originally with Everybody leave, which represent her losing her senses. Everybody gains a companion Evil played by Jillian Pirruccello who follows her to her grave, completing the transition to eternal rest.

JBHS Drama Student Casey Cavanaugh describes her experience with the lottery aspect of the play, "It was not only nerve racking but also thrilling. This was because although it was scary not knowing what I'd play that night, it was thrilling because every night has the potential to be different which means my performance won't always be the same either."

Because of the lottery system, the actors had to memorize the whole script. The rigor of the memorization the actors helped each other out, "Despite the fact that learning so many lines was exhausting at times, I believe it helped me grow as a performer, and it was necessary for the show. We all helped each other memorizing a whole lot easier since we had each other," expressed actor Casey Cavanaugh.

John Anderegg, who works on set design with Tech Crew, feels that this years fall play was a great experience. “I had a lot of fun with the set design and we submitted it to a competition and scored fours all around.”

The work behind the scenes for the play is extremely impressive and so much hard work.

The JBHS Drama Program ran by Beth Meberg and Tech Crew ran by Stephen Heckel put on a beautifully executed show, the students and staff that worked on this fall play deserve recognition for the hard work they put in to create such influential art to put on stage.

Congratulations "Everybody" (pun very much intended) on this inspirational play.

Be sure to support JBHS Drama by attending their play in the spring!


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# Choir Puts On Fall Festival

**By Ella Herran**
**Cub Reporter**

On Saturday, November 15th, the JBHS VMA held its annual "Fall Festival" at Burbank's First Methodist Church. Despite the fact that it was raining, the VMA was still able to put on a fantastic show.

Students arrived around 9:45 and did their normal warm-ups to ensure they were all ready to perform. Warm-ups were run by the VMA Director and teacher, Mr. Jennings. They were also accompanied by Dan Scoville, who has played piano for the VMA for years. The Festival then promptly started, with parents taking their seats in the pews.

Decibelles, the intermediate treble choir, began first. They sang three choral pieces titled "Ouvre Ton Coeur," composed by Georges Bizet, "And Nature Smiled," composed by Allen Koepke, and lastly, Decibelles performed "Muie Rendera" composed by C.A. Pinto Fonse.

Decibelles did an amazing job and opened the show with an amazing force of power. *The Paw Print* spoke with Freshman Luna Hancock, who is currently in Decibelles. Hancock said that her favorite part of the festival was "Being able to watch all the choirs and listen to all the songs that each choir performed." Luna also said that out of the three songs that Decibelles performed, "And Nature Smiled" was her favorite.


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Sound Waves, the intermediate mixed choir, performed next. They sang some more choral pieces titled "Der Gang zum Liebchen" composed by Johannes Brahms, "The Rose" composed by Ola Gjeilo, and lastly "Tambur" composed by Lajos Bados. Sound Waves had some fantastic vocals, and their singing blew audiences away.

Junior Emma Rader, who is currently in Soundwaves, said that her favorite part of the show was "At the very end of Tambur, when the lights shone through the stained glass windows and reflected throughout the walls of the church." Emma also stated that her favorite song out of the three that Sound Waves sang was "The Rose."

Next up was Sound Sensations, the advanced treble choir. The songs they sang were "Cedit, Hyems," next was "Nuit D'etoiles" composed by Claude Debussy, and lastly was "Tundra" composed by Ola Gjeilo. When Sound Sensations performed their last song, they brought up soloist Jovie Rowe. Jovie, who's currently a Sophomore and first-year member of Sound Sensations, did absolutely phenomenal.

Powerhouse, the advanced mixed choir, finished off the Festival with the last three songs, "Cantemus!" then "The universe within you" composed by Stephen Barton, and finally "In My Life" written by The Beatles but with Powerhouse's choral, jazzy twist to it. In that last piece, Evan Lanier, a Senior in Powerhouse, sang a wonderful solo. Powerhouse sang so beautifully, and listening to their songs was like looking up at the night sky and starring up at the stars.

# Link Crew's Friendsgiving

**By Alana Gay**
**Opinion Editor**

On October 18, Link Crew welcomed Freshmen and their families to a warm and festive Movie Night Friendsgiving on the school's amphitheater lawn. The outdoor space was transformed into a cozy fall hangout, complete with blankets, lawn chairs, fairy lights, and autumn-themed decorations.

Attendees gathered to watch *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas* projected onto an inflatable screen under the starry view.

The event, hosted from 5:00–7:30PM, was free for all freshmen, while other guests could join in for a small $5 fee. Snacks, candy, and drinks were available for purchase, keeping students energized throughout the night.

Senior Theo Gara, a first-year Link Crew Leader and member of the events committee, shared insight into the team's goals while planning the evening. "All the Freshmen were all cozy and enjoyed the movie. My favorite part of Friendsgiving was getting to bond with all of my fellow Link Crew leaders."

The original Friendsgiving event had to be reworked and rebranded due to new policies, but the committee embraced the challenge. Between ten and fifteen Link Crew Leaders collaborated to reinvent the event, prepare decorations, and test the speakers and screen ahead of time to ensure everything ran smoothly, and their teamwork paid off!

The turnout was strong, and Freshmen expressed how much they enjoyed the relaxed, fall-centered atmosphere. Link Crew Leaders shared their gratitude for the support and hope the experience gave freshmen a memorable fall night on campus.

Students can look forward to more Link Crew activities in the coming months, including the popular Cocoa and Cram study event. For updates, follow Link Crew on Instagram at @jbhs.linkcrew.

# Band Wins Band Competition

**By Emma Friedman**
**Cub Reporter**

During the month of October, JBHS Marching Band, led by Instrumental Music Director David España, went to Glen A. Wilson High School in Hacienda Heights, California, to compete in a competition and ended up winning first place in their division! Everyone is extremely proud of them and their big win this year.

But now everyone wants to know, what's happening next for the Marching Band?

Since their win, they've competed at a few other competitions, such as at the Edison High School Field Tournament on Saturday, November 1st, where they one first place in every category including Color Guard, Percussion and Band!

It's safe to say that they gave it their all and did a fabulous job performing at these competitions.

They also performed during half time at the Homecoming Football game on October 30th, getting a roar of applause from everyone in the stadiums, and during the Pep Rally earlier that same day.

The most notable change in the Marching Band over time is their practice. They've been practicing nonstop ever since they won 1st place. Even though they're practicing more often than before, the practice itself hasn't changed much. But as time goes on, their practices have been getting easier for them all, perfecting itself as they all have fun doing so.

According to Freshmen Robert Jolly (They/Them) playing a Baritone Saxophone 2, they feel like the team's goal right now is, "To be better and better then the last time we did our set, to perform well, and to be awesome." This goal goes back to them continuing to practice extra hard and not letting their win get to their heads.

JBHS Marching Band has done a fantastic job at all their competitions by practicing continuously and putting in all the hard work. Everyone couldn't be more proud of how well they've done this year and can't wait to see them improve further throughout next semester, 2026.

# French Field Trip To See *Breathless*

**By Melanie Cartanega-Mixco**
**Cub Reporter**

John Burroughs High School's French class taught by Madam Oliver took a field trip on November 3, with over one hundred French students from every grade.

The field trip was to Los Angeles Spaulding Square, where middle and high school French classes from across California were invited.

The movie premiere was about a black and white film called *Breathless*, directed by Jean-luc Godard who's worked on other French films in previous years.

The film was about a director filming a film. So, basically, a movie about making a movie. Most students when asked about their opinions shared that they found it quite boring and not so interesting.

The film was 1 hour and 30 minutes long and most people agreed that it felt a lot longer than that time.

Many seemed to have enjoyed it, while others did not. Some students had concerns because one of the actors had a blasphemous, unexpected storyline. While in most cases extranneous storylines make films more interesting, in this case it just made it look all over the place.

The film also being in black in while which wasn't a big problem but the quality trying to enhance it to look like a vintage film with texture on the screen just made it look really messy, and much more.

Throughout the field trip some students got an opportunity to be interviewed by some reporters on a red carpet, while others got to be photographed. This caught some attention from the schools they were coming from and what their opinions over the film were after watching the entire thing.

In addition, once the film was over, students from every school got a chance to speak to the director of the film, forming lines, asking questions on a microphone for everyone to hear. Most of the students seemed to have their questions prepared and put thought into what they wanted to hear the director of *Breathless* talk about.

Furthermore, the movie also took place in Paris, France and presented a 50s-60s themed in costumes, and streets. This setting was one of the more interesting features of the production.

The JBHS French classes and Madam Oliver are grateful to have had this opportunity to see such a compellling film.

# Campus Clean Initiative

**By Alana Gay**
**Opinion Editor**

John Burroughs High School staff work hard to keep the campus clean and beautiful, ensuring a comfortable environment for all students. This year, John Burroughs High School organizations participated in a Campus Cleaning Initiative organized by staff member Victor Ledesma. This initiative provided additional support to on-campus cleaning staff and worked collaboratively to create a fantastic campus.

John Burroughs sports teams, clubs including Link Crew and ASB, and campus organizations all rotated, cleaning the campus on different days. Essentially, a group of students during lunch would scope around the school with gloves and a trash bag, picking up trash, waste, and unnecessary items. Students were required to check in before taking action and to wear their gear to represent the group's tremendous effort in keeping the space clean.

This cleaning initiative gave students a sense of the hard work that goes into the school's appearance. It also allowed organizations to spend a little extra time during the day doing something that would not only benefit them but also everyone around them. This initiative for John Burroughs students shows that it is a bonding experience with a drastic effect.



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The Campus Cleaning Initiative had a significant impact on students' well-being and the school's aesthetics. This initiative will continue to be implemented at John Burroughs High School, giving students a new level of appreciation for cleaning staff on campus, a new sense of responsibility for caring for the environment, and a stronger sense of community within the school.

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# Letter to The Editor

Dear *Paw Print* Editorial Board,

The students at the BUSD Food 4 Future coalition are currently campaigning for the BUSD school kitchens to serve 1-2 plant-based meal and milk options at the cafeterias across the district every day of the week.

All of the foods currently served in the BUSD cafeterias contain animal products. The animal agriculture industry heavily contributes to the urgent crisis of climate change, and supports animal cruelty. Additionally, the current BUSD cafeteria meal options are largely inaccessible to students with plant-based dietary restrictions.

Research shows that animal agriculture is responsible for 65% of the world's nitrous oxide emissions, which have a global warming impact 296 times greater than that of carbon dioxide. Animal agriculture is also responsible for 98% of animal cruelty worldwide. According to Food 4 Future's survey, more than 1 in 4 students who do not currently eat in the cafeterias would do so if a plant-based option were provided. Students have a right to choose foods that support sustainable practices, align with their dietary needs, and rebuke animal cruelty.

To this point, we are requesting BUSD food services provide 1-2 plant-based meal and milk options across district cafeterias. We urge the students at John Burroughs High School to show their support for this initiative by signing our petition to get this change enacted across the district, supporting a better future for all. If you would like to add your name to the petition, please visit bit.ly/Food4FutureBUSD or the QR code below.

For a better future,
BUSD Food 4 Future Coalition.

# Ursa Major Horrorscopes

**Aries (**Mar.21- Apr.19): This holiday season, in the comfort of your home, you'll be surrounded by your loving family, all warm and cozy, enjoying your time off in the chilly winter, together.

**Taurus** (Apr.20- May 20)**:** This winter brings you happy surprises and little wins, reminding you that joy and confidence can show up when you least expect them.

**Gemini** (May 21- Jun.20)**:** Even though the weather around you is colder the people are not! Make sure to stay close to those around you throughout this chilly season!

**Cancer** (Jun.21- Jul.22)**:** If you go caroling with friends, then you'll get extra gifts from friends this winter season for bring everyone's spirits up!

**Leo** (Jul.23- Aug.22)**:** You're going to be stuck in traffic during the holidays for three hours. Avoid the 405.

**Virgo** (Aug.23- Sept.22)**:** It's a special time of year! Your season is filled with texting, surprises and secret sentiments with loved ones. Lights will shine bright on your holiday path as you jolly the way back home.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct.22)**:** Pretty soon there will be a very festive challenge ahead of you, make sure you put some holiday spirit and think outside of the box for this one.

**Scorpio (**Oct.23- Nov.21) **:** As the winter season is arriving, you will find warmth in deepening emotional connections and cozy moments that spark new hope for the season ahead.

**Sagittarius** (Nov.22- Dec.21)**:** Be careful! There might be some frostbites and freezing relationships between friends and loved ones. But don't worry! There will be a warm fire which will melt even the coldest hearts.

**Capricorn** (Dec.22- Jan. 19): For these days, expect something arriving, maybe a gift for Christmas, or maybe a gift for all your life, but what you should know is that this month will change you for years to come.

**Aquarius (**Jan.20- Feb.18)**:** You're stepping into a season of calm wins and quiet confidence, where good energy follows you everywhere you go.

**Pisces** (Feb.19- Mar.20)**:** Careful where you tread this holiday season don't slip on frozen ice or frozen feelings.

***- Ursa Major Psychics***

# Fashion Column

By Hailie Alvarez
Creative Director

In a world where fast trends, social media aesthetics, and brand names dominate teen style, we asked our Instagram followers to give us some of their favorite styles from students for tips and tricks. Meet Maddison McCarthy, London Pafford, Harlow Hamer, and Emily Leong, whose approaches to clothing may differ in aesthetics, routines, and inspirations, but share one unified point of view that style is personal, not performative.

Across all four stories, one theme stood out that thrifting is not just a shopping method, but a mindset. London says she loves browsing through Goodwill, Chance, The Council, and second-hand shops across Hollywood Melrose.

Harlow shares a similar love for second-hand fashion but with an even longer history behind it. “I’ve been thrifting since I was four, and I have only ever thrifted since then,” she explains.

Emily also thrives in a world of re-imagined fashion, exploring flea markets, yard sales, and hand-me-downs, for her creativity grows when resources are limited. “Money doesn’t define your identity,” she insists even though social media fights against that.

Meanwhile, Maddie embraces both second-hand fashion and curated boutiques finds, blending Depop gems and Free People staples into a boho-meets- retro closet inspired heavily by the 1970s.

Though their wardrobes differ, each student’s style deeply ties to their identity. London, whose outfits often include skirts, coats, and boots, always aims for balance and aesthetic flow even on chaotic mornings. She wants clothes to feel good, not just look good. “Wear clothes that make you feel confident and give you the right attention,” she advises.

Harlow sees clothing as a form of visual freedom. She calls her style bold and expressive, adding, “Fashion is art, just don’t care what people think. Wear what makes you feel like you.”

Maddie's inspiration comes through music and decades past. She frequently channels Daisy Jones, Penny Lane, and classic bands, pairing bell bottoms, concert tees, boots and belts. “I didn’t necessarily find my personal style until this summer,” she admits, emphasizing that style evolves as self-awareness does.

Emily lastly embraces versatility rather than limiting herself to one lane. Her aesthetic freely travels between decades, “from 70s flares, 80s textures, and early 2000s silhouettes, all with a vintage twist,” she explains. More than anything she values individuality. “What stands out the most isn’t the clothes, but how you wear them. Confidence will always override.”

Lastly they couldn’t have gotten their styles by themselves. London and Harlow both explain how their families have given them so much inspiration to find their style, and often look to them for advice.

Fashion is not a competition, a trend race, or a popularity contest. It’s a personal archive, a timeline stitched with memories, confidence, and growth. Thanks to voices like London, Harlow, Maddie, and Emily, our campus is moving toward a culture where fashion is less about fitting in, and more about standing out authentically.



Creative Director: Hailie Alvarez

# Minis Or Maxis?

By Lilian Pena
Cub Reporter

Autumn is the transition season between flowy nymphs and cozy sprites. Leaves start to turn, the air chills, and everyone's wardrobes begin to change. And with the fall seasons kicking off, fashionistas around the campus now face a serious question, which is the perfect fall skirt, Mini, or Maxi? Mini skirts show a playful and modern side of fashion, while maxi skirts represent elegance and a more modest, timeless approach. But which one fits with fall more? And what do our Bears believe is the correct answer?

Alexa Segal, a chic soccer player, states, "Maxi Skirts because in colder weather, you want more comfortable options to keep your legs warm. You can pair it with a cami cardigan and boots, or a baby tee and loafers!"

Alexa brings a fair point to the table. Maxi skirts give off a sense of elegance and grace easily. The amount of leg coverage maxi skirts give are more suited for cooler weather, and they can be made with warmer materials like wool, corduroy, and knit. Autumn weather is also quite unpredictable, with chilly mornings and toasty afternoons. Sometimes, a surprise rain shower appears in the weather forecast. So, maxi skirts provide a great balance between comfort and sophistication no matter the day or mood.

However, another stylish Bear, Elina Arhipova, claims “Mini skirts are for the fall because there are a lot of different ways you can style them. You can wear them with jeans, tights, or leggings underneath.”

Elina offers a compelling counter claim. Autumn is the perfect season to play around with layers and textures. They capture that free spirited energy that keeps fashion exciting. You can throw on a sweater, a funky pair of tights, and boots for a classic fall look! Not to mention, fall in places like Los Angeles isn't exactly sweater weather yet.

In the end, it all comes down to what you want your outfit to reflect. Mini skirts make confident, bold statements that feel energetic and fun, while maxi skirts create a graceful and sophisticated atmosphere that feels timeless. Both offer endless styling possibilities that can complete the transformation of an outfit depending on how your accessories.

And with the opinions coming to a tie, it now depends on the mood of the day, and how you feel. The beauty of fashion is that it's up to interpretation. There is no right or wrong answer, just your own take on how autumn fashion feels to you.

# Saraya Thai Cuisine

**By Tatev Ayvazyan**
**Cub Reporter**

Saraya Thai Cuisine is a Thai cuisine restaurant that opened around eight years ago in Burbank. Being located just across from the Starbucks on Olive Ave., Saraya Thai Cuisine is a place where many students can enjoy great food after school. It also has a pretty high rating of 4.6 stars on Google.

Although the lunch time allotted to students won't be enough time to go to Saraya Thai Cuisine, order, and sit down and eat. Conveniently Saraya Thai Cuisine is open until 9PM (although closed on Sundays), so students can enjoy a late after school lunch, or perhaps even a dinner with their friends and families!

The wait staff at Saraya Thai Cuisine are super kind and greet guests as soon as they walk in. One of the employees there was very bubbly, and even made jokes with her tables, making everyone feel at home.

The restaurant itself had a very comfortable atmosphere and felt very welcoming and homey in a way. There were some decorations put up for autumn, and although it was minimal, it added to the comfortable environment and was pleasing to the eye. When you first walk in, all the way to the point when you are done and leave, there is no bad or greasy smell in the air, which helps with keeping an open appetite.

From Chicken Satay to Thai Red Curry, Saraya Thai Cuisine has many different types of foods that everyone can enjoy. Their menu has a wide selection of appetizers, rice, noodles, entrees, soups, salads, desserts, and more! The prices are also very reasonable for the great amount of food that they serve. Prices range from $6.95 to $23.95, with the higher priced items being specialties such as duck and seafood.

The food brought out looks absolutely delicious and appetizing. The Thai Red Curry was served piping hot, and had the perfect amount of spice, along with some sweetness to balance it out. The Thai Red Curry with chicken served on top of rice is truly the best combo you can get. Another delectable meal was the Chow Mein. Adorned with vegetables and plenty of meat, that you get to choose, one bite and the flavors burst into your mouth. The sweet, salty, and umami taste blend very well together, and create a dish that will have you coming back for more.

Overall, Saraya Thai Cuisine is a great place if you are looking for a nice dinner with family and friends, and don't want to spend too much money. It is affordable, comfortable, welcoming, and has amazing food! Located on 1439 W Olive Ave, Burbank, CA 91506, visit Saraya Thai Cuisine for an amazing evening!

# Jam Jam Tea Lab

**By Finch Monroe**
**Cub Reporter**

In the mood for drinks? With so many restaurants and cafes opening all around Burbank, sometimes it can be hard to choose what you want. Luckily the new tea stop Jam Jam Tea Lab has you covered with many different types of drinks from milk teas to slushes. There's always an option to try at this new location. Having opened on October 19th, located at 128 E Palm Ave, Burbank, CA 91502. It sits across from the movie theater. With it having been opened in Burbank, they plan to open more locations throughout California, with locations in Pasadena, Diamond Bar, and Sawtelle coming fall 2025. In spring 2026 they plan on opening two more locations in Little Tokyo as well as Irvine.

Starting with the menu are their specialties, these five favored drinks are the coconut mango pomelo, Oreo cream fresh milk, brulee brown sugar boba milk tea, cheese barley boba milk tea, and the mano matcha latte. While these are the known favorites, the menu is still expansive. With the next section being on five different fruit teas. With each being green grape, grapefruit, tropical, green plum and passion fruit. With the favorite seeming to be the passion fruit. The next section is my personal favorite of the drinks provided, that being the selection of all six milk teas. With these being white peach, osmanthus, oolong, matcha, Thai and classic. With the favorite of these few being matcha, my favorite of the six as well.

Up next is their largest category, with a total of seven drinks these are the slushies. Each hand made in the store. Starting with the ube cheese foam slush, crumble coconut, aloe grapefruit, brulee Thai, crispy green plum, tangy strawberry and mango. With this being the largest category it has the most diverse options, while a lot of them are usual fruit slushes, there are unique ones you wouldn't find in other stores like the previously mentioned crispy green plum and the aloe grapefruit. With grapefruit being a fruit that is usually left out when it comes to drinks, as someone who absolutely loves sour tastes, it's nice to see a sour fruit other than lemon being included in this array of delicious drinks.

And finally on the menu are their three smallest categories, with them being the coffee foam teas and the kids drinks. Starting with the coffees, being a classic drink I as well as many JBHS students drink regularly. They have coconut coffee, grapefruit Americano and citrus Americano. Up next in the small categories there is their foam tea, another favorite of mine. With these three being the cheese white peach, cheese osmanthus, and the cheese jasmine foam tea. And finally with the three kids drinks we have the kids Oreo boba with fresh milk, the fresh strawberry milk, and the fresh mango milk.

With Jam Jam Tea Lab opening up here in Burbank, they are already seeing wild success. The most popular drinks at Jam Jam Tea Lab at the moment of this article being written are the Coconut Mango Pomelo and the Ube Cheese Foam. With more locations to come and the menu sure to expand, there's always gonna be an option here for everyone. The wide array of flavors and drinks are sure to appeal to everyone, and the new locations are sure to provide the same level of quality they have shown since their original store opened in 2023.

# New Shops

**By Arianna Ingram**
**Cub Reporter**

In the heart of the Burbank Town Center, there are several new businesses that have opened their doors to locals and visitors alike. Amongst these newcomers are The Liquor Burbank, RoknSlime, and Miniso. Each of these businesses offers a unique shopping experience, all located in the bustling mall. They look forward to new customers to further expand their welcoming as they permanently settle!

Despite the misleading name, The Liquor Burbank is a sneaker and apparel store that has recently opened up. It specializes in buying, selling, and trading rare shoes and accessories. Customers can find a wide variety of items, making it an exciting destination for sneakerheads and fashion enthusiasts. A recent visitor, Valerie Lowe, stated that she had seen "a very large selection of clothes and shoes."

Continuing on, RoknSlime is a DIY slime-making studio that recently celebrated its expansion last month. They offer fun, engaging, and creative crafty activities for everyone, regardless of age. Lilly Angulo-Carter, a new customer, said that her experience was "the most exciting slime-making experience she's ever had." Here, customers have the opportunity to get hands-on and creative by making their own custom accessories, trinkets, and most importantly, slime! With a variety of colors, scents, textures, and add-ons to choose from, creating your own unique slime has never been more enjoyable.

To end off with, Miniso is a notable lifestyle store that offers a vast selection of affordable products, ranging from character figurines and collectibles to beauty essentials and home goods. With collaborations from popular brands such as Sanrio, Disney, and Marvel, Miniso is the perfect place for anyone looking for budget-friendly lifestyle items. While browsing, Jocelyn Udell mentioned how she saw, "many products offering deals for $15 or less, with others up to 80% off." This only goes to show the store's commitment to offering high-quality products at competitive prices has made it a go-to destination for shoppers.

Whether you're looking for a rare pair of sneakers in The Liquor Burbank, want to create a custom piece of art with RoknSlime, or are looking for affordable products at Miniso, the Burbank Town Center has something to offer for everyone. These new additions to the area are sure to become staples for local shopping and entertainment in Burbank.

# Girls Tennis

**By Zoey Pickens**
**Sports Editor**

Girls Tennis wrapped up the 2025 Fall Season with a grand slam—no pun intended.

Varsity had been fourth in the Pacific League prior to CIF and hadn't expected to compete this year, despite their successful season. Winning a wildcard bid to CIF, otherwise known as the California Interscholastic Federation, Girls Varsity Tennis hurried over to Lakewood, CA. They took to the courts, competing against Saint Joseph's High School.

Unfortunately, the team suffered a few losses. Varsity concluded CIF with a score of 6-12 against Saint Joseph's High School. The girls played resiliently nevertheless!

Leslie Femenias (11), Mia Chapman (9), and Bailey Robertson (10) led the singles pursuit. Likewise, partners Saya Davidson (11) and Ashley Sinovoi (12), Lucy Ashby (10) and Eleanor Lam (10), and Zoey Gould (12) and Lily Butler (12) played doubles matches. The games frequently went to deuce, or tie-breakers.

Varsity Captain Dana Pitsker was extremely proud of her racket-wielding counterparts. "CIF was one of our main goals for the season," she began. "I'm so proud of us for sticking through regardless of injuries. I'm proud of our team and being able to do so much better than we have in previous years. Every year we get a little better, and hopefully next year we'll beat Burbank."

Prior to CIF, Girls Tennis had finished their Pacific League season strong. They beat Glendale High School 16-2 and conquered John Muir High School with an outstanding score of 17-1. As for Arcadia High School and Burbank High School, the girls truly gave their all and improved from previous matches.

The match against Burbank was especially crucial, culminating in a loss of 5-13.

However, Varsity Coach, Coach Hardy, was seriously impressed with his team's drive. "Burbank, we struggled the first time around, but we played them really tough the second time again. Gave them a real fight for it." Arcadia went similarly. "I gained a lot of respect for our girls," he said.

Regardless, congratulations to Girls Tennis for constantly bringing their 100% effort to the court! Both Varsity and JV have expressed genuine talent and are already itching for more of the fun.

This season was one of their best. Guided by Coaches Hardy, Rubina, and Andrew, the team solidified lifelong bonds and took home several wins. Go Bears!



Photographer: Saya Davidson

# Boys Water Polo

**By Ryleigh Chisholm**
**Cub Photographer**

On October 21, the John Burroughs Boys Water Polo team played at Glendale against Pasadena and won with an impressive score of 14–2. Their strategy for this game was to do the exact opposite of what they did last time by preparing more and focusing on teamwork. The team came in confident and ready. One of the most exciting highlights was when their goalie, Rocco Quiroga, scored a goal, which pumped up the whole team.

Throughout the game, the defense stayed strong. Roan Kelly, Nick Nasev, and Jack Saint Peir worked together to shut down Pasadena's chances of winning. Nick Nasev and Nick Oporta stood out as the star players, making big plays and helping lead the team. By the end of the first half, they were scoring so much that they were already far ahead.

In the second half, the coach actually told them not to score as much since they were winning by so much. For fun, they even switched out their goalie and tried different players in the position. Even with the changes, the team stayed strong and finished the game confidently. When asked about the win, player Roan Kelly shared a simple but powerful message: "Never give up."


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# Girls Water Polo

**By Emma Friedman**
**Cub Reporter**

Goodbye Fall sports, and welcome Winter sports here at JBHS this school year! Girls Water Polo, being a Winter sport, is here to play and is giving it their all this season with the guidance of Coach Martin Ortega-Jennison and Coach Jacob Cook.

Coach Martin is a John Burroughs High School alumni, graduating in 2011, and was on the JBHS Boys Water Polo Team. He decided to come back and coach because he wanted to give back the school which helped him a bunch, and give the same opportunities he was given through Water Polo to the students. "My goal this year is to give the team the best experience, and for them to learn life experiences from playing Water Polo," says Coach Martin. He's really focusing on getting all the Varsity players better at Water Polo than they were at the beginning of the school year throughout this season.

Coach Jacob is drilling everyone to their maximum potential on the team. He's working hard to make sure all the players are able to do their very best at their games against opposing teams this season by lots of training and practicing their skills

This year's Captains are Lauren Chaparro and Bonnie Kretzmann. They're both Seniors and have been playing in Girls Water Polo since they were Freshman at JBHS. Lauren is playing as an attacker and Bonnie is playing as a center defender.

Girls Water Polo has a total 24 games, the first game being on November 18th against Notre Dame High School, also known as the Lady Nights. Then their last game is going to be in late January unless they make it to play-offs which then means they'll then continue playing during the month of February.

The Varsity Team consists of mostly Seniors this year. This includes top players Lauren Chaparro, Bonnie Kretzmann, and Derika Berenguer along with Aniana Ad Vincula, June Baelly, Molly Gilmore, Trinity Hager, Giovanna Martinez, Bella Matossian, Tyler Timman, and Jazlynn Woods.

Keep up the great work Girls Water Polo and continue having a fabulous season this year at JBHS!

# Girls Volleyball

**By Elizabeth Browngardt**
**Sports Editor**

Girls Varsity Volleyball had a great 2025 season! The Bears dominated in League play, finishing with an impressive 13-1 League record and an overall record of 25-9, earning the title of League Champions.

The team swept Claremont 3–0 in the first round of playoffs on October 22, winning 25–18, 25–15, and 25–22. With strong passing and high energy throughout the match, Senior Khloe Pavia led the team with 12 kills and shared a team-best of four blocks. Their Playoff journey came to a close on October 25, after a hard-fought 3-2 loss to Corona Del Mar in an exciting match.

Overall, The Bears finished their season with an overall record of 25-9, a League record of 13-1, and finished 1st in League. From strong serves to great defense, the Bears proved how strong their team is through this 2025 fall season.

Congratulations to the players and coaches on a fantastic season! We are proud of you Bears!

# Football

**By Noah Poyner**
**Cub Reporter**

The Bears closed their 2025 term with their last three games turning out to be quite challenging as they faced some of the toughest opponents in our League. Even with their best efforts and uplifting moments in multiple of their games. This concluded the season with an overall record of 3-7.

In the Bears Second to last game of the season, they were playing on the Memorial Field facing the Crascenta Valley Falcons and came up short in a fairly close game, losing 28-34. The Bears acquired a determined second half comeback, but unfortunately could not get past Crescenta Valley's consistent scoring.

In the upcoming week (Oct 30, 2025) the Bears faced their rival, the Burbank Bulldogs, in their 77th annual rivalry game. As they both went head to head, Burbank got a fast lead and the bears couldn't keep up, ultimately beating Burroughs 62-14. With this loss, Burroughs season came to a close.

As the Bears prepare for their upcoming season, they reflect on their 2025 presentation and focus toward their off season for the future.


## More Online!

Coverage of the Holiday Spectacular: Holiday Hoedown, can be found online next week! Just go to: https://jbhs.burbankusd.org/activities/the-paw-print


# Boys Basketball

**By Alan Rodriguez**
**Cub Reporter**

The 2025 season is upon us and the John Burroughs High School Varsity Basketball Team has its work cut out for them as they focus on a new season, a new identity, and new expectations with strong player and coaching staff leadership. Under the guidance of Head Coach Jason Weatherall, the Varsity Basketball program is looking to turn the corner and field a competitive team in the Pacific League this season.

Coach Weatherall is a local alumnus and has coached Youth and school level basketball for over a decade. Laurence has played on Varsity since Sophomore year and hopes to provide the Bears with effective communication. Lawrence's history in the sport has tempered him into a team player focused on improving chemistry and becoming the team's defensive anchor. His promotion to Captain derives from hard work and an ability to inspire teammates.

The rest of the team will make use of returning talent as well including Teagan Bradford, Evan Lanier and Diego Salinas whose skills all increased due to offseason training and year round dedication.

The Pacific League schedule is set to play teams like Burbank, Crescenta Valley, Muir, Arcadia Pasadena, and Glendale by season's end. The current roster features many Seniors who will lead alongside their underclassman peers who are still developing; the blend presents an opportunity for growth as they learn more about each other throughout the League experience.

To prepare for this new transformation season, workouts and conditioning sessions have kept players focused since school started with morning sessions of group work led by Weatherall to establish a great rapport. They've done strength training, shooting drills, ball handling, defensive rotations and conditioning to improve speed.

As they prepare for League play, the Bears program is still in its infancy for change as new leadership takes over with increased work ethics and expectations with a collaborative goal to turn things around for the better. The John Burroughs High School Varsity Basketball Team in 2025 is ready to wear the Bear colors with pride and do all it can to secure wins.

# Cross Country

By Ethan Salcedo
Cub Photographer

The Burroughs High School Cross Country program is closing out one of its strongest seasons in years, powered by teamwork, consistency, and a real shot at making history. With CIF Finals only days away, runners from both the boys' and girls' teams reflected on their progress, their challenges, and the goals driving them into the postseason.

Despite not having formal captains, several leaders have naturally risen within the program. One of them is Varsity standout Liam Ellingsworth, who has helped set the tone of consistency that has pushed the team forward this year. Under the direction of Coach Peebles, the team has worked to build a competitive identity in the Pacific League and beyond.

This season has already produced major milestones. The boys finished second overall in the Pacific League, placing them among the top programs in the area. Even more impressively, the team is currently ranked 14th in Division II for the entire Southern Section, a level of recognition Burroughs Cross Country hasn't reached in years.

For Varsity runner Nathan Marca, the climb has been steady and intentional. "My goal was just to make CIF Finals, which is where we are at right now," he said. "Consistency is what got me here."

The team's confidence has grown each week, especially after strong performances in high-pressure environments.

One major highlight was CIF Prelims last weekend, where Burroughs performed well enough to qualify for Finals, a milestone that hasn't been achieved in a long time. "It was a pretty big step for the rest of the team," Margot said. He added that while top programs like Crescenta Valley remain tough competition, "They're probably top three in Division I. They're unbelievable." The Bears are determined to keep pushing.

Preparing for the postseason meant adapting to difficult weather and mentally tough training days. "I love running in the rain," Nathan said with a laugh. "We didn't really have to change anything. We just had to be aware of it and mentally prepare." As for goals beyond Cross Country, Margot hopes to finish top three in League for Track's two-mile event this spring.

For the Girls team, Senior runner Saida Getz says this year has been full of surprises and growth. "It's going really good," she said. "We have finals on Saturday, and we want to qualify for state." The Girls placed 3rd at League Finals and have consistently held their own at every meet this year.

The team's improvement shows how far they've come since last season. "Last year, we barely qualified for Finals," Getz said. "This year, we actually have a chance at qualifying for State, which the Girls have never done." Her personal approach to improvement is simple, show up every day, trust the training, and do what the coaches ask.

Freshman Varsity standout Baily Delgado has also made a major impact during her first year. "I think our season's going really good," she said. "I'm on Varsity for Cross Country, and I think we have a good shot at going to State for the first time." Delgado aims to break the Burroughs Freshman record for the three-mile and hopes to run under 18 minutes before the season closes.

Training for the postseason has been intense but focused. "We're trying to keep it chill, but we're working on getting a good turnover because the competition gets a lot faster at finals," Delgado explained. "We're doing speed workouts and long runs to keep the mileage up." One of her favorite moments this season was PR-ing at prelims and helping the team secure a spot in the final round.

Across the board, the Bears believe they have something to prove heading into Saturday. While Margot doesn't expect the team to qualify for state, he does believe they can shake up the rankings. "I think we're looking good — hopefully going to upset some teams," he said. "We can definitely make a statement and perform really well."

Whether it's chasing school records, fighting for a place at State, or simply pushing for personal breakthroughs, Burroughs Cross Country enters CIF Finals with determination and momentum on their side. And regardless of the outcome this weekend, one thing is clear, the program is rebuilding itself into a force.

As the season comes to a close, both teams are ready to run their hardest, leave everything on the course, and show the CIF Southern Section what JBHS Cross Country is all about.

# Girls Golf

By Aniana Ad Vincula
News Editor

Winter is fast approaching, which means the end of season wrap up for Girls Golf! Girls Golf had a successful season, even with complications, with many players, such as Team Captains, Ellie Guerrero and Haily Hoang ranking top 20 in League.

Other standout players include Paola Guerrero, Megan Cedroin, Jadyn Daroya, and Evy Clark.

Although this season was unlike many, with heat advisories, weather warnings, and scheduling conflicts, Girls Golf managed to make it a season to remember. Both Captains remarked, "despite the heat and the new requirements in League, we were able to obtain a solid amount of players and stay consistent."

Some highlights of their seasons included meeting new people from different schools, Guerrero expressing, "We were definitely able to improve from our last three years, we stayed consistent and love what we were able to contribute to the team as co-Captains!"

This last season was definitely a fun one to remember, as the team celebrated their last games by getting Shirley Temples at the Clubhouse!

Looking back, this season was a successful one, with many things turning out the way they wanted, playing well and having fun despite complications.

Go Girls Golf!

# Girls Soccer

By Aniana Ad Vincula
News Editor

Winter is gearing up, which means Winter Sports are beginning their seasons. Girls Soccer, one of the most highly anticipated sports, is starting their season off strong.

Led by Captains Jasmin Varela and Geneva Kiefer, Girls Soccer is in capable hands this year.

Varela has been playing soccer since she was five years old but stopped briefly before recontinuing with AYSO at eleven. Right now, she has been playing club soccer for four years. Currently, she's in her second year at LAFC and has been playing on Burroughs Varsity for all three years. Varela usually plays midfield on her club team but at Burroughs, she plays the six, which is a defensive position.

Kiefer has also been playing soccer at Burroughs for three years and is currently a Junior. Like Varela, she plays club soccer at LAFC and has been doing so for eight years. Kiefer expresses, "It has definitely benefited me and my overall understanding of the game." Kiefer plays in the midfield area, but is a utility player and can play almost anywhere her coach puts her.

Both Captains have strong goals for this year, both Captains hoping to create a positive atmosphere where teammates can perform at their best. Varela states, "I want to be someone my teammates can rely on whether it's helping younger players develop, keeping communication clear between coaches and players, or keeping the team motivated during tough moments."

This year, Girls Soccer is scheduled to play at Mayfield, Newbury Park, Cleveland, La Canada, Sierra Canyon, Pasadena, Crescenta Valley, Hoover, Golden Valley, West Ranch, Immaculate Heart, Arcadia, Glendale, Muir, and Burbank.

Wishing Girls Soccer good luck on their season and Go Bears!

# Ice Hockey

By Haven Dunn
Cub Reporter

While our school has many athletes who participate in campus sports there are many sports which take place outside of school, one of which is Ice Hockey. Here in Burbank one of the Ice Hockey teams is the Burbank Cougars.

Founded in 2016 by then Head Coach Bryan Cook, as well as then Assistant Coach Dave Holiday, and current Conditioning Coach Eddie Doty. Originally known as the San Gabriel Valley Cougars the team changed its name in 2016.

While the Cougars have not been around long, they have made themselves well known. In 2020 the Cougars became League Champions, and more recently their Junior Varsity White team won the 2024-25 Derek Armstrong Junior Varsity Championship.

The team has since flourished with a Varsity team lead by Head Coach Trevor Tracy and Assistant Coach Albert Boyamyan, a Junior Varsity Red team lead by Head Coach Wayne Ravdjee and Assistant Coach James LeNouail, and finally a Junior Varsity White team lead by Head Coach Andy Gevorkyan and Assistant Coach Garbis Apelian.

All three of the teams belong to the Los Angeles Kings High School Hockey League and play out of LA Kings Ice at Pickwick. This League consists of both District teams which include athletes from specific schools or peer teams which are athletes from the same high school. The JV White and JV Red teams are from 8th grade to 12th, with Varsity being 9th grade through 12th grade

While hockey is a prime concern for the team, the League prioritizes academics. The League's mission is "to provide a competitive and safe environment for student-athletes, promoting skill development and personal values like fitness, teamwork, and leadership." The Cougars follow this mission firmly and have their athletes prioritize schooling over hockey consistently.

Each June, the team hosts tryouts at LA Kings Ice at Pickwick. Following the tryout process, players are given an offer to play which includes a letter of intent which athletes must sign to commit to the team each season.

While tryouts take place in June, the season truly begins in September and goes until January, with playoffs taking place following that.

The Cougars first game was September 20th against the Santa Barbara Royals at Ice in Paradise. The Cougars lost 0-3.

Following this, they played against the South Bay Sting Rays at home on September 27th. They won 10-1 with three points from the first period and seven points from the second period.

The Cougars then played the West Ranch Wildcats on October 4th at home and lost 1-3.

Once again, the Cougars faced off against the Royals on October 11th and lost 1-7.

The Cougars swiftly shook that off and bounced back winning 5-1 against the Strikers on October 11th.

Facing off against the Royals once again, the Cougars lost 1-11 on November 1st.

On November 8th, the Cougars beat Ventura County Poseidon 5-2 at home.

The Cougars season is only half way through Good luck to our Burbank Cougars!

# Girls Basketball

By Tavia Viramontes
Cub Reporter

November 20th, 2025 was the Varsity Girls Basketball team's first game for this year. The Bears played on a Thursday, with their first game occurring in Hawaii, requiring a trip with the team. They competed against Konawaena High School, resulting in a loss of 39-66.

The next day, on November 21st, they went against Kohala High School, taking a positive turn, and resulting in a win of 49-40. With this win, the Bears advanced its record to 1-1 on the year.

The next day, the team traveled once again to compete with Campbell High School in Hawaii. Their game at Campbell High occurred on November 22nd, and the Bears ended up losing 37-48. Through this game, eight players were able to score a point or more.

The Bears lost two other games later on November 29th and December 2nd while going against Santa Margarita High School and Burbank High School but learned many tricks and lessons in the process.

As for some of the players, Isabella Amayakyan averaged a high of 13 points per game, has had a 49 FG%, and has scored a total of 65 points out of all five games played so far.

Player Valentina Morales has the highest score of rebounds with 8 rebounds so far and has the most blocks per game on average. Along with some of her many accomplishments, Valentina has had the most rebounds so far this season, totalling in 40.

Player Elizabeth Amoroso has given an average of 2 assists per game, gets a 65 FT% (on average) every game, and has successfully had the most steals per game resulting in 1.8.

Player Jessica Mena has given 9 assists in total.

As the team continues to compete, they keep their positive attitude and knowledge from previous games and practices. Go Bears!

# Boys Soccer

By Jaime Ramirez
Cub Reporter

Hello Bears! We are happy to announce the start of a brand new exciting season of Boys Soccer!

One of the coaches is Mark Martinez. He became a coach because he loves what he does and wants to create an impact on the students beyond the game. He also wants to be able to change the dynamic in not just the city of Burbank but within the soccer community and be able to have more competitive soccer.

For the captains, Coach Martinez chose Jackson Palmer, Jordan Seas and Seven Elkin and in the future they will have a Junior joining them, to show the path of being a captain. They were chosen due to their talent at the sport and having great personalities. He also adds "They're able to show…great confidence."

For the main players one of them is Seven Elkin and the rest are Juniors and Sophomores on the team.

So far they have only played one preseason, non-League game, against Birmingham, which they lost 0-5. Their next game will be against Granada Hills December 8th, here at home.

Coach Martinez also gave his opinion on how this season is going, he mentions "It's always hard in the beginning, right?" He is using these scrimmages to try to figure out what are their strengths and flaws are, so they can improve on them. Since the team is looking pretty confident, they can make a difference in the field and definitely win games for them.

In the end, Coach Martinez finishes by saying "I believe all of them are stars in a way."

## Upcoming Dates

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| Dec. 15th | 1st Day of Finals-extended Period 0 |
| Dec. 16th-18th | Finals Week (Shortened Days) |
| Dec. 19th | Pupil Free Day (No School) |
| Dec. 22nd-Jan. 2nd | Winter Recess (No School) |
| Jan. 5th | First Day Of Spring Semester |
| Jan. 19th | MLK Holiday (No School) |
| February 13th | Lincoln Holiday (No School) |
| February 16th | Presidents Day (No School) |

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# Holiday Hoedown

**By Zoe Belknap**
**Feature Editor**

Back and better than ever, this time with a country twist, this year's holiday show featuring performances from VMA, IMA, Drama, and Dance Production was certainly one to remember.

Act One of the show featured mostly IMA's incredible bands and classical music from the VMA's five choirs. While the concert band performed delightful renditions of "Leroy Anderson's Christmas Festival," and "Country Bandstand," mixed choirs Sound Waves and Powerhouse combined to sing "Sleighn' Song," and "Angels We Have Heard on High." Sound Sensations and Decibelles, the two treble choirs in the VMA, sang "Woods in Winter," and "Mary Did You Know," with soloist Brooke Williams.

Many of these classical pieces were complimented by beautiful dance pieces from Dance Production. "Hoe Down," featured ballet dancers while "Woods in Winter," had a contemporary dance piece. Men At Work and Muses also both were included in the first act, with Men at Work performing "Home on the Range," and Muses performing "The Christmas Song."

The second act of this show shifted more towards the "hoedown," aspect of its theming, with Christmas songs, country songs, and even some country-Christmas songs!

The act began with Sound Waves performing, "Country Christmas," with the Jazz band and Ella Herran as the soloist. The Jazz Band accompanied many numbers in this act, like Dance Productions's "Low Country Shuffle," and Powerhouse's "Sleigh Ride."

Some solo numbers in this section include, "Hoedown Throwdown," with Rose Hemingway, "River," with Raquel Brogmus. Powerhouse's Rosalie Marmo sang, "Blue Christmas," with Lila Strobl and Haylee Zilbert while Noel Mason, VMA President, performed Texas Hold 'Em with Lexi Palomino, Jillian Pirruccello, Ani Darbinian, Zoe Martinez, Evan Baker, Xander Daveline, James Cunha, and Kellan Thomson.

Other stand out acts were, "White Winter Hymnal," with Neochromatics and Dance Production, and "You Make It Feel Like Christmas," with Barlow Krikorian and Clementine Toronto. Audiences also thoroughly enjoyed Decibelles' "I Want To Be A Cowboy Sweetheart," featuring Steph Foley, and Sound Sensations' "At Christmas," with Jaxon Cohen.

Interspersed between these musical numbers were scenes by the Drama department's Play Production members Jasper Jemison, Jacob Worsham, Isola Serena, and Jack Guest.

To close out the show, all of the performers joined together to sing, "Go Tell It On the Mountain," in a joyful celebration of the holiday season. As is tradition, the final number of this holiday show was "Silent Night," featuring soloist Georgia Dadekian and all alumni of the VMA, along with the current students of course.

This year's Holiday Hoedown was one of the best holiday shows yet! *The Paw Print* is eager to see what's in store next for these amazing choirs as they transition into their spring competition sets!