The Paw Print

October 2026 - Volume LXXVII, Issue II

Student Newspaper of John Burroughs High School
1920 W. Clark Ave., Burbank, CA 91506



Photographer: Haven Dunn

Inside:
Homecoming Court
Homecoming Dance
Burroughs on Broadway
Hip Hop Explosion
Talent Show
Sports
And More!

Homecoming 2026: A Night In Miami

By *The Paw Print* Staff
Cub Reporters


Photographer: Lily Bauer

Before Homecoming even began, students prepped hours beforehand, deciding on their attire, selecting the perfect accessories to display, and finalizing group plans for after the event. Anticipation spread across group chats as final adjustments were made in front of mirrors, all leading up to the main event.

Many students then opted to take pictures at Johnny Carson Park, the traditional spot for taking pictures before a dance at Burroughs, while other students took them at Buena Vista Park, a newer spot some students have been going to in recent years.

The dance itself began here at John Burroughs High School when doors opened at 6:30PM.

During the dance there were many activities, games, music, dancing, and snacks and food such as pizza, pretzels, and chips along with ice cold water always at the ready.

The hallway you enter through in building one was covered wall to wall in student-made paintings and artwork based on the theme of the dance, A Night in Miami.

Scattered throughout the entire dance were cardboard cars and palm trees that made a great photo op. The quad was also covered in twinkle lights, wrapping around the trees and hanging over tables and the dance floor.

There were games to be played. There was also an inflatable balloon area.

Photobooths and photo ops were also set up.

Adding to the Miami theme, 2010s throwbacks and more recent popular songs were played, along with lots of Pitbull songs.

Between doing the worm in a freestyle circle, being in the center of the mosh pit, and dancing with close friends, Bears had the time of their lives dancing the night away in stylish sequins, dazzling heels, and polished suits.

Fortunately, the rainy forecast didn't affect the dance, but instead made it more fun. In between dancing and playing games, many students admitted the rain felt nice and refreshing and that they were glad it was sprinkling.

After Homecoming, Bob's was packed at 10PM with students dressed in formal attire.

Another popular spot, especially for the Homecoming Court, turned out to be BJ's, where the majority of the winners ended up going.

Overall it was a spectacular night that will be remembered forever!

Talent Show

By Tobi Hattin
Cub Reporter



Photographer: Lola Tobin

On Friday, September 25th, 2026, ASB hosted the John Burroughs High School talent show. This time, its theme was "A Night in Hollywood." The whole show was fantastic, with singing, slam poetry, and wonderful instrument-playing, with alumni playing at the very end of the show with great rock songs.

For the first act, students Kano Grigdesby and Leonidas Crow performed two duets. The first was a song titled "At the Bottom of Everything" by Bright Eyes. Following that, they performed a song from the popular adult animation series "Family Guy" with the name of "Pop Tart." With their slightly goofy and charismatic characters they created for the stage, they certainly wowed the audience. And it wasn't just their personas, but their perfect harmonies and partnership made them very fun for all the spectators to watch.

After the first act, Patience Hofer took the stage with an inspiring confidence, singing the song "ALICE" by PEGGY, a pop song putting a twist on the story of Alice in Wonderland. Her voice entranced the audience, leaving a sense of whimsy in the seats of the auditorium. It was truly a treat to see her on stage, performing such lovely song for everyone in attendance.

Following Patience, Cardonna Ankins brought one of the best musicals to Burroughs. For her act, she performed "I'm Not That Girl" from the hit show Wicked. Immersing the onlookers with her talented voice, she graced the stage with the utmost confidence. She portrayed the emotions that Elphaba feels toward Fiyero and Galinda's relationship with one another flawlessly. The yearning, unrequited love had never felt so real in a performance until hers.

To lighten the mood after Cardonna's wonderful performance, Grady Pullin put on a comedic slam poetry act. Using the usually deep art of slam poetry, he created a funny scene with words that many often wouldn't use and find in literature and meaningful art. May he continue his art of comedic slam poetry to reach any audience that needs a chuckle and a brightened mood.

Next up was Adara Chi and Aliyah Maya singing one of the most popular anthems "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen. During their duet act, they harmonized to make an angelic sound the song deserves to radiate. They even added an impressive interpretive dance segment, making the song shine even more than it already did, creating a stronger emotion. After such a meaningful performance to many, they received a huge applause, just as they deserved.

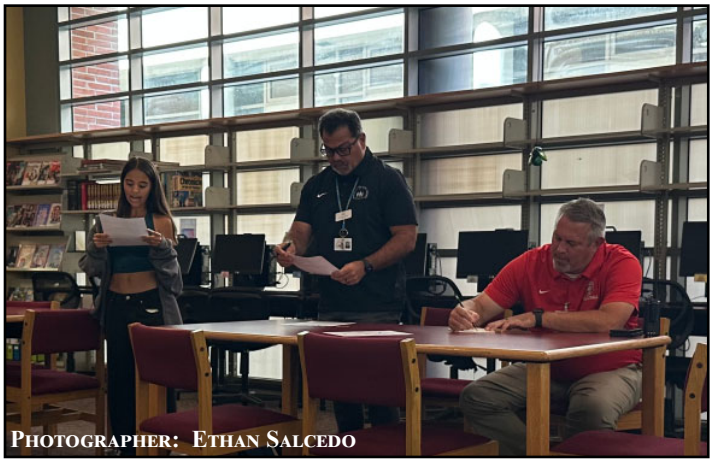
Second to last, Asher Beverly strode onto the stage, ready to perform "Just Like You," a Michael Buble classic from the year 2005. With profound energy on the stage, it almost felt as if Buble himself was in the auditorium along with everyone else. He held a strong vibrato throughout the song and created a character that fit the story perfectly. It was quite invigorating and set everyone up for the next and final act.

Visiting the school once more was the alumni (including one senior) band Clyde and the Triple A's. The members include Clyde Jordan, Austin A. Carter, Anthony Geroso, and Aaron Vasquez. Their band covered some of the most popular rock songs, such as "Ballroom Blitz" by Sweet, "Won't Get Fooled Again" by The Who, and "What I Like About You" by The Romantics. They were able to bring back such fun nostalgic songs for rock lovers and provided a great closing act for a wonderful show. The louder music and stage band painted the scene of a true concert from the rock age.

These shows support ASB and all of the amazing ideas they push for in the school, so thanks to all those who came out in support!

"Let's Talk" In The Library

By Ethan Salcedo
Cub Photograper, and
Christopher Arbuckle
Cub Reporter


Photographer: Ethan Salcedo

Students at John Burroughs High School had the opportunity to speak directly with new Burbank Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Thomas McCoy during a recent student discussion focused on discipline, mental health, Academic Enrichment and bullying.

Throughout the meeting, McCoy emphasized that student input should play a larger role in how district policies and programs develop. One of the first concerns students raised involved self-defense and why students who defend themselves during a physical conflict may still face discipline. McCoy explained that administrators cannot automatically determine who is at fault based only on who threw the first punch or who hit back. "Every situation has a context," McCoy said. He said school administrators must speak with everyone involved and consider whether bullying, threats, or other behavior led up to the incident. Sexual harassment and assault cases can also fall under federal rules and require additional investigation. McCoy said the District's goal is to hold students accountable while also finding solutions that allow everyone involved to more forward safely.

Mental health was another major focus of the meeting. The district is changing how health and care centers operate at Burroughs and Burbank High School, with plans to make centers more accessible to a wider range of students. McCoy said new centers will focus on mental health, wellness, academics, arts and athletics while giving students larger leadership roles. Students will have opportunities to join peer leadership groups that promote mental health resources and help reduce the stigma around seeking support. "The most important thing the peer leaders do is make everyone aware of the help that's available," McCoy said. Principal Knoop also announced plans for "Wellness Wednesdays," which would use a short portion of the second period to share information about mental health resources, social-emotional learning, and the school's connection center. McCoy said the district also hopes to offer training for student leaders so they can better recognize when classmates may need additional support and connect them with adults or professional resources.

Academic Enrichment, or AE, was another issue students brought up. Principal Knoop explained that AE was originally created to give students dedicated time during the school week to organize assignments, receive academic help and complete work. However, he said the program gradually moved away from that purpose as more students entered choice areas where some treated the period like an extended break. This year, Burroughs has changed the system by assigning students to different locations and attempting to provide more structured enrichment. "We will get better at enrichment," Knoop said. "We're literally two and half, three weeks into this thing." Students also suggested using student AE mentors to assist teachers during enrichment. Principal Knoop said he liked the idea and would bring it back to the team.

The conversation later turned toward racial harassment and bullying. Students asked what the district plans to do about anti-Hispanic and anti-Latino slurs and other forms of targeted harassment. McCoy discussed several approaches, including principal advisory committees, the district's anonymous WeTip reporting system, and a planned Peace and Respect committee. This committee would allow students to review bullying and harassment policies and suggest ways to improve the culture on BUSD campuses. McCoy also acknowledged the role social media can play in spreading offensive content and said schools need to address these incidents openly instead of allowing them to go unspoken. "We have to make room for everybody who attends this school," McCoy said. "Everybody has to feel comfortable in their own skin being here."

Students also questioned whether discipline policies involving detention, suspension, and expulsion would become stricter. McCoy said he believes consequences are necessary in some cases, but punishment should not be the only response. Instead, he said administrators should examine what caused the behavior and what can be done to prevent it from happening again. "If it's a policy that we have to follow that's not good for kids, we need a new policy," McCoy said.

Toward the end of the discussion, students asked whether they could have greater roles in shaping district policies. McCoy said BUSD plans to create several student-involved committees, including the Peace and Respect Committee and a Technology Advisory Committee. The technology committee would help the district examine artificial intelligence in schools and develop guidelines for how AI should and should not be used in classrooms. McCoy said students, parents, teachers, and administrators would all be included in those discussions.

The meeting gave Burroughs students an early look at McCoy's approach as superintendent. Across topics ranging from discipline to mental health, he repeatedly stressed the importance of hearing from students before making decisions that directly affect them. For Burroughs students, that could mean a larger voice in how the school and district operate in the years ahead.

To follow up the "Let's Talk" with our superintendent Dr. McCoy, the PTSA Student Involvement Committee then hosted a "Let's Talk" on a smaller scale, this one being with Principal Knoop on September 25th.

An interesting question that was mentioned was the bag policy for student athletes. Some of the upperclassmen can remember when this was not a big deal and we had Mr. Valle who was the athletic director and he had a policy where if you were a student athlete you could put your bag on a rack and sign in on a clip board.

When Mr. Valle retired recently this policy went with him, leading to issues where student athletes are now having to get creative with where they store their athletic bags.

Principal Knoop did mention in this "Let's Talk" about potentially using 4117, a classroom that has not been used in a long time and just having it be open during and before 0 period and just having a campus supervisor then lock the room up. Then later in the day before the end of 5th period a campus supervisor would then come and unlock the room to let our student athletes pick up their gear.

Combined classes have been a bit of a hot topic for this school year and we now know why it has been done. To get a class a Burroughs instated you need a minimum of twenty-five students and when this does not happen it then forces either that class to not be run or have that class be combined with another class.

Food quality was another interesting topic that was addressed in the "Let's Talk" and apparently it goes deeper than you may expect. The school does not have as much control as you may think, they can only control how the lines are set up. The district has jurisdiction over the food. If you want to give feedback on our school cafeteria food you can contact the kitchen as they have asked Mr. Knoop to send students their way.

Green spaces were an interesting topic because our school has very few of them on campus. Mr. Knoop did mention though that he would love to take further action if a club of students were eager to build more green spaces.

The closing of bathrooms around campus has been a rather tough subject because of how often it tends to happen. Though after speaking with Mr.Knoop we now have a stronger understanding of why bathrooms are closed in the first place. There are only so many campus supervisors that we have meaning that lots of bathrooms have to be closed in order to account for that.

There is new news on the former "Care Center" which is now being called "The Bear Den." As you probably already know the Care Center used to not be under the jurisdiction of the school but it now is.

All in all it was great to hear answers to questions that students have answered from the head of our school.

Hip Hop Explosion


Photographer: Lily Bauer

By Rhett Martinez
Cub Reporter

Hip Hop Explosion, John Burrough's Dance Team's biggest annual fundraiser, took place on October 1st-2nd from 7-9PM each night. This year they had invited along two guest stars, Glendale High School's Dance Team along with The Avenue Jrs. The show was around two hours long, a perfect runtime to show off everything they had to give. Along with the guests, they had their Dance 3 class, Dance Pro, and Dance Team all performing.

Act 1 had a quick opening from Dance Team to set the mood of the show, immediately after that the first two emcees came out, addressing themselves as Kylie Chua and Tam Ishmerio.

After they finished talking, Dance 3 came to show off as the first piece of the event. This was then followed by a solo by a student named Jaliyah West. The Dance team came back next, this time to show off their rookies and their capabilities. This part was immediately followed up by essentially the opposite end of the spectrum with the returners of Dance Team showing off as well, this worked really well to show how skilled both the newest and oldest members of Dance Team were.

After that the next two emcees came out, Raffie De La Cruz and April Hernandez. The second half of Act 1 began with a Kpop themed performance. After that Dance Pro came out to show off immediately after, similarly to how Dance 3 did. After this Dance Team came back with great performances from Lana Serrano and Zoe De La Cruz, this is followed by Dance Team with April Hernandez coming out taking center stage. After that Glendale High made their first appearance with their dance camp showing off. After this Dance Team came back one last time for Act 1, Thirdy Frejas and Maddy McCarthy coming out to show off amazingly to nearly end the Act.

The next emcees came out, Tristan Kairouz alongside Czarina Cerrato, to prepare everyone for the grand finale of the first act, a Hip Hop Explosion tradition in the Freestyle Circle which went on for a good minute and led into the intermission.

Act 2 opened up with a quick rally from the directors, the next emcees coming on out, Zoe De La Cruz alongside Lana Serrano. This Act started up with a pretty fun performance called Hootie Frutti which worked really well to get the momentum going again after intermission.

Then once again Dance Team returned, this time with a solo from Raffie De La Cruz again capturing the feeling of the first act. After that Dance 3 finally comes back to show off with Maya Payton taking center stage for this one. The second to last emcees came out, Jaliyah West and Thirdy Frejas. After that Dance Team came out, this time with Raffie back alongside Isaiah William taking center stage for this piece. Glendale High came back here for their second performance of the night doing just as great as their first one.

Then came Tam and April taking center stage for the next piece, which led to the final two emcees of the show, Zachary Felts and Jazmin Herrera.

The final quarter of Act 2 opened up with the Avenue Juniors who absolutely knocked it out of the park, it makes sense why they were being saved for the last couple pieces.

A great way to cap it all off is with the Dance Team returning for the final stretch, this time the coaches showing off. Immediately after they gave a speech to all the people they were working with on this night. Finally the show ended with a quick but intense performance from Dance Team one last time to all show off, the perfect piece to end off a phenomenal performance and overall amazing show.

BoB

By Ayumi Hayashi-Terrazas
Cub Reporter

For students at John Burroughs High School, Burroughs on Broadway (BoB) is more than a performance. It is an opportunity to showcase their talents, collaborate with fellow performers and create lasting memories through music and theater. This year's production continued that tradition, bringing together the school's five choirs for a show filled with powerful vocals, creative storytelling and unique performances.

For Powerhouse Senior Alessi Ilumali, BoB held special significance. After four years of participating in the annual production, this year marked their final time performing in the show.

"BoB is always my favorite part of the entire year," Iumali said. "This past weekend was so fun and so rewarding, especially since it is my senior year and it's the last time I'll be doing BoB!"

Although the performances took place over just a couple of weekends, preparation began months in advance. Each choir starts working on its set as early as August, followed by a three-day sleepaway camp at Pali in September, where students learn much of their material.

"Rehearsals were definitely taxing at some points, but it all came together in the end to make an amazing show," the Senior said.

Balancing rehearsals with schoolwork, extracurricular activities and college application presented one of the biggest challenges. Students spent morning staging and rehearsing their sets, along with additional rehearsals after school and on weekends. Despite the demanding schedule, their dedication helped bring each performance to life.

One of Iumali's favorite moments was performing "Old Red Hills of Home" from Parade, which opened Powerhouse's set. Another memorable moment was the trial scene, where much of the choir performed among the audience, creating a more immersive experience.

"It's gratifying to see how our performance and our emotions and feelings can so intensely affect the audience nearby," Iumali said. "Every audience member gets a unique experience, and it's cool to see that we are able to shape that experience for them."

The audience's energy also helped performers feel more confident onstage. For Iumali, waiting backstage created an adrenaline rush that made performing exciting, although each song seemed to end almost immediately.

Iumali's favorite number to perform was "That's When the Tears Start," a solo performed alongside a trio. Beyond individual performances, each choir brought its own style to the production. Sound Sensations, for example, created an immersive murder mystery, showing how each group developed a unique concept.

As president of the Vocal Music Association (VMA), Iumali also focused on helping performers feel comfortable and confident. With students from all five choirs participating in different acts, teamwork played an important role in bringing the show together.

"It's awesome to see us all come together to make one great show," Iumali expressed.

After four years of participating in BOB, Iumali has also experienced significant personal growth. What once felt intimidating has become a favorite part of performing.

"Freshman year I remember being absolutely terrified of singing to a huge audience, and now, I would say that singing is my favorite part of performing!" Iumali said.

Iumali believed BOB stands out from other school performances because of its scale, variety of talent and the dedication of its performers. For students interested in joining next year, her advice is simple: "Don't overthink it, just go for it!"

As another year of Burroughs on Broadway comes to a close, the production leaves students with more than memorable performances. It celebrates their hard work, personal growth and shared passion for music and theater, creating memories that last long after the curtain falls.

Homecoming King: Easton Siems

By Maya Romo
Cub Reporter



Easton Siems had an exciting Homecoming experience after being crowned Homecoming King.

He never expected to be nominated, so being chosen for the Court would already have been a surprise, but outright winning as King was mindblowing.

Winning made the night even more memorable, especially being surrounded by so many other students he enjoyed being on the Court with.

"Wow, OMG, I can't believe I won. Lots of cool people on the Court. Glad that people voted for me," he shared.

For the dance, Easton dressed up in a black button-down shirt, slacks, a bow tie, and a necklace.

He attended the dance with his girlfriend, Leslie Femenias, and the two had an amazing time together.

Easton asked Leslie to Homecoming with a sign that read, "Resolved we be cute at HoCo pro con."

His sisters drove them to the dance, and their plans afterward included going to BJ's, getting food, and going to a party.

Outside of Homecoming, Easton is involved in Hiking Club, Debate Club, and Cross Country.

He earned all A's last year with a 4.3 GPA, and AP U.S. History with Mr. Piper is his favorite class.

When he has free time, he enjoys hanging out with friends, going hiking, and getting In-N-Out.

He also previously worked at Otto's down the street from Burroughs.

As a Senior, Easton's main goal is to enjoy every second of his final year of high school.

After graduation, he hopes to stay in California for college and is considering UCLA, SDSU, or UC Santa Barbara.

One of his biggest inspirations is his grandma, whom he admires for being able to talk to almost anyone and instantly become friends with them.

A quote from Martin Luther King Jr. that Easton chose was, "If you have nothing to die for, you have nothing to live for," a quote that reflects the way he wants to approach life and his future.

Congratulations King Easton Siems!

Homecoming Queen: Baela Rana

By Ava Camberos
Cub Reporter



Baela Rana was crowned Homecoming Queen after a night filled with excitement and memories. Although she never expected to be nominated, she ended up having a night she would remember for a long time.

For Homecoming, Baela wore a sparkly black dress with her everyday jewelry. Her outfit helped her feel dressed up while still keeping her own style.

Baela went to Homecoming with her sister and some of her cheerleading friends.

Baela found out about her nomination when her friend predicted that she had been nominated. At first, she didn't believe her friend because she never expected to be chosen for the Homecoming Court.

After finding out that she had been nominated, Baela spent the rest of the night getting In-N-Out with her friends. She was able to enjoy the night without being nervous or anxious.

Baela wasn't nervous for the dance as she believed it is only to have fun and enjoy yourself.

When Baela was announced as Homecoming Queen, her unexpected nomination grew even more special. She went from not believing she had been nominated to leaving Homecoming with a crown.

Outside of Homecoming, Baela was involved in the Cheer team. Cheer gave her a way to stay active at school and spend time with her teammates.

Baela said she wasn't known for one particular thing at school. However, Cheer was something that many people could connect her with because of her involvement on the team.

Baela also worked at the Equestrian Center in Burbank. Working there allowed her to spend time around horses which had been a big part of her life.

Her love for horses also connected her to one of the people who inspired her. She said her horse trainer had been a big part of her life and someone she had known for a long time. Her horse trainer was an important influence because of how long Baela had known her for and became an important figure in her life.

Baela also works hard in school. She does well in her classes and enjoys being a TA.

Baela enjoyed being a TA for her favorite teacher and being a TA gave Baela a class that she would enjoy while also allowing her to help out in a classroom.

For the school year, Baela had a simple goal. She wanted to get through her high school year and graduate.

After high school, Baela plans to attend Glendale Community College. Her plans for college gave her something to look forward to as she continued working toward graduation.

Baela's Homecoming experience was different from what she expected. She never thought she would be nominated and definitely didn't expect to be crowned Homecoming Queen.

Her night was filled with joy as she was surrounded by people she cared about which made the experience more meaningful.

Baela's unexpected nomination turned into a night she wouldn't forget. From wearing her sparkly black dress to standing on the Homecoming Court and being crowned Queen, the night became a special part of her high school experience.

Homecoming Prince: William Rowan

By Ryan McTague
Cub Reporter



When the Homecoming Court was announced, Will Rowan was completely caught off guard. "I was very surprised, I didn't expect it," Rowan said, reflecting on the moment he was nominated and named to the court.

William was dressed for the occasion in a classic button up, slacks, dress shoes, and watch.

Rowan carpooled to the event with his friends and spent the evening celebrating amongst his peers. After Homecoming, he finished off the night with dinner at Tally Rand.

Living by his favorite quote, "Don't stop till you get enough," by Michael Jackson, Rowan brought that same energy to Homecoming.

Known around campus primarily for playing sports, Rowan always has a busy schedule with Basketball and Volleyball.

His dedication also goes into the classroom as well, maintaining a 3.6 GPA, he excels in challenging courses like AP Government.

When he isn't competing or studying, Rowan always enjoys hanging out with his friends.

Looking ahead, Rowan has big goals for his Senior year, aiming to have standout seasons for his sports, and trying to maintain A's in his classes while striving to get 5's on his AP exams.

His future plans include applying to UC Santa Barbara or starting at a community college before transferring to Ohio State University or UC Santa Barbara.

Through it all, Rowan finds his motivation close to home, drawing inspiration from his sister, a hard worker whose high standards always drive him to reach his full potential.

Congratulations Prince Will Rowan!

Homecoming Princess: Cardonna Akins

By Jocelyn Jimenez
Cub Reporter



For Senior Cardonna Akins, Homecoming became a night she will remember for years to come. After being nominated for Homecoming Court, Cardonna was surprised to find herself a Princess. She said she never expected to be nominated because she thought she was "unknown," which made the experience even more meaningful to her. Being chosen was not only exciting, but also felt like an accomplishment as she begins her final year.

Cardonna dressed for the Miami-inspired theme in a long, shiny blue dress. She completed her look with small diamond earrings, a cross necklace, and gold bracelets.

Before heading to Homecoming, Cardonna and her friends got ready together, making the night feel special even before the night started. They took her Beetle to the park and then made their way to school, ready to enjoy the night together.

She went with her friends, which allowed her to spend the night with the people she was comfortable with and create memories together. Throughout the night, the group took lots of pictures and enjoyed their time together. For Cardonna, the night was less about being on Homecoming Court and more about enjoying the experience with the people around her.

Her friend Ruby Dobie also enjoyed spending the night with her, saying she "had such an amazing night with Cardonna." Between getting ready together, taking pictures, and enjoying the dance, the night gave Cardonna and her friends a chance to make memories that they can look back on after graduation.

After the dance, Cardonna continued the night with her friends by going to BJ's. With Senior year already being a year full of important moments, Homecoming gave her another opportunity to enjoy time with her friends before graduation approaches.

She is involved in several activities at school. She participates in Choir and GMJB, with Choir being one of her favorite classes and has Mr. Jennings as one of her favorite teachers. She also enjoys English. Cardonna works hard in school, and currently has around a 3.8 GPA.

Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with her friends, exploring new places, and dancing. She is also interested in acting and hopes to continue pursuing acting opportunities in the future. Her interests give her a lot to look forward to as she prepares for life after high school. One of her biggest goals for Senior year is to create as many memories as possible with the people around her, and being named to the Homecoming Court has become one of those.

Looking ahead, Cardonna hopes to attend either USC or UC Davis for college. She is interested in studying Zoology while also learning about Real Estate. In the future, she hopes to build a career in real estate while continuing to pursue acting and hopefully earning featured roles.

Cardonna also looks to God and the Bible for inspiration as she works toward her goals. Her faith is an important part of what motivates her and helps guide her. As she enters her final year of high school, she is focused on enjoying the people and experiences around her while also prepping for what comes next.

For Cardonna, being Homecoming Princess is more than simply being placed on a Court. It is a chance to step outside of what she expected for herself, celebrate with her friends, and make memories during a year that will go by quickly. What started as a nomination she never thought would happen became an accomplishment she is proud of.

As Senior year continues, Cardonna plans to make most of every opportunity. Whether she is singing in Choir, spending time with friends, dancing, working toward her future, or enjoying moments like Homecoming, she wants to remember the people and experiences that made her final year special.

Her advice for making the most of these moments is simple, "You only live once." To her, that means enjoying the present, making memories with the people she cares about, and taking advantage of the experiences that come her way. With Homecoming now becoming one of those memories, she has plenty more ahead of her as she finishes her Senior year and looks toward her future.

Homecoming Prince: Renzo Moglia

By Lily Bauer
Cub Reporter



This year, we crown the fantastic Renzo Moglia as Prince on our JBHS Homecoming Court! Wearing a leather jacket, button up, khakis, and a smile on his face, Renzo had a blast with his friends at Homecoming. He didn't take anyone romantically. He instead saw this Homecoming as one final opportunity for him to go to a school event with his friends from all grade levels. So, he went there with all the friends he could. Renzo has a tradition he continued for his final year of going to Denny's with some of his friends after Homecoming.

Not only does Renzo know how to have fun at Homecoming, but he's made it his goal for this year to leave with no regrets. He's trying to do everything and anything he can, taking any opportunity as something he practically needs to do. He was surprised to be a Prince in the Homecoming Court. Though he is shocked to have been chosen, he is very grateful to even be considered for it. "It's something to remember and reminisce about after I graduate," Renzo expressed.

Known for being a social butterfly, Renzo is currently in his not only last year, but also first year in Choir. "I just wanted to spice up my life honestly," he noted when talking about why he joined. He's also recognized for being in Dance 3, having choreographed one part of one of their pieces in Hip Hop Explosion. On top of these extracurriculars, he's also taking four AP classes with a 3.8 GPA. Among these AP classes is his favorite academic class he's taking this year: AP Biology. The reason behind this is because he wants to major in Animal Science going into college.

On the topic of college, Renzo has applied to five different colleges inside of California and about three out of state. Some in-state examples include UC Davis, California State Polytechnic, Cal State Fresno, and Cal State Chico. Though he notes that he loves to clean and be organized, he also sees himself in ten years working in an emergency animal hospital setting. "Though I get stressed very easily, I also work very well under pressure," he claims. While cleaning is one main hobby of his, he also enjoys calling his friends, drawing, exercising, and listening to music by all kinds of artists.

Of these artists, many of them have become inspirations or even major role models in his life. "I look up to a lot of the musical artists I listen to. I just think that their creative visions are really meaningful," Renzo answered when asked who he looks up to. He mentioned that he had originally wanted to go into the arts when he was younger, though he still wants to do it on the sidelines. Other role models he had noted were his parents who he said are "a huge inspiration."

Everyone going into their Senior year comes in with big goals. Whether it be getting straight As, passing the AP Exams, or getting into the college of their dreams, everyone keeps these goals in mind as they experience their last year of High School. Renzo has simply made a goal to be able to look back on high school and be able to smile. "I want to leave very fulfilled and feel content with everything. That's why I'm trying out for everything and doing everything I can. Sure, it's very stressful but it will be worth it later on," he explains. It's truly inspiring to see someone willing to put themselves out there and just have fun for their last year. That's Renzo Moglia's goal; to live his best life before he leaves JBHS and pursues his dreams!

Homecoming Princess: Emma Hernandez

By Kamryn Miller
News Editor



A huge congratulations to Emma Hernandez, who was crowned this year's Homecoming Princess! She looked breathtaking in her long black dress. To accompany her, she went with some of her friends: Bella Delgado, Tess Doty, Kamryn Miller, Ruby Dobie, and Cardonna Atkins. After the dance, she went to BJ's and enjoyed a nice meal with her close friends.

Emma found out that she got nominated at a random Subway on her way to the choir camp Pali. "I was just like really disoriented and freaked out - I didn't believe it" she notes.

Finding out that she got on Court means a lot to her. She is very grateful for the support from JBHS and she appreciates this experience.

Emma is known for being one of the anchors, and working behind the scenes, on GMJB. She is also the host of the school podcast, The Cub Club, she has been a part of this podcast for three years. On top of her responsibilities as podcast host, she is also the president of the John Burroughs Sound Sensations. Sound Sensations is the advanced girls choir here at Burroughs that has won multiple regional and national competitions titles. Being president is no little feat, but she luckily has had four years of experience in Choir to help her.

Last year, she took part in our school's Link Crew, and took up various volunteer opportunities around the community.

She balances all of these extracurricular activities with her academics. Her favourite class of all time was AP Statistics with Ms. Hollingshed, "the curriculum was so interesting, and it wasn't like any other math class." One of her favourite teachers here is Mrs. Meshkat because she has provided Emma with so many opportunities over the years.

When Emma isn't at work with GMJB or choir, she likes to read, and watch reality television. Some of her favorite shows include: Dancing With the Stars, Big Brother, Love Island, Survivor, and Traitors.

Over the summer, Emma got the opportunity to have a summer internship with FCA. She was able to help with marketing and production for Warner Brothers, including the new Spider - Man movie that just came out and some unreleased things she isn't at liberty to say. "The coolest part was definitely being able to work on a bunch of childhood shows."

Emma's goals for this year is to make the most of it, and have the time of her life while also preparing for the future, and doing the best job she possibly can. In the future she hopes to work in the entertainment industry because that is something she has always been accustomed to.

Her biggest inspirations are her friends because they really motivate her to be the best version of herself. "I surround myself with people that I admire, so I can strive to be just as good as them."

As for high school, Emmas reports that it has been a fun four years, and all the memories and friends, and supporters. Everyone she has met here, has been incredible, and has shaped her as a person.

Homecoming Prince: Jaden Rufin

By Christian Garay-Dang-Mendez
Sports Editor



One of this year's Homecoming Princes is Jaden Rufin, better known by his friends as 'Gurt.'

Coming to the dance, Jaden wore a blue suit and a pink shirt.

He went to the event with his date, and Homecoming Queen, Baela Rana.

He made his HoCo proposal after the South Pasadena football game, where she was on the sidelines with her fellow cheerleaders.

After Homecoming he went to hangout with friends and got food.

He got nominated because Gurt's friends wanted him and his date to get on the court together, which they did.

When he got nominated he was really happy and he didn't expect to get nominated.

When he was on the court he was happy and proud.

"Hola Soy Gurt."

He's known for being Gurt and in football.

Other than being on the Football team, Gurt also is on the Track team and is a part of Black Student Union.

In Gurt's freetime he watches baseball, football and his favorite teams are the Yankees, Rams, and Clippers.

His goal is to graduate and go to college.

Some of his friends, including Teddy Severse, Cooper Beebe, and Anthony Larios, had a lot of nice things to say about Gurt after his big win.

Larios says, "Jaden is a relatable guy and he can be related with multiple personalities," Larios has known Gurt since Freshman year and he says, "He seems intimidating but he's a kind soul."

Homecoming Princess: Leslie Femenias

By Zoey Pickens
Opinion Editor



Congratulations to JBHS' 2026 Homecoming Princess, Leslie Femenias! The beautiful and brilliant Senior had an unforgettable night.

Princess Leslie, sporting a purple minidress, arrived at Homecoming with her boyfriend Easton Siems and her friends. She danced all night long, taking in the full experience of her last Homecoming at JBHS. Upon being nominated for Homecoming court, she recalls feeling "so surprised!" The Senior explained that she hadn't expected a nomination at all, but that she was delighted nonetheless. When winning Princess, Leslie beamed. "I was really shocked and happy," she smiled. Overjoyed by her victory, Princess Leslie concluded the night by attending the Homecoming afterparty with her companions.

But, there's more to Princess Leslie than just the title of Homecoming Princess. She's an incredibly talented, bright individual. She speaks two languages fluently: English and Spanish, having a Cuban heritage. At her graduation from Dolores Huerta Middle School, Leslie addressed the graduating class of 2023 with a speech in Spanish.

Princess Leslie excels academically and is the unofficial Valedictorian. She has a passion for knowledge, taking multiple AP classes. Princess Leslie's favorite classes are AP English Literature, AP African American Studies, and AP Statistics. When discussing AP English Literature, Princess Leslie remarked, "I really like how all the books we're reading have different sides of history or different perspectives and genres. It allows me to expand my interests."

She also loves how AP English Literature and AP African American Studies "intertwine."

Her contributions to JBHS are also incredible. Princess Leslie heads Mock Trial Club as the President and Founder, is the President of JSA, and is the Co-President of Teen Court. She's been an active member of JSA since Sophomore year. In the future, she hopes to study International Law and possibly work in the United Nations. Princess Leslie also plays Tennis and has been on the JBHS Varsity Girls' Tennis team since Freshman year. She's played the sport since childhood and has a powerful forehand.

Outside of school, Princess Leslie enjoys spending time with her friends and family, hiking, thrifting, and shopping. Though, she jokes that Senior year has taken away most of her free time. Regardless, she cannot wait to spend the rest of her Senior year making memories and fulfilling her goals.

Thus, Princess Leslie's victory is more than worthy. The night couldn't have been any better for her, nor could she have been any more pleased over the events that unfolded. Once more, congratulations to Princess Leslie Feminias!

Special thanks to Photographers Mason Bright-Williams and Morgan Smith for the Homecoming Court photos!

Homecoming Prince: Sho Fujita

By Melia Garcia
Cub Reporter



Homecoming Prince Sho Fujita said he was not expecting to be nominated for Homecoming Court but was excited for the opportunity.

To the dance he wore a button up white shirt and black dress pants.

He went with some of his friends, Zev and Easton. They drove there in his car and had a great time.

Afterwards, he went to an after party and hung out with his friends and said they had a great time.

Prince Sho Fujita said he was known for being on the John Burroughs High School Varsity Football team.

He likes all his classes right now.

He does well in school and is popular with his peers. He likes to hang out with his friends whenever he has free time or goes on his phone.

He doesn't have a job but has been trying to get one.

His goals for the year are to keep his grades up and apply to colleges. He wants to stay local after graduation, going to college close by.

His inspirations are his coaches and teammates. He said that they inspire him to try his hardest and never give up. He appreciates his team for always pushing him to do his best and cheering him on when things were hard.

He believes they have all gotten closer because of this and is proud of his team.

Sho wasn't expecting to be on court and was very surprised and happy to be included by his peers. He was happy that people thought of him in that way.

Some advice he wants to give is to "Never give up and always do what you think is right."

Another piece of advice he gave was "To never give up on what you want to do and to surround yourself with people that support you in what you want to do."

He saw being nominated for Homecoming court was a huge honor and he was very grateful to be given this opportunity by his peers. He has had so many wonderful memories made at Burroughs and is excited for many more to come with the rest of his final year here.

During the interview Lily Indefenso said they were going to do a PR relationship which was very funny and cool of her.

In his free time he likes to spend time with his friends and family. He enjoys going out to get food with his friends and talking.

He wants to make more memories with his friends and team before this year is over. He is looking forward to this year.

His teammates inspire him to work harder and make his past years at Burroughs very enjoyable and fun for him. He can't wait to see what this year will bring and he hopes for the best during football season.

He is excited for what the future holds for him. He is excited to become an adult and go to college.

He loves Football and the Varsity team and is going to do his best to help them in any way he can to reach their goals.

He has had so many wonderful memories made at Burroughs and is excited for many more to come with his friends and family throughout this year. He is excited for the Homecoming game and is going to do everything he can to win for his last year on the team.

Homecoming Princess: Bridget Hauser

By Sophia Menjivar
Cub Reporter



Congratulations to this year's Homecoming Princess, Bridget Hauser!

Bridget was very surprised by her nomination. She says "It sounded like a cool idea, but I never thought it would actually happen." She was very happy about getting on Court and she said it's a great opportunity.

Bridget wore a yellow dress, with lots of gold jewelry, and white shoes. She put her hair in a half up half down hairstyle.

She went with her long time boyfriend, Alan Garcia.

Alan asked her out with a really cute poster, flowers, and some snacks she likes.

She says "Going with him was so much fun, I loved being with him, dancing, singing along to all our favorite songs, and doing all the photo shoots."

Afterwards Bridget and Alan went to BJ's for a nice, calm dinner after a very fun night.

Her friend, Ava Inchaurregui says, "This Homecoming will definitely be the most remembered and exciting Homecoming I have had over these past four years. Going with Bridget and all our other friends was the best part of it."

Bridget is generally associated with being in our two programs at John Burroughs, Cheer and Tech Crew.

When Bridget's not cheering for the school, she can be found baking, she says, "I love to bake. I make cookies every week, trying different flavors and such. I also really like making brownies."

Bridget is pretty smart, she has all A's and is working really hard to get into a four year college. She wants to go a bit more south in California, but still get a good, well paying degree.

Her favorite class is Data Science. She says, "I love doing all the labs and experiments."

Her biggest inspiration is her twin sister. She says that her sister is a very talented person,"She's my motivation to keep working hard because I know it will pay off."

Her goals for the year are to make sure she's staying on schedule and keeping with school work, while maintaining a fairly healthy social life. She wants to be successful and determined in her job while still putting all the effort into everything else she does, "I really just want to go through this last year without any hardships or stress."

Bridget's whole experience with getting on Court, Homecoming in general, and all her plans in the future are definitely going to make this her most memorable Homecoming yet.

She says, "Homecoming was a blast, taking a ton of photos with all my best friends and my boyfriend, this Homecoming was the best out of all of the other ones."

Congratulations to Bridget, as well as the rest of our Homecoming Court!

New Staff: Fabiana Jimenez

By Jocelyn Jimenez
Cub Reporter


Photographer: Elizabeth Browngardt

John Burroughs High School welcomes a new face to campus this year as Fabiana Jimenez joins the staff as the new Bear den counselor. With a background in basketball, choir, counseling, and growing up in Burbank, Ms. Jimenez brings a variety of experiences to her new role. Her main goal is to make sure students know that their well-being matters just as much as their academics.

For Ms. Jimenez, being a counselor, is about looking at the whole student. She believes that a student's school experience is about more than just grades and assignments, and that mental health can have a major impact on academic performance and college readiness. Her goal is to help students feel supported while also connecting them with the resources and opportunities they need to reach their goals.

"I think school experience is more than academics," Ms. Jimenez said. She wants to work with students as individuals and help them recognize that their goals and opportunities are more achievable than they may sometimes believe.

Ms. Jimenez is no stranger to working with students. Along with her new position at Burroughs, she coaches high school girls basketball at San Marino High School and is involved with a youth basketball club team. She has been around basketball for most of her life and has had coaches who made a lasting impact on her.

One of those coaches was Vicky Oganyan, who coached Ms. Jimenez when she was younger and later in college. Her experiences as an athlete helped shape her interest in working with students and supporting them as they grow.

For Ms. Jimenez, Choir was one of her favorite subjects when she was in school, and she remembers her choir teacher, Ms. Bradfield, as someone who was an amazing teacher and influence. During high school, Ms. Jimenez was student director in choir, showing that her interests have always gone beyond just sports.

She started at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, followed by John Muir Middle School and Providence High School. After high school, she attended Glendale Community College before transferring to UC Irvine, where she earned her bachelor's degree. She later attended the University of la Verne and earned her master's degree.

Her accomplishments as a student-athlete also stand out. During her basketball career, Ms. Jimenez earned First Team All-League honors, was selected to an All-CIF team, and was named Athlete of the Year during her senior year of high school. Her experiences as both a student and athlete give her a personal understanding of the pressure students can face while balancing school, activities, and their personal lives.

Ms. Jimenez eventually found her way back to Burbank. After earning her master's degree, she completed an internship at Burbank High School, where she was able to build connections within the district. When the Bear Den counselor position became available at Burroughs, she was encouraged to apply. Her connection to Burbank also made the opportunity especially meaningful because she grew up in the community and now gets to work in the same place she calls home.

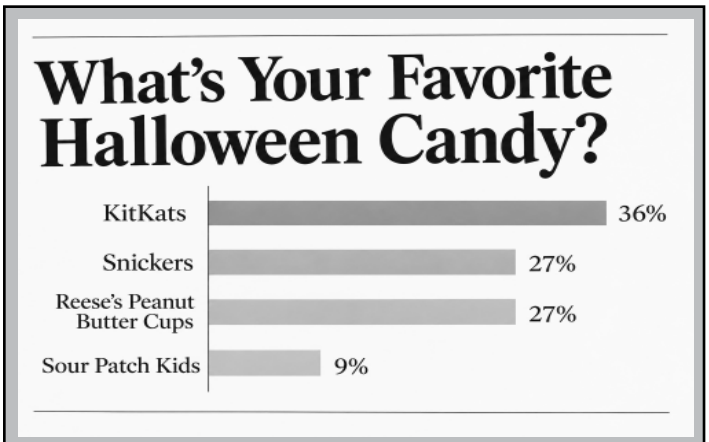
Outside of school, Ms, Jimenez enjoys spending time doing things that help her relax. She likes going to the movies, hiking, and recently started crocheting. She is also a dedicated A-Lister at the movie theatres, as she enjoys watching movies. One of her favorite movies is the 2019 version of "Little Women," which she describes as cozy and something that makes her feel happy. Another important part of Ms. Jimenez's life is her dog, Ray. She considers Ray one of the special things about her life and enjoys the time they spend together.

Family has also played a major role in helping Ms. Jimenez become the person she is today. She describes her family as her lifelong supporters and says they are one of the reasons she is where she is today. Ms. Jimenez has a Mexican mother, Elsa, and Filipino father, CJ, and grew up surrounded by family. Her sister, Sophia, and brother, Choy, helped teach her the importance of being a good listener and being there for the people she cares about.

Growing up in Burbank has also made her new position feel like more than just another job. Ms. Jimenez currently lives in Burbank, allowing her to continue being part of the community she grew up in while now helping a new generation of students.

As she begins her first year at Burroughs, Ms. Jimenez has several goals. One of her biggest goals at school is to get the Bear Den fully open and running. She also wants to build strong relationships with students and faculty and create a space where students feel comfortable coming for support. Her advice to students is simple but important: "Be kind to your mind." Ms. Jimenez wants students to give themselves grace and remember that the stress they are under doesn't define what they are capable of doing.

Even with the challenges that come with working in a school, she stated that one of the best parts of her job is collaborating with other staff members and getting to know students. She especially enjoys seeing students accomplish their goals and helping them build confidence and independence along the way. As the Bear Den begins to take shape, she hopes it becomes a place where students know they can find support, resources, and someone willing to listen.



The Paw Print is conducting monthly polls this year. Keep a lookout for the next one on your favorite Thanksgiving side dishes on our Instagram page: @thejbhspawprint

Girls Tennis

By Daniella Jaramillo
Cub Reporter


Photographer: Haven Dunn

Since the last issue of The Paw Print, Girls Tennis has played three matches. So far, they have remained undefeated, taking home three wins! Both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams have started the season with strong performances and are continuing to work toward more wins as the season progresses.

The Burroughs Varsity Tennis team has played against Marshall High School and Hoover High School so far this season. The team won both games with a final score of 14-4.

The first Varsity game was against Marshall High School on September 24th, with Burroughs hosting. The team was able to come away with a win, finishing the game with a score of 14-4. Playing at home gave the team the opportunity to compete on their own courts while continuing their undefeated start to the season.

The JV team has also had success so far this season. JV played Glendale High School on September 29th, with Burroughs hosting. The team won the match 15-3.

Although the team won against Glendale, they had to forfeit three matches because they did not have a third doubles team. A few players were not athletically cleared to compete, which resulted in the forfeited matches.

Even with the forfeited matches, the Junior Varsity team was able to finish the match with a large point difference and another win for Burroughs! The result helped add to the team's undefeated start.

So far, the Girls' Tennis team has not played many of the schools in their division this year. Because of this, there is still some uncertainty about what the rest of the season will look like and how the team will perform against some of their upcoming opponents.

The Varsity team also has two new Freshman girls this year. Their first names are Sasha and Ayushi, and both have stood out as new additions to the Varsity team. Even though they are freshmen, they have already made an impression while competing with the team.

Having new players join the team also gives the program the opportunity to develop new talent. With Sasha Sierra and Ayushi Mamtura joining Varsity, the team has younger players who can gain experience while competing alongside their teammates.

Another major change for the Girls' Tennis program this year has been the coaching staff. The team has new coaches this season, which has brought changes to the overall program.

When asked about the new coaches and the changes they have brought to the team, JV Captain Clover Serio stated, "We have new coaches this year, and it's changed the whole program, but it's definitely working out so far, because we've been doing pretty good and winning."

So far, the results have supported the team's positive start. With Varsity winning both of its matches and Junior Varsity also earning a win, the program has started the season without a loss.

As the season continues, the team will have more opportunities to face schools in their division and see how they match up against new opponents. For now, the players are continuing to stay positive, support each other, and focus on earning each point during their matches!

Good luck for the rest of the season!

Go Bears!

Football

By Christian Garay-Dang-Mendez
Sports Editor

The John Burroughs football team roared this season.

The Bears are currently in Boulder League play right now being (2-2). Their first game was against Pasadena and they won by forfeit (Pasadena no longer has a Varsity team).

Their next game was against South Pasadena which was unfortunately a 7-42 loss with Troy Acosta scoring the Bear's sole touchdown against South Pasadena with a 4 yard TD run.

Their next game was against Gabrielino and the Bears won in dominant fashion with a score of 35-7. The Bears utilized both their run and passing game with Sean Ghaman going 9/15 with 159 yards and 3 touchdowns, with those touchdowns going to Tony Sanchez, who had 3 receptions for 54 yards and 2 touchdowns, and Brandon Chapparo, who had 3 receptions for 30 yards and a touchdown. In the run game they had Sho Fujita who had 12 carries for 170 yards, Carson Shrode who also had 12 carries for 107 yards and a touchdown, and Brandon Chapparo who had 1 carry for 8 yards and a touchdown. The defense really shined in the Gabrielino game only allowing 7 points with notable performances by Ryder Bowne who had 8 tackles and an interception, Misahel Plazola who had a sack and tackle for loss, and Avery Serrano who had 2 tackles for loss and a sack which lead to a safety.

The next game they played was San Marino who won 33-31. The Bears got first blood when Carson Shrode first scored on a 17 yard run in the first quarter to go up 7-0, then Sho Fujita scored on a 42 yard run to make the score 14-9. In the fourth quarter Sho Fujita scored another touchdown to make the score 19-23. When San Marino scored to make it 19-30, Sean Ghaman threw a 59 yard touchdown to Brandon Chapparo to cut down the lead 25-30. Then Burroughs drove down the field with a minute left and Sho Fujita scored again to make it his third touchdown of the night with the score being 31-30. Sadly the Titans scored a field goal to make it 33-31. At the end of the night some notable performances were Sho Fujita who had 22 carries for 143 yards and 3 touchdowns as well as Carson Shrode who had 5 carries for 40 yards and a touchdown. Sean Ghaman went 15 for 26 and 151 yards and a touchdown and Brandon Chapparo who had 4 receptions for 77 yards and a touchdown.

The next and final game for League play was against Crescenta Valley. This game determined who goes to CIF playoffs this year. Disappointingly, the Bears lost 7-28, and will not be going to playoffs.

That game will be followed by the first non-League Burbank v. Burroughs rivalry game in our history, which should make for an interesting, if inconsequential, night, October 30th.

Good luck Bears!

Flag Football

By Micah Dvir and Daniella Jaramillo
Cub Reporters

Since the beginning of the season, the John Burroughs Girls' Flag Football team has continued to compete against different schools, working to improve their performance with each game. Throughout the season, the team has experienced both wins and losses, giving the players opportunities to learn from their mistakes and build on their strengths. Despite facing challenges during some of their games, the team continues to work together and develop their skills on the field.

The John Burroughs Varsity Flag Football team faced a tough defensive battle, dropping a narrow 8-6 game to San Marino. Despite the hard-fought loss, the Bears' offense showed flashes of grit through the air and on the ground; star quarterback Zavala engineered a relentless aerial attack, completing 17 of 47 passes for 107 yards and a touchdown, though plagued by 3 interceptions. Dynamic playmaker Varela added a 4-yard rush, while wide receiver Kiefer served as a reliable safety valve out wide, hauling in 7 receptions for 46 yards.

Hitting the road for an away matchup against South Pasadena, the John Burroughs Varsity Flag Football team put together an offensive masterclass to light up the stat sheet. Senior quarterback Zavala orchestrated the attack with incredible precision, completing 17 of 28 passes for 184 yards. Downfield, Senior Estrada was a game-breaker with 6 catches for 92 yards and a touchdown, while Kiefer hauled in 6 receptions for 57 yards and a score. Defensively, the Bears swarmed the field, led by a standout performance from Senior Lily Graham, who anchored the secondary with an interception returned for 25 yards alongside a defensive stop and a quarterback hurry. Huge congratulations to Lily Graham for earning Player of the Game honors with her clutch defensive showcase!

Facing a tough test earlier in the season against Monrovia, the John Burroughs Varsity Flag Football team battled hard in a hard-fought loss, where Senior quarterback Zavala threw for 147 yards on 16-of-32 passing and added 22 rushing yards, targeting Kiefer (5 receptions, 54 yards), Estrada (4 catches, 46 yards), and Vivas, who took a reception 25 yards to the house for a touchdown.

However, the Bears quickly bounced back with a dominant 19-0 shutout victory against Temple City, showcasing a stellar defensive masterclass that kept their opponents completely scoreless. The defensive unit swarmed all game long, anchored by standout performances from Chamchuen, who racked up 9 total flag pulls and 2 quarterback hurries, Varela with 6 flag pulls and 2 hurries, Indefenzo, who wreaked havoc in the backfield with 3 sacks and 3 flag pulls, and Estrada, who secured 2 interceptions for 52 yards and 2 pass defenses to seal the clean sheet.

Continuing their dominant run, the John Burroughs Varsity Flag Football team rolled past Gabrielino to secure a convincing 32-7 victory. The offense caught fire through the air, led by standout performances from Indefenzo, who exploded for 5 receptions, 118 yards, and 2 touchdowns, alongside Kiefer (5 catches, 52 yards, 1 TD) and Villalta (4 catches, 41 yards, 1 TD). Defensively, the Bears swarmed the field with stellar flag-pulling, paced by Kiefer with 7 flag pulls and Indefenzo added 5 flag pulls to lock down the win.

The John Burroughs High School Varsity Flag Football team put on a dominant display in their recent matchup, cruising to a decisive 26-7 victory over Temple City. The offense clicked into high gear behind Senior quarterback Zavala, who completed crucial passes and added 20 rushing yards alongside a touchdown. Senior wide receiver Estrada led the receiving corps with 5 receptions for 60 yards, while Kiefer and Indefenzo each hauled in touchdowns. Defensively, the Bears swarmed the field, anchored by Varela, who racked up 8 total flag pulls, a sack, and an electric 55-yard interception return, supported by Indefenzo's dominant pass rush featuring 10 hurries and a sack.

That stellar chemistry on both sides of the ball has the Bears riding high as they turn their attention toward a monumental rematch with La Cañada. Having dropped their previous contest against them, Burroughs is fueling up on momentum and seeking to "get revenge," according to team captain Isabella Estrada. With their synchronized teamwork and growing confidence, the Bears are primed and ready to flip the script in their upcoming clash.

The team's wins have come from strong communication, good chemistry, and successful plays. When players communicate effectively and work together, they are better able to connect passes, stop opposing players, and keep the game moving in their favor.

Several players have also stood out throughout the season. Lissandra Soto, Nohely Rios, Sophia Stratton, and Stephanie Foly are some of the team's standout players. Their contributions have made them players to recognize as the team continues through its season. With different players bringing their own abilities to the field, the team has opportunities to build on its strengths and continue developing as a group!

As the season continues, Girls' Flag Football will have more opportunities to put what they have learned into practice. Improving flag pulls, making short passes, and maintaining strong communication are all areas that can help the team perform more consistently in future games. Although the season has included challenges, the players can continue learning from both their wins and losses while working toward their goals!

Good luck for the rest of the season!

SUCCESS TUTORING ONLINE
Helping JBHS Students for over 25 years!
• Experienced educators.
• Tutoring for elementary, middle and high school students
• Most subjects, including AP Calculus and AP Physics.
• SAT/ACT, HSPT and other test prep.
Currently enrolling students for summer. Review a class that was challenging or prep for an upcoming class in the fall.
(818) 557-7379
SuccessTutoringOnline.com
SUCCESS TUTORING ONLINE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
SuccessTutoringOnline.com

Boys Water Polo

By Haven Dunn
Feature Editor


Photographer: Haven Dunn

The John Burroughs Boys Water Polo team made waves in their 2026 season under the leadership of Coaches Jacob Cook and Martin Ortega-Jennison. Throughout their season the boys showed incredible resilience, determination and dedication to their sport.

This season, while filled with challenges, turned out to be incredibly successful for the Boys.

The Boys faced off against several opponents this season finishing with a 9-7 win loss record.

They faced Eagle Rock on Friday September 18th in a tournament scoring an early win for the team with a final score of 12-6.

On the same day they beat Glendale with a score of 11-9.

Yet, the following day on September 19th they played Glendale again and lost 13-9.

On the 23rd of September they faced off against Muir resulting in a 14-11 loss.

That weekend they attended a tournament from Friday the 25th to Saturday the 26th. They faced off against unfamiliar faces.

In the first game they scored a win against the Webb Gauls with a score of 16-10.

The tournament continued on with their next team being Cleveland High School resulting in a 15-6 loss for the Bears.

Following this they played San Marino and lost 12-4. With their final game of the tournament they faced off against Cathedral High School losing 13-5.

The following week the Bears bounced back with a win against South Pasadena on the 1st of October and a final score of 13-8.

The Bears continued their winning streak, beating Pasadena High School with an identical score of 13-8 on the 6th of October.

That week must have had luck in the air because they beat Monrovia with a score of 17-2 on the 8th.

Facing off against South Pasadena again on the 13th of October the boys managed to secure yet another win with a final score of 13-10.

That same week the Boys kept winning, beating Pasadena High School 19-9 on October 15th.

On October 20th the Boys celebrated their Senior Night in a game against Monrovia. They won 21-4 bringing their total League win loss record to 6-0 resulting in them being League Champions!

Goalie Rocco Quiroga stated "We came back from tough pre-season losses, improved as a team to get to where we are" when asked how it felt to win Crest League.

Due to their immaculate win-loss record the Boys have officially moved onto CIF playoffs.

Captain Lincoln Morrow remarked "It's been important to show up to practice to get us in the best position for playoffs."

Daniel Mechanca added "Giving it our all has been important for every game."

Good luck JBHS Boys Water Polo with their CIF journey!

Girls Golf

By Ava Camberos
Cub Reporter

The Girls Golf Team recently placed second in their latest round. They are proud of their achievement, especially since the competition marked their first competition of the season. The girls are ready to compete again for first place in their next game.

The team prepares for competitions by practicing their skills and playing at least nine holes during warm-ups. They also work on improving their game and conditioning to get ready for upcoming competitive matches.

The girls are determined to win first place in the next game and are devoted to working together as a team and winning first place against upcoming competition. They will try their hardest and continue working together as a team to improve performance!





Upcoming Dates

November 3rd	Election Day!
November 6th	IMA Fall Concert
November 11th	Veteran's Day (No School)
November 13th	End of 15 Week Grades
November 20th-22nd	Fall Play
November 25th-27th	Thanksgiving Break (No School)

Cross Country

By Gemma Olivo
Cub Reporter

The JBHS Cross Country season is continuing its strong start, with the team earning impressive finishes across multiple divisions in two recent invitationals. Through consistent preparation and a focus on improvement, runners have continued to build momentum while working toward their goals for the season.

Preparing for Cross Country takes dedication both physically and mentally. Senior runner, Danny Patino, emphasized the importance of staying committed to summer practices while developing the right mindset for the demands of the season. "Going to practice everyday (except Sunday) is hard sometimes," Danny said, explaining how mental preparation has helped him stay consistent. Other runners have also focused on balancing training with recovery and proper nutrition. Baily Delgado said she has worked to maintain her weekly mileage and complete speed workouts while prioritizing recovery to prevent injury and fatigue. Similarly, Elisha Hill has emphasized building a strong mileage base, fueling her body with nutritious foods and mentally preparing for races.



The team's preparation has already translated into strong results. At Rosmead Invitational on September 12, the Junior Girls placed second out of 21 teams, while the Sophomore girls finished fourth out of 23 teams and the Senior boys placed seventh out of 34 teams. The Freshman Girls also finished eighth out of 21 teams, demonstrating the teams competitiveness across multiple grade levels.

For Baily, Rosemead was especially memorable. Despite being sick, she trusted her preparation and abilities, ultimately achieving one of her biggest personal records of the season. "I really feel amazing about Rosmead because that's where I hit my biggest PR of the season," Bailey said. Her performance reflected the importance of perseverance and trusting the work put in during training.

The team continued its success at the Raider Invitational in Oxnard on September 24th. The Varsity Girls took 1st place out of 8 teams, while the Varsity boys finished 3rd out of 10 teams. Both the Sophomore/Freshman Girls and the Sophomore/Freshman Boys earned second place out of 10 teams making it another successful meet for the team.

Danny describes Rosemead as a strong race because of its favorable conditions and nighttime setting, while Raider presented a different challenge due to its longer course. Despite the increased difficulty, he felt the team performed well overall.

Elisha also reflected positively on the Raider invitational, explaining that the course has been challenging for her in previous years. She said she was proud of herself for putting those past experiences behind her and being willing to step outside her comfort zone. As a team, she felt the runners performed well and was excited to see how they would improve in upcoming meets.

Looking ahead, the runners remain optimistic about the direction of the season. Danny hopes the team can qualify for CIF and advance beyond, while Elisha said the team has built a strong foundation and is focused on its goal of reaching state. Bailey has also been encouraged by the Varsity Girls' strong performances and first-place finish at Raider.

With strong team placements, individual improvements and goals for postseason, the Cross Country team had established positive momentum early in the season. As the runners continue training and competing, they hope to build on their progress and carry their success into upcoming meets.



Editorial Board

Editors-In-Chief..... Elizabeth Browngardt
Ryleigh Chisholm

Copy Editor.....
Business Manager.....
Cartoonist.....
News Editor..... Kamryn Miller
Feature Editor..... Haven Dunn
Opinion Editor..... Zoey Pickens
Sports Editor..... Christian Garay-Dang-Mendez
Creative Director..... Ethan Salcedo
Photographers..... Elizabeth Browngardt
Ryleigh Chisholm
Tobi Hattin
Ethan Salcedo
Haven Dunn
Advisor..... Mr. FitzGerald

This is the official newspaper of John Burroughs High School, created by Journalism students. Opinions expressed are those of the bylined writers and do not represent the views of the Burroughs faculty or staff or the Burbank Unified School District.

Girls Volleyball

By Tabby King and Lily Bauer
Cub Reporters

JBHS Girls Volleyball had a strong finish to the regular season.

This season has added a new coach to the Girl's Volleyball team. New to coaching at Burroughs, Coach Heidi went to school at UC Santa Cruz where she played on the NCAA Women's Volleyball team. She's not new to Burroughs, as she was an athlete here and was even coached by Coach Real. She, like Coach Real, began coaching because they wanted to share their strong passion for volleyball. "I wanted to become a coach so I could share my love for the sport and hopefully instill that same passion in my players," Heidi Collins says. Heidi's goals were to assist every member of the team to be the best they can be. When asked about her goals, Coach Heidi answered, "My goals were to help each athlete develop their individual skill set, confidence, and volleyball knowledge, while preparing them for the next level of competition and their transition to the varsity program."

Trinity Taylan, Alexandra Hammeke, and Emma De Cunzo Steinglass are the team captains of Varsity. Each one of these incredibly talented athletes led with positivity and showed their natural leadership when supporting their teammates. Out of these adept Varsity players, nine are going to be hanging up their jerseys. These seniors include Emma De Cunzo Steinglass, Zoe Davis, Paige Rowan, Trinity Taylan, Alina Abrahamian, Hailey Collins, Amanda Meserve, Victoria Acevedo, and Johanna Brain. One, Emma, is the top defensive player on the team with impressive stats. Ava Easter, who's on JV, told *The Paw Print* about Emma, informing "she's very consistent and dominant in defense and serve receive."

As any team must go through, the Girls Volleyball team experienced bumps in the road but their perseverance throughout the season brought them closer together.

When interviewing Ava Easter, she said "Varsity is always a very connected team as most of them have played together for years. They set a great example for underclassmen working on playing on Varsity in the future."

The grit of these girls are incredible and every single one of them shows each other the power of true teamwork and positivity. Even when an obstacle came along, it was overcome and they even came out stronger in the end. "Each challenge gave us an opportunity to grow, and ultimately, I think those experiences made us stronger volleyball players and a stronger team," notes Coach Heidi. It's very inspiring to see such hard-working and talented athletes being such driven people who have incredible teamwork skills. Heidi also commended, "I am incredibly proud of my players and how far we've come as a team. Watching them grow into the athletes they've become has been such a thrill. Seeing their confidence develop and watching them apply everything they learned throughout the season was one of the most rewarding parts of coaching. I'm excited to watch them continue to blossom into amazing volleyball players."

The Girls Volleyball team closed out the regular season with a three-game winning streak, capping a stretch that saw the team battle through a tough start and finish strong. The team showed real growth over the month, learning from early losses and building momentum at exactly the right time.

Beginning on September 24th against Crescenta Valley, the Bears opened this stretch with a competitive match against CV, falling 21-25, 20-25, 21-25. The games were close throughout, with the Bears fighting for every point, but they could not quite catch the Cougars down the stretch in any of the three sets. "We played them competitively but could not catch them," said Coach Real. It was a frustrating loss, but it showed the team could hang with a strong opponent, and it set the tone for the work they would put in over the following weeks.

Continuing on September 29th, Bears took on South Pasadena and pushed them to four games before falling 17-25, 15-25, 25-17, 18-25. After dropping the first two sets, the team responded with a strong third set, winning 25-17 and showing they were not going to go down without a fight. The outside hitters and setters provided the highlights, keeping the offense moving and giving the team a spark. "We had some highlights from our outside hitters and our setters but unfortunately lost to them in four games," said Coach Real. Though the result was a loss, the fight they showed in that third set was a sign of the resilience that would carry them forward.

Next on October 1st against Arcadia, the Bears came out strong and won the first set, but they could not sustain the effort and dropped the next three. "Although we won the first set, we could not sustain the effort," said Coach Real. It was a tough lesson in consistency, and the team took it to heart as they prepared for the crucial stretch of games ahead.



Photographer: Ryleigh Chisholm

Things turned around on October 8th against La Cañada with their first win. The Bears came out and swept the second-place team, La Cañada, 25-20, 25-21, 25-11. It was a statement win, and the team earned every point. Amelia and Trinity attacked well and challenged the much bigger players on the other side of the net, while Lola Juarez served and set well, keeping the offense flowing all match long. The defense held strong, and the Bears never let La Cañada find a rhythm. "We beat the team that was in second place," said Coach Real. It was the kind of complete team performance that showed what this group was capable of when everything clicked.

The momentum continued on October 13th in a rematch against CV. In the rematch the Bears came through with a big win, taking the match 25-15, 25-18, 9-25, 27-25. After comfortably winning the first two sets, the Bears dropped the third, but they regrouped and edged out a tense fourth set, 27-25, to close out the match. Trinity Taylan, Amelia Walsh, Zoe Davis and Alex Hammeke were all productive hitters, spreading the offense around and keeping the CV defense guessing. Joanna Brain and Emma De Cunzo Steinglass played great defense, digging up balls and keeping rallies alive, while Lily Noguchi and Lola Juarez did an excellent job of running the offense. "We beat the team that was undefeated," said Coach Real. It was a huge win for the Bears, taking down the League's top team and proving they belonged in the conversation.

In the big cross town rivalry game on October 13th against Burbank we won big. Later that same day, the Bears capped off Senior Night with a sweep of Burbank, 25-20, 25-17, 25-13. It was a great team effort on a special night for the Seniors, and the energy in the gym was electric. The team communicated well, played as a team and were very motivated to win. Alina Abrahamian, Hailey Collins and Trinity Taylan hit well, keeping the offense aggressive, while Victoria Acevedo tallied a number of aces and ran the offense well. Emma De Cunzo Steinglass and Aaliyah Shinn passed well, setting up the attack and keeping the Bears in control throughout. "It was a great team effort on Senior Night. We communicated well, played as a team and were very motivated to win," said Coach Real. It was a fitting way to honor the Seniors and send the team into the postseason on a high note. The Bears finished the regular season 16-14 overall and 3-5 in League, good for fourth place. With the team playing its best volleyball of the year, they will find out tomorrow afternoon if they have earned a playoff berth. "Our team is playing well. We made the playoffs. I feel we will make a good run!" If the Bears get the chance, they feel confident they can make a deep run and keep this season going.

Best of luck to these amazing girls as they continue through the year, they've earned it! Finally, congratulations to Girls Volleyball for a fantastic season, and go Bears!

More Online

Extra Halloween article online. Go to https://jbhs.burbankusd.org/activities/the-paw-print or use the QR code below.

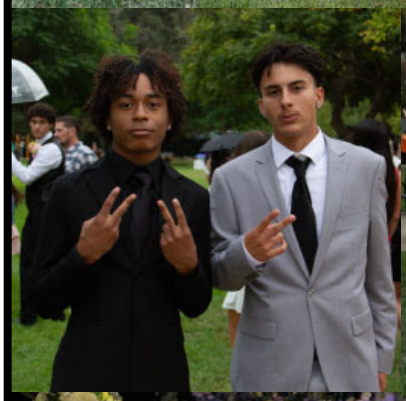
The Paw Print





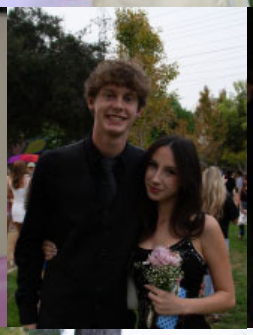






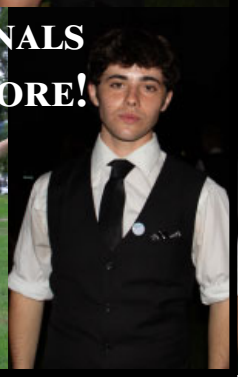












Halloween Horror Nights

By Ethan Salcedo
Cub Reporter



Photographer: Ethan Salcedo

As the sun goes down over Universal Hollywood, the theme park begins to look completely different. Fog fills the streets, flashing lights cover familiar areas and scare actors wait around corners for their next unsuspecting guest. For another Halloween season, Halloween Horror Nights has returned to Southern California.

Halloween Horror Nights, commonly known as HHN, returned to Universal Studios Hollywood on September 3rd and will continue on select nights through November 1st. The separately ticketed event features eight haunted houses, the Terror Tram, scare zones, live entertainment, and select rides throughout the park.

Every year, Universal combines well-known horror movies and television shows with original ideas created specifically for the event. This year's lineup includes Stranger Things 5, Sinners, Hellraiser, Ozzy Osbourne: Prince of Darkness, Evil Dead Burn, Killer Klowns from Outer Space, KILLceanera: Music by SLASH and Dead, Deader, Deadest.

One of the biggest attractions this year is Stranger Things 5, which brings guests back to Hawkins for one final adventure. The haunted house is based on the fifth and final season of the Netflix series and features some of its most recognizable villains and creatures. These include Vecna, Demogorgons, and the Mind Flayer. Guests walk through scenes inspired by the series while experiencing the jump scares and special effects HHN is known for.

Another major addition is Sinners, inspired by the 2025 horror film directed by Ryan Coogler. The haunted house brings the movie's supernatural world into the park as guests encounter vampires and other scenes inspired by the film. The popularity of *Sinners* makes the house one of this year's more recognizable attractions, especially for visitors who watched the film before attending the event.

For fans of older movies, Hellraiser brings the original *Hellraiser* trilogy to Halloween Horror Nights. Guests enter a world inspired by the films while encountering Pinhead and the Cenobites. The house gives fans of the franchise a chance to experience characters that have been part of horror for decades rather than focusing only on newer movies and shows.

Music is also a major part of the 2026 event. Ozzy Osbourne: Prince of Darkness is an original haunted house inspired by the late rock musician's music, career, and dark imagery. Instead of adapting a traditional horror movie, Universal uses Osbourne's image and music to create its own horror experience.

Another house combining music and horror is KILLceanera: Music by SLASH. The original story follows a quinceañera that takes a supernatural turn when a birthday girl summons spirits to get revenge on her school bullies. The house features music from guitarist Slash, who has worked with Halloween Horror Nights on previous attractions.

The event also brings back Killer Klowns from Outer Space, based on the 1988 cult horror-comedy. Meanwhile, Evil Dead Burn is inspired by the newest entry in the *Evil Dead* franchise. For visitors looking for a completely original story, Dead, Deader, Deadest takes guests inside the fictional Deville Family Funeral Home, where an experimental embalming causes the dead to rise.

However, the haunted houses are only part of the experience. The Terror Tram returned to the Universal backlot with Art the Clown as its main character. This year's version mixes horror with Christmas imagery as Art takes over the attraction. Unlike a traditional haunted house, the Terror Tram allows guests to leave the tram and walk through sections of Universal's famous backlot while encountering themed sets and scare actors.

The streets of the park also become attractions of their own. Scare zones place actors directly among guests as they travel between different areas. One of this year's scare zones is based on Fortnitemares, the Halloween event from the video game Fortnite. The collaboration brings characters and horror-inspired elements from the game into Universal Studios Hollywood.

Guests looking for something besides haunted houses can also watch The Purge: Dangerous Waters, a live stunt show inspired by *The Purge* franchise. The show combines performers, action and special effects to give visitors another way to experience the event without entering a maze.

Part of what makes Halloween Horror Nights stand out is how much the park changes once the event begins. Areas that guests may recognize during a normal trip to Universal become darker and more intense at night. Fog, lighting, music, and scare actors make even walking from one attraction to another part of the experience.

That atmosphere can also make HHn a social event for high school students and young adults. While visitors come because they are serious horror fans, others come mainly to spend the night with friends. Groups can compare which houses scared them the most, take photos throughout the park, or see who gets frightened first.

The variety of this year's houses also means guests do not necessarily have to be fans of one specific type of horror. Someone who watches *Stranger Things* may be most interested in entering Hawkins while a fan of classic horror may prefer Hellraiser. Music fans have Ozzy Osbourne and Slash-inspired houses, while visitors who want something less familiar can experience Universal's original concepts.

With eight haunted houses and several other attractions, seeing everything in one night may also be difficult depending on crowds and wait times. This makes deciding which houses are the most important part of the experience for many visitors.

Halloween Horror Nights has continued to grow beyond being a collection of haunted houses. It has become an annual Halloween tradition that combines movies, televisions, music, video games, and theme park entertainment into one event.

The 2026 lineup especially shows how broad the definition of horror can be. A Netflix series, a recent movie, an older cult classic, and even musicians such as Ozzy Osbourne and Slash can all exist within the same event.

For visitors willing to enter the fog, Halloween Horror Nights offers something that watching a horror movie at home cannot completely recreate. Instead of watching characters run from monsters on a screen, guests become part of the experience themselves.

Halloween Horror Nights continues at Universal Studios Hollywood on select nights through November 1st. With new houses, returning attractions and characters spread throughout the park, the event gives Southern California another season of screams before Halloween comes to an end.