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Justin Dedich To Play In U.S. All-American Football Game

BY MAKAYLA RENNER '18



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Senior Varsity football player, Justin Dedich, accepted his All-American football jersey which was presented to him by the United States Army during a special school assembly on September 19.

The kind of inherently talented athlete who increases the intensity and skill of their teammates through determined work ethic comes in far and few. Starting center, Senior Justin Dedich embodies this concept with a humble demeanor and intense drive to succeed both on and off the football field. On September 19, Dedich was hand delivered a jersey from the Army as his formal invitation to the United States All-American Game. This official invite, extended to him through a school assembly, represents an opportunity that only the top 1% of high school football players across the nation will get to experience.

The assembly had guest speakers from the U.S. Army to hand deliver Dedich his jersey for the game to honor his achievements. Coach Jeremy McCullough spoke about Dedich in high praise and said, "His abilities on the field are a result of his endless pursuit to be the best." He explained that, "Justin is everything you want in a student athlete." Likewise, his parents, Bill and Alice Dedich were immensely proud of their son. His father said, "It means the world to us [because] my brother served in the Army and he [Dedich] was invited to play in the Under Armor Bowl but he wanted to pay tribute to the troops when they come to watch the game instead." They explained that

this opportunity has been a long time ambition for their son, a childhood dream he has been working towards for many years and it moved them to see everything come together in a way that really honored his dedication and hardwork.

Despite being the first football player in the entire Temecula Valley Unified School District to receive such honors, Dedich does not let this achievement go to his head. He said, "I don't really think about it a whole lot because if you think you are at the top you will never excel, never go beyond the top. I try to always think I'm at the bottom." It is this demeanor that sets him apart from being average. The idea that there is no room to stop improving made all the difference as Dedich began to get looks from various colleges. As a University of Southern California (USC) commit with plans to graduate early at a 3.7 grade point average, it is easy to lose sight of the tedious aspects of football like time in the weight room and extra practices to go over plays or game film. However, Offensive Line Coach Andrew Ramer explained that, "he is always working" and the drive he has never ceases to amaze the coaching staff. It just continues to increase as he inspires his fellow teammates to work even harder.

Ramer said that for this game "they are picking the people

they see playing in the NFL in five years." It is a competitive process to even be considered for this nationally televised event which narrows down the top one percent into an even smaller grouping of high school football players from the east and west coasts. Ramer noted that "he's put so much work into the game to get these honors that they are extremely well deserved", but his hopes for Dedich are not centered on the game of football. He explained that first and foremost he wants the USC commit to get his degree; it is something they both agreed wholeheartedly on, with Dedich looking to pursue a bachelor's in kinesiology with the mindset that "it's definitely education first for me." This ability he has to set an example on and off the football field is something that has impressed everyone who has worked with him and continues to add to how well deserved this recognition truly is.

Compared to different events like the Nike open he attended, Dedich said, "I have been in national events before but it hasn't been a national football game... it is probably the biggest event I will go to." His humble demeanor and constant desire to keep growing truly allow him to leave a unique legacy behind wherever he goes. The All-American Game will be aired on January sixth of next year through the National Broadcasting Company (NBC).

Parents Enjoy Annual Puma Parent Day With Their Pumas

BY INGRID HEIDEMANN '21

The parents of Puma students do not get the opportunity to explore a high school campus that often, but this year's Puma Parent Day gave them a chance to get accustomed to the school grounds. Typically between about 350 to 400 parents visit throughout the whole day, staying for a few periods or even following their students around until the last bell. On September 26, Puma Parents got to shadow students and even got to watch a special presentation during CAT30 that included important information about the school.

Puma Parent Day was an event geared towards educating the parents who wanted to know more about their sons and daughters' campus life. Principal Mrs. Nicole Dayus said, "It helps with that parent-student relationship and understanding each other's worlds." By having parents come and experience their

student's campus life, they observed how students behave in a school environment, the instructional process teachers use to educate students, and why it is beneficial to have their students attend Chaparral.

During CAT30 on Puma Parent Day, parents went to the Performing Arts Center (PAC) for a parent presentation to brief them on the basics of CAT30, tutoring, and other important



Photo: Jay Wilson
Senior Briana Garcia gets some help from her father, Jose.

information about the school. They were also shown the statistics of the 2015 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) scores and how the growth rate was the largest increase in scores in the county.

A few parents shared their opinion on the Puma Parent Day. Mrs. Nazuki Elliot said, "It's fun to see what she's doing in class." Elliot's daughter, Zuri

Elliot, is a freshman here at school. Mr. Robert Russell, father of Milan and Mya Russell, remarked, "It was awesome." Puma Parents clearly enjoy spending time learning what their students do everyday at school.

Parents were asked to fill out a survey on the school website to elaborate on their experience at the end of the day. The survey asked questions such as did they feel welcome, were they able to get a broad idea of how our school works, and if they would come back for next year's Puma Parent Day. This survey helps to see what we can do better for next year's Puma Parent Day.

This year's Puma Parent Day benefited parents who wanted to learn more about the school and its functions. Puma Parent Day gives students a chance to feel proud about bringing their parents to school and to show them what they do during the day.

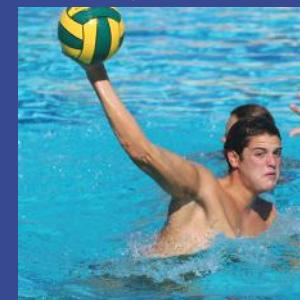
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Sing and Dance Into Another Era at Homecoming

BY ALISIA COOKE '18

Homecoming season has arrived, and next week will take off with spirit dress up days that tie directly to this year's groovy theme. Next Friday will include an exciting rally featuring electrifying performances put on by the diverse groups on campus as well as a Varsity Football game against Great Oak, leading up to this year's highly anticipated Homecoming Dance. The dance will take place on Saturday, October 7 from 7-10 PM, where several fun-filled activities await all who plan to attend.

Before the dance, on October 6, the Homecoming football game will showcase the Varsity Football team as they go head-to-head against Great Oak. It is also there at the halftime show that the Senior Homecoming King and Queen will be revealed and crowned. On Friday, September 22, the underclassmen princesses and princes were announced as well as the top four candidates for Senior King and Queen. Matthew Majel and Jordan Burr were voted as the Freshman Prince and Princess, Alex Perez and Jennifer Chaidez for Sophomore Prince and Princess, and Dylan McKay and Kayla Lesovsky for Junior Prince and Princess. The finalists for the senior class court for King include Justin Dedich, Rie Lopez, Dakota Mendez, and Koa Cook, and the court for Queen includes Ally J. Rosario, Jane Beltz, Allyssa Rader, and Olivia Johnson. One queen and king will be selected, and they will be seen wearing their crowns at the dance the next day.

This year's Homecoming theme is 'Scooby-Doo and the Haunted Homecoming Dance', which stands as the first component to the yearlong theme of 'Music'- meaning that this can be interpreted as the disco era of music's ever-growing evolution. Associated Student

Body (ASB) Director Mrs. Kristy Baron shared that with Homecoming's particular theme this year, decorations at the dance will portray the "creepy exterior that comes from [the haunted portion of] it, but you [will] also have the very retro sixties, early seventies colors and disco balls and lava lamp kind of looks."

The Homecoming Dance will offer many different avenues of entertainment. "[With] the way the karaoke was taken last year, we have to bring it back! It was way too big of a thing for us to pass up," Baron stated regarding the comeback of the karaoke attraction, which will definitely be there for another night of singing fun. There will also be polaroids and photo booths available to capture the memories made that night, a train ride, and either a music video maker and/or video game truck. Senior Alyssa Lacaressa expressed her excitement, stating, "Last year's dance was amazing because I got to spend it with my boyfriend...this year [we are] planning on dancing the night away." As for the food aspect of the event, two delectable highlights include Scooby Snacks and gelato, which Lacaressa added she is ecstatic to enjoy.

Dress code is one of the topics that some people may perceive as something that will prevent people from wearing their desired outfit. Still, it is not impossible to look fabulous without breaking the reasonable



Photo: Kristy Baron

The 2017 Homecoming court poised and ready to represent their classes, while wearing their sashes.

dress code put forth, and that applies to any gender. Specific requirements for this can be located in the Student Handbook, with the exclusion of strapless dresses. Regardless, all students should dress comfortably enough to avoid wardrobe malfunctions and have a fun-filled night of dancing and socializing.

It has been recommended by previous dance-goers that those planning to attend should "pack lightly" and just bring their phone and a school identification card. Although there will be a coat check, it has the potential to create long lines causing those waiting in it to miss out on the fun, and it is both unideal and inconvenient to carry belongings all night. Seniors are fortunate enough to have a VIP line in which they will be able to get into the event more quickly. Prior to attending, students must have their Behavior Contract form filled out by Wednesday, October 4 as well as have their ticket paid for, unless they plan on paying \$45 at the door.

Homecoming Spirit Week
10/2 Monday
Meddling Kids Monday (dress like a kid)
10/3 Tuesday
70's Tubular Tuesday (Decades 70's dress-up)
10/4 Wednesday
Wicked Wacky Wednesday (Wacky Tacky)
10/5 Thursday
Puma Spirits (School Colors)
10/6 Friday
Class Distinction
Mellow Yellow (Velma) 9th
Groovy Green (Shaggy) 10th
Boogie Blue (Fred) 11th
Psychedelic Pink (Daphne) 12th

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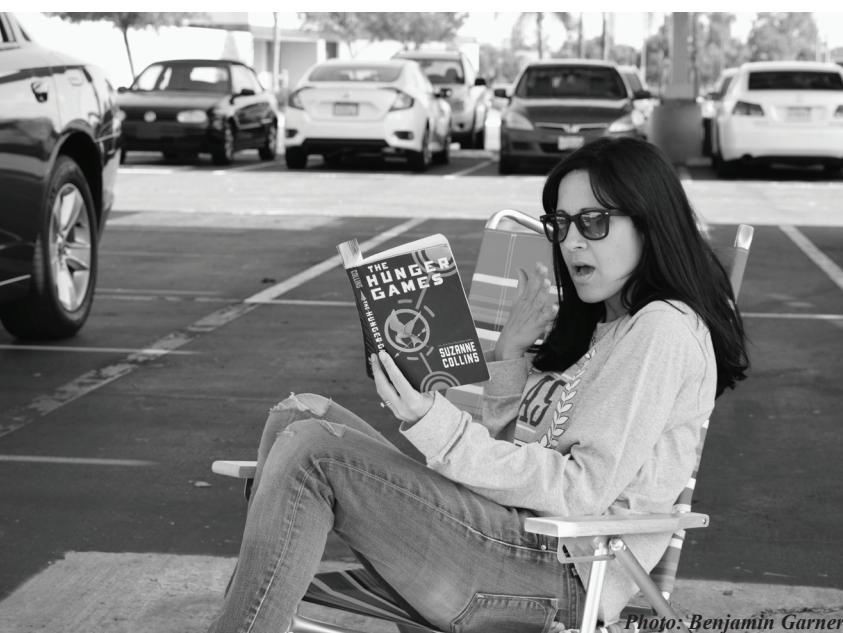
Senior Parking or Actual Hunger Games?

BY NATALIE WITT '18

Senior parking festivities are one of the first milestones a senior participates in to commemorate the beginning of an amazing last year of high school. The process of purchasing a parking spot and painting it with friends and family is a right of passage that many look forward to. In past years, it has been a calm and fun-loving event where everyone was able to get the spot they came for. This year, the class of 2018 took it to a whole new level by camping out the night before, trampling over their fellow peers, and creating chaos in order to claim their spot first thing in the morning, which was definitely unexpected. Activities Director, Mrs. Kristy Baron stated, "I've been doing [senior parking] for the past eight years and something like this has never happened before. The most I've seen is people arguing with the bookkeeper about their place in line. If I knew that this was going to happen, there would have been a whole big crew of security." Instead of it being something fun to do on an early Monday morning, it turned into an ugly competition. As a result, many seniors and their families were very upset over their experiences and have deemed the whole senior parking situation as unfair.

All seniors interested in purchasing a parking spot were given a 'Senior Parking Spot Procedures' handout. It clearly stated that students must not show up to campus any earlier than 5:30 AM. Even so, hundreds of students camped out in their cars, all lined up to see who could get through the gates first. Many students took it seriously enough to bring friends, so they could run while others drove to give themselves a better shot. As a result, students were pushed into the street, trampled over, and thrown around—all in a ruthless attempt to not even choose their actual parking spot but to get a good spot in line to get a parking spot. Many seniors are frustrated because they feel as though whoever camped out longer should get a better spot in line, but in reality it did not matter whatsoever. Senior Brenna Menting offered, "[Administration] said that they would kick people out and they never did that, so I followed the rules and I got there at 5:30 [when everyone was supposed to] and there were already a bunch of people in the parking lot." Menting ended up on the waitlist although she arrived at the time given on the Procedures handout.

Over the following days, ASB designated more senior spots in the



Baron nonchalantly reading The Hunger Games, comparing it to the senior parking events.

parking lot in order to supplement the demand for them. Many of those on the waitlist celebrated in class when they were delivered a slip or "golden ticket", notifying them that a parking space had become available for them to purchase. It showed others, who had been lucky enough to get a parking spot, to not take it for granted. After the selection of spots was all over with the following week, seniors looked past the stress and hassle they went through and were excited to finally paint their parking spaces. "Even though all the negative stuff happened, I'm just happy that we were all able to do this one thing as a class together. . . Seeing everyone's spot and seeing everyone happy painting their spots made me happy," Menting mentioned.

All in all, the seniors did a wonderful job painting their spots, and the end result was worth all of the turmoil. The parking lot is now filled with colorful masterpieces that show how creative and talented Chaparral students really are.

Next year, ASB intends to avoid what happened this year by setting up some sort of raffle system. Baron added, "We are looking at practices that other high schools in the area use. [One potential idea is to] create a Google form that interested students fill out. Students would have a week or so to complete the form and submit it so they can be randomized. This will allow students to have an equal opportunity of being chosen."

The Next Day

After seniors finished painting their

parking spots on September 9, some students came back the following day, September 10, to look at all the spots and show their friends and family members all the hard artistic work they did. Unfortunately, there were many "accidental" tire marks left on the freshly painted spots. Many have argued that it ultimately does not matter if they are driven over, because it is a parking lot after all, but the fact that they were just painted infuriates most seniors who put in tons of effort perfecting their artwork.

There was also an incident that took place during the early morning (approximately 8 AM) on September 10 where a Temecula Valley Driving School vehicle was spotted in the parking lot driving over freshly painted spots in order to teach a student driver how to park. Instead of parking in the spots on the other side of the lot, they chose to park in the senior ones. Students, as well as a parent, who were eyewitnesses to the event, spoke to the driving instructor, but the instructor expressed an "it does not matter" mentality and mentioned that he/she had permission to use the school parking lot for lessons. Baron contacted the Temecula Valley Unified School District (TVUSD) who outrightly disagreed, saying that the driving school is a private company and had no right to use the parking lot for driving lessons. Baron also called Temecula Valley Driving School and addressed the concerns of the parents and students who were present that day. Since then, Temecula Valley Driving School has apologized for the incident and is very upset that it happened.

Clubs Offer A Helping Hand Towards Hurricane Relief

BY ALISIA COOKE '18

Although the Golden State rests miles upon miles away from the destruction created by Hurricane Harvey, the smallest gestures given are immensely appreciated by the victims of this catastrophe. Clubs Rho Kappa, Wish Makers, and Red Cross have been actively participating in aiding the victims

in Texas by collecting donations to make even the slightest difference. Their specific target for recovery is Rockport-Fulton High School (RFHS), which suffered tremendous damages after Harvey's intense wind speeds almost completely demolished the school. Each of these clubs have their own separate

goals for this upcoming year, but with so many natural disasters forming recently, it was clear that a common goal could be met by providing assistance to a high school in need of more than just constructive repair. Senior and Co-president of the Red Cross Club, Andra Deacon, stated that aside from the medical and constructive repair Texas is currently receiving, "a lot of schools have been totally destroyed. . . [there are] students without school supplies." This stands to be the purpose of the project that has been named 'Rally for Rockport', the focus to collect school supplies for the students that attend RFHS. This school sat in one of the first locations to be ravaged by the Category 4 storm, and photos have revealed that the gymnasium nearly collapsed. Junior Alyssa Helsel, President of Wish Makers, stated, "I [had] a sign-up sheet at our first meeting for materials. . . [I am] trying to get as many people to be involved."

So far the progress made towards helping the cause has been spectacular. Several donations have begun to fill the baskets and boxes set up around campus. The supplies and materials that have been gathered already include but are not

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Principal Nicole Dayus

Dear Pumas,

While it feels like the year has just started, it is hard to believe that we are nearing our first progress report, that next week is homecoming week, and even though it is still 90 degrees outside, that Fall is here.

This year, a consistent CHS focus has been on our Puma PRIDE. CHS students and staff have a tremendous amount of Passion, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence.

How do you exercise these five qualities every day? How do you take advantage of the opportunities that you have as a student here? To help answer this, let's focus on the D in our PRIDE acronym: Determination.

Students who are determined to succeed, do. Students who are determined to find sports and extracurricular activities that speak to and build their interests, find them. Students who are determined to do well academically find the time, resources, and necessary supports to prevail.

Determination does not mean that you are traveling a perfect road towards your goal. Determination means that after you fall, you pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and move forward - even if things get difficult. Students who are determined, don't abandon success.

Instead, they persevere with an impressive level of grit because they can and because they are Pumas. I am determined to make this a great year for CHS, I hope you are determined to do the same.

Go Pumas!
Mrs. Dayus

COLLEGE VISITS

Sign up in the Student Union Room 323/324 for more information.



Photo: Alisia Cooke

Sarah Tellez and Sonika Sethi organize the donations received so far.

limited to pencils, erasers, binders, backpacks, folders, note cards, sticky notes, highlighters, and notebooks. Senior Sarah Tellez, Treasurer of Rho Kappa, urges students to, "just help out. . . [it will] make a difference." She added that "anyone can help out" regardless if it is a simple No. 2 pencil being given.

All three of these clubs are looking towards making a difference in bettering our own community. Red Cross is looking to expand membership and round up bone marrow donors, Wish Makers is planning on financially supporting an individual or family in need, and Rho Kappa will continue to encourage the importance of social studies. This project that each of them have taken on serves to be a stepping stone in the right direction. Additionally, both Red Cross and Wish Makers are still accepting new members with open arms. Any further questions regarding 'Rally for Rockport' can be directed to Mrs. Susan Myers or members of the three clubs. If you have supplies you would like to donate, feel free to drop them off to counselling in the front office, the Welcome Center, or room 461.

Hurricane Divides GOP

BY FELIX SIPRA '18

As Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma batter the states of Texas and Florida respectively, relief is desperately needed. This relief will not come in the form of the hundreds of thousands of dollars donated by celebrities to institutions dedicated to disaster relief, which may or may not use the funds with impartiality or for the right cause. This relief must come in the form of billions of dollars, 15.3 billion to be exact, and this type of money and relief can only come at the hands of the government. It also means expanding flood insurance and the role the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) plays in the political arena as these natural disasters continue to rise. The irony is that despite the fact that both Texas and Florida are represented by Republicans, it is these Republicans that have voted 'nay' on the funding. Several representatives of their own struggling states would rather stick to over idealized conservative values of limited government spending than being a part of the aid that is most necessary.

The idea that conservative values take precedent over disaster relief in which many lives and livelihoods are at stake is not necessarily a new theme in the GOP. It was only 2012 when Superstorm Sandy severely damaged the East Coast and several of these same GOP members voted 'nay' on relief dedicated to assisting those affected. It is outrageous that the GOP does not see the value in saving lives and livelihoods when it does not adhere to a traditional capitalist system. Constituents residing in both hurricane affected areas and the districts of these so called "representatives of the

people" ought to demand a fair explanation as to why budgeting was put before human lives.

The heartwarming videos of Presidents and past Presidents alike going to areas afflicted by natural disasters may be heartwarming and showcase the President's 'character', but those clips do very little to actually fix our cities. Despite what hardline economic conservative capitalists want the general public to think, the taxpayer's money must be used to save cities with an uncertain future. Hurricane Katrina, which had lasting damage on New Orleans, Louisiana prompted the federal government to spend 120 billion dollars in relief, and that money still was not enough. 15.3 billion was passed to combat the damage done by two massive hurricanes equal, if not greater in strength to Katrina and spreading destruction spanning two states of our country. Even the 120 billion dollars spent by the federal government was nowhere near enough to pick New Orleans off its feet, as many neighborhoods are still marred by flood damage. The fact that only 15.3 billion dollars is set aside for relief for both Texas and Florida is an atrocity to the people trying to get their lives back on track. These representatives ought to be ashamed of themselves.

If the country is truly united, citizens ought to be inclined to demand that those in need are not left struggling for long. The lack of compassion these representatives have shown is a disgrace to all who believe in the American system. Americans should demand that the government puts the well being of her constituents above campaign promises and party agendas.

Reversing Title IX

BY PAIGE ADAME '18

Rescinding every positive advancement President Obama made seems to be a key focus of the Trump administration. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos has reversed the progress that was made during Barack Obama's presidency when he strictly enforced Title IX. Title IX is a federal law on gender equality in all parts of education. DeVos specifically revisited the guidelines of sexual assault and how it is going to be handled. DeVos has reversed these guidelines because she insists that those who are accused of sexual assault are just as much a victim as the accuser. With this thought process in mind, DeVos leads a majority of the public to believe that not only is she protecting potential rapists and molesters, but she is also threatening a real victim's hope for justice.

This change to Title IX that will go about rape and sexual assault accusations in a so-called better way threatens survivors, victims, and those who might be assaulted in the future. DeVos wants to help those who are wrongly accused by requiring more evidence than was needed in the Obama era of Title IX. While this may help those who are wrongly accused, the real molesters and rapists might still be let off the hook and have a chance assaulting more people. Cases like Brock Turner receiving light punishment and Austin James Wilkerson who was sentenced "work release" both had enough evidence and/or confession for a justifiable sentence. However, both men were quick to gain limited freedom which is enough for either of them to attack another potential victim. DeVos told a story about a couple who was reported for being abusive in which case the girlfriend

strongly denied being abused, but her boyfriend's future was ruined by expulsion. This error is a flaw in the campus officials that dealt with this complaint, not Title IX. If school officials were properly trained to assess situations like this one, there may not be as many unjustly handled cases. Therefore, Title IX would not have to be changed so drastically by the Trump administration.

DeVos wants to prevent those who are wrongly accused of rape and sexual assault from receiving punishment they do not deserve, however her announcement that will change Title IX guidelines is unfair to actual victims and survivors. Certainly those who are wrongly accused should be helped to get the justice they deserve. Their future education and/or life should not be threatened because someone else would not tell the truth and those who lie about sexual assault and rape should be punished. Conversely, for actual victims and survivors, the new guidelines will defend their rapists and hurt future victim's chances at seeking justice.

DeVos may have good intentions, but the change to sexual assault guidelines will do more harm than good. If society continues to put criminals first, then no one will ever feel like their pain and suffering matters. It is hard enough for victims to come forward about being assaulted. The infamous victim blaming in society is damaging in addition to the trauma they endured and by encouraging things like more evidence to prove sexual assault will hurt a victim's chance at justice. Victims have a voice that should never be ignored simply because others made the cowardly decision to lie about being a victim.



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Police officers are targeted on social media platforms, such as Facebook, for one officer's beliefs and brutality.

There are legitimate cases of corrupt officers making arrests out of racial beliefs, or exercising brutality. Those cases do exist and awareness does need to be brought to them. However, making a racial case out of every issue involving an officer will only continue to build a divide between communities and their local

police. This separation will create a toxic relationship, when people should be trusting their local officers as they are their to protect and serve them. People should not be fearing cops, or view them all to be the bad guys. In 2015 data was collected to see what communities rated their local law enforcement. 47% of Americans gave their local police a D or an F. Recently, in some areas efforts have been made to open communications between police and the community. A teen summit was held by the National Police Activity League (PAL) in Maryland in which conferences were held between teenagers and the Chiefs of local police departments to identify the problematics plaguing the police and communities. Events like this are beneficial because it is the first step towards developing a society that shows growth, understanding, and open-mindedness.

Either social media has to rebrand itself to report only facts of a case, or people need to separate social media's views of police from their own community. It is up to the younger generation to be the ones to step up and form relationships with law enforcement, and it will take the new generation to reshape the fixed mindset of social media and of society.

Swift's Rotten Reputation

BY SYDNEY CLOWDUS '18

Pop star Taylor Swift released her first song in three years, "Look What You Made Me Do," on August 24, 2017, and plans on releasing her album "Reputation," on November 10. As is, Swift has a net worth of \$380 million, but she has decided to increase her profits further, and scam her loyal fans in the process. Swift confirmed that she will be going on tour accompanying the release of her album, and has worked with Ticketmaster to essentially scam those who want a chance at tickets for the tour.

Ticketmaster has a Verified Fan Programme on their website, which was made to separate humans from scalper bots. Those who want to purchase tickets can register ahead of time, and if they are verified, selected and receive a code, it unlocks the opportunity to purchase tickets. This system does not guarantee verification, selection, or even the chance to buy tickets. The executive VP and head of music for TicketMaster North America, David Marcus, said that the program's only purpose is to remove "bots and scalpers from the equation," in order to direct the tickets to actual fans.

Swift is using the Verified Fan Programme, but has put her own twist on it that benefits her, but not ticket buyers; she has named this program the "Taylor Swift Tix." Her fans are invited to participate in "boost activities" which will improve their chance to buy tickets. In addition to buying her merchandise, the "boost activities" include: watching Swift's music video,

registering for her mailing list, posting about Swift on social media and referring friends to the program. However, none of these are equivalent to buying her merchandise. Once an item is purchased, or an activity is completed, a progress bar keeps track of how close that person is to unlocking tickets. The progress made is not solely based upon the fan's participation, but others' as well. Progress can slow down depending on how many other fans are trying the program; the more people, the lower the progress. The process of buying concert tickets is difficult as is, and Swift's added method makes it even more of a hassle.

The program of Ticketmaster itself is not an issue, as it protects the tickets and was put in place in favor of those who buy tickets. However, in turn, Swift adding the boost activities has nothing to do with protection from scalpers, it is merely a way to increase her own profits. Swift's actions suggest that the value of money outweighs the value of her supportive fan base. Swift claims that she is "committed to getting tickets into the hands of fans," but if she was truly invested in her fans' interests, she would find another way other than doubling or tripling the original price. If Swift were to combine identity checks with dynamic-pricing, meaning prices would be determined by a particular customer's perceived ability to pay, it would decrease the possibility of scalpers. There are alternatives to Swift's scam, but she has not shown

any interest in altering it in order to benefit her fans.

Although Swift says she supports her fans and wants to protect them, her actions prove otherwise. After waiting three years for a new album, Swift fans do not want to pay even more than expected, but rather they want to see Swift's concert from the usual price. Swift fans do not deserve to be scammed by an artist who supports herself over her supporters.



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Swift's addition to Ticketmaster's Verified Fan Programme suggests that she values profits over her fans.

The Militant Outliers of the Left Wing

BY BENJAMIN GARNER '19

The 2016 election, divisive and polarizing as it was, served as a catalyst for the development of multiple new political headwinds, and brought forth the culmination of a country divided. Out of this divide, one of the many disturbing trends that have taken form is this uptick in violent action perpetrated by fringe members of the left-wing. These anti-free speech, undiplomatic, hypocrites mirror in themselves some of the key aspects of the authoritarian ideology they purport to oppose. With their minds in a state of comatose these impetuous faux progressives, like the supposed Anti-Fascists (Antifa) of the Berkeley Protests, or the violent counter protesters who attacked Trump supporters outside a San Jose rally in June of last year, do more damage to the causes they supposedly support than

they could ever realize.

Violence, in the eyes of the law, and to anyone with a reasonable moral code, is non-negotiable. Certainly the idea of violent resistance outright can seem enticing to those who have been completely and utterly cast out of the political system in America, especially when faced with the increasingly aggressive and hardline right-wing organization seen in recent years. Nonetheless, right-wingers in twenty-first century America, as far outside of a rational Overton window as they may be, simply can not elicit the same response twentieth century Nazi Germany did. Asserting otherwise one must admit to not function within the bounds of objective reality. There is no justification for violence against them.

Violence makes victims. What this left-wing fringe must realize is by attacking

and attempting to repress

right-wing speakers, and by disrupting peaceful marches, they are making a victim out of their target, no matter how odious the ideas of the target are. They are giving validation and credence to ideas that would otherwise be laughed out of the room. Furthermore, free speech does in fact protect hate speech. Direct threats of violence are unacceptable, but anything short of that is a constitutionally protected right. To shut down these speakers, especially through violence, is not only unproductive and ineffective, it is inherently authoritarian, un-American, and an affront to the constitution of this nation.

The sentiment is more than understandable, simply the concept that Nazis, Confederates, and Klansmen can march down the streets, bearing their racist un-American garb, carrying arms

is atrocious. Especially when, in the case of Charlottesville, they commit acts of terrorism. It is worthy of condemnation of the highest regard—which it has not received from this nation's president. Yet, now is not the time to fight fire with fire, but to heed to words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon. Which cuts without wounding and ennobles the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals."

Now is a time for nonviolence, and for de-escalation. The nation is in dire straits, and all of America is being tested. Tested for their resilience, for their strength and their pride. The left must strive not to sink to the level of the Neo-Fascists and the Alt-Right, but to stand above them, heads held high, hands at their side, fists unclenched, now is not the time for violence, but a time for peace.

Moral Implications of Figureheads Fighting the System

BY MAKAYLA RENNER '18

The right to protest and express dissent over disagreements is a fundamental liberty protected by the constitution. Attention for various causes is often lacking if creative measures are not taken to incite conversations about a certain issue. However, a line should be drawn if people are demanding things like fair treatment and equality while also infringing on the rights and liberties of others. The polarization of political parties has dramatically increased the lengths people are willing to go to in order to make a statement. With the lack of a political middle ground it has become unclear what appropriate forms of protest include, especially with the actions different public figures readily resort to. People with a strong presence in the media or government have created an inappropriate example of how to handle disagreements while negatively affecting the way their political party is viewed in a weak attempt to gain attention.

Satirical comics like the Saturday Night Live actors mock the current state of politics, typically making fun of both parties whenever one is at the forefront of the public eye in a generally light witted manner. Yet when a well-known journalist like Kathy Griffin poses with a fake, decapitated head of President Donald Trump there is no way of justifying this as satire and playing off such a deliberate action. It permanently dismisses her credibility, especially as someone whose job at times would have been to professionally interview important members of Trump's political party or other people she may not agree with.

Three congressmen who belong to the

Democratic Party were taken into custody on September 19 for protesting the current state of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Plan (DACA) in front of Trump Tower and blocking the road without a permit. In the same essence, Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal made

about the President's reaction to what happened in Charlottesville. These extreme actions taken by government officials establish an atmosphere that bring normalcy to misconduct and disrespect. When the President himself has the indecency to verbally attack those who take



These horrific signs of protest are from Westboro Baptist Church and their protests at military funerals.

a Facebook post saying that she hoped President Trump would be assassinated. It is still unclear whether the Senate will vote to have her removed from office but she has revoked the statement with the justification that she was frustrated

during events like funerals, some sort of appropriation must be established. In early July, outside the memorial of African American police officer Miosotis Familia, a single mother of three children, a teenager took to playing "F*** Tha Police" outside of his apartment window during the service. He was made to apologize to the family after the service but only "apologized because it was between the house [his family lived in] and apologizing." With the blatant disrespect those in authority have for one another, it is unreasonable to expect anything different from a teenager influenced by a hateful media and adults who take the same path in their moments of anger. The tragedy at Charlottesville becomes the blame of "many sides" as Trump has told the public, never once condoning any of the hateful actions of the "alt-right." The different members of the federal government continue to break the rules they are in charge of making and continue to escalate the political divide by insulting the opposing side fervently. It makes it difficult to discredit varying opinions or create debate about who is at fault because the many issues that fall into different political parties have independently developed extremist groups on the premise that they are in the right.

Inciting hatred to continue in a vicious cycle does nothing to solve these problems, instead creating an atmosphere of constant blame and anger. The hateful actions being had currently do little more than express frustration without suggesting change. It divides people further from one another as society's figureheads insult opposing viewpoints without accountability.



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Countdown to Homecoming

Benefits of Technical Classes

BY CHRISTIAN TIFFANY '18



Photo: Christian Tiffany

Junior Christian Meyer works on designing props for Homecoming.

As the years go by, more and more stress is put onto students to continue their education at a four year university and graduate with a degree. As a result, many students begin to feel that college is their only option for future success. However, the reality is that the path to "college readiness" is not the path for everyone, but a recent rise of technical classes, like automotive shop and woodshop, within high schools has encouraged teens to learn and explore a variety of different skills that they can use for the rest of their lives.

With these hands-on technical courses, students learn the basics of designing their own creations and exploring their passions. Students are taught not to follow a textbook, but to go through the trial and error process and learn through hands on experience. These classes were a staple in past students' education, providing them with the tools needed to go out into the world and start working. In recent years, these classes have slowly declined, leaving Chaparral with only one of these classes as an option: Stage Tech. This class provides students with knowledge of stage management, woodshop, and electrical wiring. With increased funding from the district, students can expect to see more of these classes returning to Chaparrals doors.

This new focus from the district on bringing

back these classes has excited both students and teachers. The inception of new skill-related classes will further help make students more well-rounded. Mr. Scott Carey, the Stage Tech teacher, said that with this new focus on hands-on courses he would "certainly buy a lot more training tools like breadboard circuit kits where you learn how a parallel circuit and direct circuit work together." With these training tools, students can expect to see new opportunities open up in designing and manufacturing. Giving students the opportunity to learn new skills for making a career. Similarly, Senior Tabitha Wilson stressed that, "it's important to bring those classes back because we need them and like in reality as students we need to learn how to fix stuff on our own." Just because students have knowledge on something does not always mean that it can be applied in real life situation. Having a textbook be a students only way of learning hinders any real growth or exploration and that's why these classes are so crucial to making better students in our school.

This hands-on lifestyle has been long forgotten but with more technical classes returning to schools in the district, students can now expect to be able to explore opportunities previously unavailable. A decision must be made whether we allow these classes to grow into what they truly are supposed to be or to let them be disregarded as outdated curriculum. Students should know that there are other opportunities that they can follow, besides the path of college. Hands on technical classes are a option, and are a beneficial part of rounding any student's education giving them a tool to make a career out of.

Cultural Clubs Rising in Popularity on Campus

BY PAIGE CRAWFORD '21

This year, students are uniting and raising awareness for a variety of races and cultures through clubs here on campus. These culture clubs provide students with an outlet to make a stand for equality and to be able to share their culture with others.

The increase of clubs on campus has given students the opportunity to be able to use their voice and make a change. Each club has an advisor, so members can have a place to discuss topics during meetings. Members and advisors of culture clubs feel that they make a very big impact on students and the campus overall. "I think it's phenomenal," said Mrs. Dianne Cox, the advisor of the Black Student Union (BSU), "Your school is a microcosm of society, so you need a diverse group of students and

staff, I think, to make any school successful." The meaning behind these culture clubs is not just to unite people of one race but to unite everyone that wants equality. "BSU is for unity. If you believe in equality for everybody, if you believe in tolerance for cultures, if you want change and you believe in equality for everyone, then BSU is the club for you," said Cox. Over 200 students, of all different races, signed up for BSU during Club Rush.

The Middle Eastern Culture and Community Association (MECCA) club is playing an important role by giving students a positive outlook on their Middle Eastern culture instead of the negative portrayal of the Middle East shown by modern media. Club co-president and Senior Rose Elsherif feels that the club is

Think Fast: Improv's Back!

BY LOUISE KIM '19

Drama season has returned with the doors of the Performing Arts Center opening tonight at 7 P.M. A brand new team will make an appearance on a show known for its high-energy and hilarity. Improv, a comedy show with no script, is back, signifying a year full of laughter and fun, and the team hopes to kick off the season right with a successful first performance. Both A-Squad and B-Squad have been practicing since the end of August when the teams were formed in preparation for tonight as well as the rest of the year.

This year's A-Squad is led by their captain, Senior Dylan "Fatburger" Robb, and co-captain, Junior Gavin Powell. For Robb, this is his second year in a row being captain for the A-Squad, a feat that has never been accomplished before. "It's very rewarding," he said, "It feels very nice to know that the people who you led last year have the same faith in you to lead them again." To prepare for the upcoming show, A-Squad has been practicing every Tuesday and Thursday, building bonds, creating chemistry between performers on stage, and simply getting a feel for each other's personalities. Eight of the ten A-Squad members from last year graduated, ushering in eight new faces on the team this year. Although it is a brand new group of people they will be leading, Robb and Powell have as much faith in their squad as their fellow improvisers do in their captains. Having a new team excites Robb as he believes with fresh faces they can "create a new dynamic". Powell is looking forward to working with different people as well, confident that they "have a really solid team this year" and

can continue Improv's legacy as a long-held fan favorite show. As the performance is unscripted, neither A-Squad or the audience know what to expect tonight, but the talented improvisers are sure to keep the crowd entertained with the various scenes they will create on the spot.

B-Squad, led by their captains, Senior Kayla Jarry and Junior Diego Cruz, have high hopes for this season as well. Although they are divided into two teams, both A-Squad and B-Squad have a close bond and often practice together until it gets closer to showtime, which is where they split off and begin practicing on their own. In an effort to give everyone in Improv a chance to shine, the team is planning on hosting more shows where B-Squad will perform. "I'm looking forward to getting everyone's new faces out there," said Jarry. These shows will be held in the black box where performances during lunch are free and shows after school are \$2 at the door. Outside of their scheduled practices, Improv holds workshops every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch which are open for all students to watch and enjoy. Students are encouraged to join and take part in various games to improve their improv skills and interact with new people. These workshops are open to anyone who wishes to participate and get a feel for what the team's practices are like.

A-Squad and B-Squad are looking forward to entertaining their audience with hilarious on the spot performances tonight in the PAC. It is not too late to get tickets; they will be sold at the door for \$7, and those who attend are sure to have a night full of laughter and fun.



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The 2016-2017 improv squad performing a dramatic scene which brought big laughs from the audience.

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Fenty Beauty Releases A “New Generation of Beauty”

BY PAIGE CRAWFORD '21



Rihanna's highly inclusive makeup line, Fenty Beauty, is available online and in stores at Sephora.



Photo: sephora.com

Beauty lovers everywhere are going crazy after Rihanna, (music, fashion and beauty icon), released her new makeup collection, Fenty Beauty. This new line comes with a variety of complexion based products, including forty foundation shades, with more to come. With the positive responses from the public about her diverse line, Fenty Beauty is giving other makeup companies a run for their money. It is's only a matter of time before other makeup lines follow suit and diversify their collection.

After two years of development and many months of teasing the products, Rihanna launched her cosmetic line in Sephora stores on September 8, 2017. She not only came out with a “universal” lip gloss but also a, shimmery skinstix and breath-taking highlighters; she

brought the makeup world possibly the most inclusive line of foundations to date as well. As soon as it was released, her products received raving reviews for their quality and range of color. After the first day of being available in stores, eight out of the ten deep foundations already sold out, showing the lack of foundations made for people of color. Rihanna said she was inspired to create this makeup brand after seeing a void in the industry for products that worked for all skin types and tones. She felt that she should create cosmetics “so that women everywhere could be included”.

Rihanna’s foundation, the star of the show, has allowed people who have previously had a hard time finding their shade, find their perfect match. This wide range of shades has proven to

fit all different tones, from those with albinism to the darkest shades. Nyma Tang, a YouTube star that has made her name by testing out the darkest shades of complexion products on her skin, gave her opinion about the Pro Filt'r Foundation in the shade #490 on her YouTube channel. “When I went to Sephora to pick up this foundation I saw other dark-skinned girls getting matched for this foundation and it literally melted my heart, because it was so awesome to see such a huge launch,” said Tang. Krystal Robertson, a self described albino woman, tried out the shade #110, the second to lightest shade, and instantly fell in love. Robertson posted a picture of herself wearing the foundation. The caption read: “Rethinking all the times I ended up orange”. She explained on her Facebook beauty group that other

foundations, even the lightest shades, would look too orange on her, so she has become very grateful for this product. This has been one of the only, if not the only, makeup line to come out with a foundation to cater to those from the lightest to the darkest complexions.

Rihanna’s new line has proved to be much more than just celebrity hype, which many would say led to Kylie Cosmetics fame. These cosmetics are important, and after launching her products, many other companies have followed suit, and are coming out with more foundation shades. It’s astonishing to see how, even in 2017, this is one of the first lines to come out with products that can give people of all shades, makeup that they can wear. The makeup community is hoping to see more revolutionary products like these from Fenty Beauty.

Photo: emilyloke.com
Fenty Pro Filt'r Foundation comes in forty shades to suit a variety of skin tones, from #100 through #490.

Summer's Hottest Hits for Movies and Novels Still Popular

BY KATIE FLACK '20

Movies and books have been a popular source of entertainment for decades. Providing a vast assortment of subject matter for a wide range of audiences in an effort to appeal to various audiences. Over the summer, many new releases of books and movies were enjoyed

by readers, alongwith ones that were launched earlier this year.

Many highly anticipated movies were released this summer, including Wonder Woman, starring Gal Gadot and Chris Pine's, Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2, starring Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, and Dave Bautista, and Logan, starring Hugh Jackman.

Spider-Man: Homecoming, starring Tom Holland, was another popular motion picture this summer, grossing over \$800 million internationally in the Box Office. “I liked that we saw the real Peter Parker, not like too nerdy but he wasn’t too cool for school,” said Senior Sierra Durkin. Durkin’s thoughts seemed to be true for many viewers, as Spider-Man: Homecoming got 92% on Rotten Tomatoes and 4/5 on Common Sense Media. Durkin stated that she believes it is popular “because it’s from a comic book and people have been wanting a true interpretation of

it.” Beauty and the Beast, a live action remake of the beloved 1991 animation, grossed the most to date this year, earning over a billion dollars internationally in the Box Office. It proved to be popular among audiences of all ages with the various crowds it drew in and the impressive reviews it received.

A multitude of new books were released this year as well, King’s Cage by Victoria Aveyard, Carve the Mark by Veronica Roth, and Caravel by Stephanie Garber being some of the more popular ones. Cherished books from years past also managed to become popular reads over the summer. One example of this is The Hunger Games, which rose back up as a popular teen read. Another book that captured readers this summer was Lord of the Shadows by Cassandra Clare, the long awaited second book in the Dark Artifices Trilogy.

The movies and books of summer 2017 were appreciated by many audiences. It is a cherished pastime for many to escape from the world for a few hours through this type of entertainment. The rest of 2017 should be exciting as well with upcoming releases such as The Last Jedi, directed by Rian Johnson, Renegades by Marissa Meyer, Thor: Ragnarok directed by Taika Waititi, and Turtles All the Way Down by John Green.



Junior Lorena Herrera catches up on summer's hottest novels in the library.

Platinum FX in Tune and on Beat for a Stellar Year

BY DESTINY VELARDE '18

Platinum FX is back and ready to sing and dance their way across the stage for another strong year. They are starting off with an upcoming performance of “The Hunchback of Notre Dame,” for the Homecoming pep rally on October 6. The group has been around for many years and has never failed to disappoint. It is the highest level of choir on campus and will compete all throughout the year to earn a higher status in the state of California.

When picturing the group, students see so much movement and hear such lovely voices that most tend to get lost in the story they tell throughout their performance. Each year is a new year filled with new faces coming in from middle schools in Temecula and from Dynamics and Chamber Choir. Knowing this, new leadership positions and sectioned off talents fill up the room bringing a new start of the 2017-2018 PFX choir.

President of PFX, Senior Kayla Jarry, has been singing and dancing her way to the top since the 6th grade and is now leading the group, showing how her experience in choir will make her a great leader this year. Jarry’s accomplishment as being president this year has made her grateful as she states, “Everyone has seen me progress [through choir] so for everyone to put trust in me on leading

and advising is very rewarding.” Although, Jarry is not alone on this leadership journey needing someone to help her along the way.

Vice President of PFX, Senior Abner Mangaya, has been part of the group for three years and takes on the same challenge as Kayla in leading this year’s newest group. One of Mangaya’s concerns last year was that not everyone had gotten along, so this year he will try to contribute as much as possible to get everyone to act and feel like a true family. Mangaya’s drive to become Vice President started as a sophomore as he explained, “My president was so inspiring and made me believe in what she did which was for choir to always be a family and to always keep moving forward no matter the bumps in the road.”

While students are excited for the upcoming

new show, the leadership of PFX is preparing the next generation of singers with skills to enhance the bond between each other and continue its legacy as one of the best choirs

in the district. Jarry and Mangaya’s leadership this year is what will bring PFX to a new founded success as long as they keep their bond close, voices tuned, and hands jazzed up.



The 2016-2017 Platinum FX group perform “Live in Living Color” from their spring competition set.

Photo: Rob Hodo

Outfitted for Autumn

BY JOELLE MONSALUD '18

Almost two months of school have passed, and fall is coming in fast. With the transitioning seasons comes a transitioning closet, and summer's breezier pieces will soon feel out of place among edgier autumn looks. On the other hand, it can be difficult to assemble an outfit that is both practical for the weather and fitting of the current trends. This autumn, put together a closet of comfortable yet eye-catching and alluring pieces that can be worn throughout the season.

The fall season is usually characterized by layered jackets and light scarves. However, since Temecula's always-sunny weather tends to rule out heavier fabrics until winter, following fall trends typically centers around popular colors and patterns. Senior Caitlynn Rensch, vice president of Chaparral's Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising sponsored Fashion Club, said, "We're going back to people wanting to look semi-professional" and cited a resurgence of prep school style plaids and darker warm-neutral colors. Cleaner pieces, like a-line skirts and suit pants, can be dressed down with t-shirts for a casual put-together look or paired with other dressier pieces. Historic plaid prints bring out a cold weather atmosphere but can be found in lighter skirts and button-ups, and forest greens or mustard yellows can

be paired with seasonal browns and dark denim. Boots are a cold weather staple, and opting for ankle height boots allows for a more adaptable look.

Of course, there are still those days where the southern California weather feels more true to the fall season. When it feels a little chillier, Rensch recommended wearing baggy sweaters and staying comfortable. Drawstring and tie-waist pants, which made an appearance with lighter materials over summer, can now be found in denim and other mid-weight fabrics. Plush fabrics like crushed velvet and corduroy add both texture and warmth to a fall ensemble, and the aforementioned warm greens, browns, and yellows can warm up a cool weather outfit. Warm flannel and heavy sweaters are great for autumn and can be layered, wrapped around the wearer's waist, or worn as is depending on the temperature outside.

Summer has come to an end, and the autumn atmosphere has officially settled in. Fall fashion opens up a whole new wardrobe to choose from and ultimately depends on personal tastes and the weather outside. With colder mornings and less sunshine on the horizon, students can begin to put away their summer clothes and layer up in warmer, more comfortable fall fashion. Putting together an outfit for cooler weather can be done easily as long as the wearer can find a little creativity and inspiration.



Photo: Destiny Velarde
Senior Krysten Rosano in warm attire.



Photo: Louise Kim
Senior Payton Crawford staying cozy.

Various Forms of Vegetarianism

BY LOUISE KIM '19

Recently, there has been a growing trend in healthy eating, and many people have become more aware of the types of foods they consume and how it affects their body and the environment. One step many take towards a healthier lifestyle is the decision to become a vegetarian. In turn, vegetarianism has become a trend of its own, especially among young people, and there are quite a few similar diets one may also consider.

The basics of being a vegetarian entail the removal of meat, fish, and poultry from one's diet. However, there are different levels of vegetarianism a person can adopt depending on personal preferences. The most common type of vegetarian is the lacto-ovo-vegetarian. For this diet, no meat of any kind is consumed, but eggs and dairy are, indicated by "lacto", relating to milk, and "ovo", meaning egg. Ovo vegetarianism is similar, but dairy is removed along with meat products. Lacto vegetarianism cuts out a little more by excluding meat by-products, such as gelatin, and certain animal by-products as well. Regardless of which version of vegetarianism one chooses, there appears to be a common motive among all vegetarians. Vegetarianism can potentially make for a healthier way of life, but many people that switched to these diets

also have a concern for the environment and its inhabitants. Senior Rebecca Gutierrez decided to become a vegetarian because of her AP Environmental Science class last year. The class watched *Food Inc.*, and Gutierrez realized how "cruelly people treat animals" in food production. Her compassion for them is what compelled her to change her diet.

For those wanting to change their diet with animals in mind, one may consider veganism, where no animal products or by-products are consumed. Sophomore Ashley Furubotten decided to become a vegan because of her passion for the environment and her concern for how animals in food production are treated. "There's other things for me to eat that are, like, more than satisfying," she explained, "I just put my morals over just having convenience." However, if letting go of meat is difficult, there are other alternatives similar to vegetarianism. Pescatarianism includes fish and other seafood. For poultry lovers, pollotarianism is a good option as it is a type of vegetarian diet where poultry can still be consumed.

Those considering removing meat or reducing the amount of meat from their diet may want to evaluate the positives and negatives to see if it is something they want to commit to.

"Some pros [of being a vegan] are I have more energy," said Furubotten, "I lost a lot of, like, unwanted weight." Vegetarian-style eating patterns can provide better weight control and are less likely to cause obesity. This could be due to the fact that more lower-calorie, but filling foods, such as vegetables, fruits, and beans, are being consumed than high-calorie meals.

However, one needs to be aware of the nutrients and vitamins they will be losing from cutting out certain animal products and by-products and effectively avoid malnutrition by finding other sources of protein, omega-3 fats, and vitamin B-12. Some people may want to change their diet, but sticking to it can be difficult with all of the tempting foods available for one to eat. "Just take it day by day," said Gutierrez "as time goes on it'll get easier."

Vegetarian diets have become more popular and even encouraged over the years. Much of it is due to the fact that it provides potential health and environmental benefits. However, whichever diet a person chooses to follow is a personal choice based on opinions and beliefs, and the different types of vegetarianism offers a variety of options for people to choose from.



Junior Tiffany Wong

Q: What restaurants do you like to go to?
A: "I like going to Souplantation and Veggie Grill because they have different options, and they label their foods so you don't have to worry about which one's what."



Junior Jaedyn Wells

Q: Why did you decide to become a pescatarian?
A: "I watched a documentary over the summer called *What the Health*, and it said all the bad things about eating meat."



Senior Joshua Basa

Q: How long have you been a vegan?
A: "I've been vegetarian for almost a year since January, and I've been vegan since June."



Sophomore Ashlie Keller

Q: What was difficult about changing your diet?
A: "The only hard part [about being vegan] was getting dairy out of the diet just because it's in everything."

Mr. Rossi's Message of the Month: "If it is wet and warm and not yours...do not touch it"



Photo: Benjamin Garner
Rossi, Health and P.E. teacher, finds a teaching moment.

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I imagine that people who have had the misfortune of acquiring one of these diseases live with quite a bit of regret. I strongly advise you to avoid activities and behaviors that will lead to such pain and suffering. Life is so much better when you take these possibilities out of the equation!

If you live by this credo, you will greatly decrease your chances of introducing your body to quite a few unpleasantries; which include, but are not limited to the following; Cholera, which is usually found in food or water contaminated by feces from a person with the infection causes severe diarrhea and dehydration and can be fatal in a matter of hours. Hepatitis B and C can be spread by exposure to blood, semen and vaginal fluids; needles for the body piercing, tattooing, or drug use; and sharing toothbrushes and razors if there is blood present. It damages the liver and can lead to damage to the brain and nervous system.

HIV- Spread of blood, semen, vaginal fluids and breast milk. HIV, which has no cure, can lead to AIDS.

A plethora of Sexually Transmitted Diseases--including Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Warts and Herpes, which do not have cures.

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Cookie Monsters Only

BY EMILY PHAM '21

The Baked Bear has over a dozen ice cream flavors and baked goods with a variety of toppings. They serve ice cream sandwiches in which customers can choose their own combinations. The store opened in Temecula right across the street in early June of this year and has been popular ever since.

The founders of the store, Rob Robbins and Shane Stanger, opened an ice cream shop in Pacific Beach, making cookies and ice cream before they came up with this idea. Manager Hunter Wanket explained, "They [Robbins and Stanger] decided to call it The Baked Bear because everything is baked fresh daily, and ice cream is cold like a polar bear, which is kind of the concept."

All of the delicious treats are "baked from scratch daily with homemade recipes." Every day before the store opens, the employees bake the cookies and make the ice cream. The first step of making a "Cookie Monster," is to choose a cookie combination and an ice cream flavor. The customer will have the choice to add toppings if they like and

there is an option to warm up the top and bottom of the cookie, in a "customize panini machine." Wanket announced, "We rotate a cookie every month. This month is Rice Krispies Treats, and next month will be Pumpkin Spice." Freshman Nicholas Clark said, "I would recommend the brownies and the cookie dough ice cream combination."

The Baked Bear is the perfect place to hang out with friends and family. If customers are not a "Cookie Monster" fan, they could always order the cookie or ice cream alone. The Baked Bear has all the cookies and ice cream flavors that one can think of such as bear batter, coffee, dark chocolate, and birthday cake. This place has a unique selection of homemade ice creams and baked goods, like brownies, donuts, waffle cones, and more to mix and match in order to create a delicious treat.

All customers are greeted right at the front door with friendly smiles by employees who give them a deliciously unique experience.



Photo: The Baked Bear

Girls Tennis Causing a Racket

BY ROMY LADERO '18

Last year's rough season for the Girls' Varsity Tennis team brought a lot of things in perspective, not only from the coach, but the players themselves. The loss of six seniors to graduation has proven to be a challenge for the team early on. With the fall season nearing, the program finds itself working with a dynamic of returning players and coaches, piecing together a promising year.

The season's focus is in the rebuilding of the program. Coach John Gonzalez speaks highly of the team's progress, as developments in his off-season practices and summer camps built a group of girls well-versed with each other, and trained athletes to be fluent in his goals for the program. Those expectations are geared heavily to the building of the team, filled with Gonzalez's questions of "who's going to take the baton?" and "who's going to step up?" Because the team lost valuable senior assets, greater leadership was something he felt he needed to build up. "They're starting to run the program now and taking ownership of what's happening down here," Gonzalez said about the returning seniors, whom he felt were vital to the group's camaraderie. His goals are directed towards building relationships among the tennis players, as well as creating an enriching environment where they can further develop their

skills. "The biggest thing for me is when they graduate, they can look back on four years of stability with the same coach and it was a positive journey for them," he stated.

The girls had a productive offseason, with some players taking part in the United States Tennis Association. The organization provides a tournament that some of the girls partake in to remain in shape. "We have a year-round system," Senior co-captain Laura Garcia said. The team works beyond the season to continue progress and minimize the fallbacks. The dedication is prevalent as most work even past the mandatory activities coach provides.

There is an indefinite outlook on how Coach Gonzalez feels the season should end, but winning five out of ten league matches is something he wants the whole team to work towards. Last

season ended strong as players took first and third place in CIF. However, despite the previous year concluding well, his focus is to start just as well, too. Junior co-captain Amelia Hill said, "I'm hoping we're able to bring a full set [of girls] to CIF. I'm hoping to be a part of that." The Southwestern League's long-standing reputation of housing strong programs has been a recurring challenge for the tennis team.

The girls in Temecula Valley and Great Oak stay the toughest competitors for the group. Even so, "they have lost their seniors so I've got expectations," stated Gonzalez. The strategy, though, is to remain quiet and prideful. The team may not be as strong as the powerhouses, but knowing and understanding how the girls should approach their matches could surprise many, and the optimism remains the driving force of the Girls' Tennis team.



Photo: Jay Wilson

Set Up for Another Championship Season

BY JOSHUA CHAPMAN '18

Back on the court once again, the Varsity Girls Volleyball team is looking for another tremendous season. The girls have shown lots of passion and spirit in and out of the gym and the second the team comes onto the court, a chilling atmosphere overtakes it. The team performs with immense talent and puts on exhilarating performances. Head Coach Dana Burkholder has put the team through some of the most rigorous training possible. The team expects to win league and fight their way through California Interscholastic Federation (CIF); the girls have maintained the right mindset and will continue pursuing this goal.

So far this season, the girls have devoted much of their efforts into being the greatest. There have been minor setbacks with things like service receive, but the team continues to work on them. Burkholder stated, "Service receive is the most important element of the game to win at a high level. We have [had] nights when we nail it and nights when we struggle. We are about competing better and doing it in good situations and under duress." Temecula Valley High School and Vista Murrieta High School have proven to be difficult opponents. Even so, offensively, the team has established themselves to be more

disciplined as the year progresses. Team captain, Senior Kaili Downs stated, "Elizabeth Johnson has really stepped up this year and is becoming one of our main hitters. She has gotten us a lot of points and I cannot wait to see what she does for us in league." Defensively the team remains strong, as Downs went on to say, "I have been able

decide the game's outcome.

Some of the players have devoted immense time into fixing any mistakes. Through the years, Senior Brie Downs has adapted to the game. "I have learned that with the competition and [the] great team[s], I will not always play and there is always someone better," said Downs. The team is not

Downs. The girls will continue practicing to stay on top of their game, looking at the overall picture of their goals for the season.

Burkholder's vision for this year is mainly on improving their individual skills and teaching them to fight with the best of their abilities. "Our setters' location is better, our blocking is more disciplined, our defense has more range, and our depth on the bench is strong," Burkholder said. Along with the development of the players' abilities, the team is also focusing on their game plan. Burkholder later mentioned, "[When] preparing, we [are] focused during practice and train according to the scenarios we will face in competition. We need to be good at a lot of elements to win matches in a tough league and we are building a strong foundation right now." The team will continue to replicate intricate game scenarios to ready the team for the postseason. They are eagerly awaiting their next opponent Murrieta Mesa High School on October 3. The girls have come a long way and continue to push themselves to become the best players possible. They have their sights set on earning the league honors and a first place finish, which would guarantee them a spot in CIF.



Photo: Joshua Chapman

to read the other players and know their habits so it makes it easier for me to play defense." Being able to study the opponent is key during a game. Adjusting to the other team's game plan is difficult, but very valuable and will ultimately

Racing for a Place in State

BY ALEXIS MARTELL '21

With last year ending on a good note, this year's cross country teams are working very hard and are successfully building upwards to both meet and exceed last year's accomplishments. Everyone is excited about the events to take place this year. Last season, the Boys Cross Country team nearly qualified for State Championships and Coach Martin Dinsenbacher is confident that the boys team is ambitious enough to meet that goal. Coach Dinsenbacher stated, "For this year I think the boys are competitive with where they

were last year. I think we're good enough to make it to finish second in the league and qualify for CIF finals. Our big goal for this year is to try to qualify for the state." With that being said, the team recognizes their areas of improvement and are working hard to form a harmonious bond to encourage each other and make it to the top. Making it to state or nationals will definitely grab everyone's attention,

especially their long-time rivals Great Oak High School and Vista Murrieta High School. Preparing include nutrition and physical training but mindfulness as well. "To prepare and to practice we go in with an elevated mindset and just focus on getting better and winning throughout the season," said Senior Vincent Martinez. On some occasions, the runners take time out of their schedule to prepare for the competitions. Senior Antonio Carbajal runs two times a day



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for an average of three miles, beginning at 5 AM. Equally as important as physical training are the bonds that all of the teammates share together. Carbajal stated, "All of us are really close. I think of the guys like my brothers." Clearly, team bonds help all of the teammates work together and collaborate more and overall closer.

With the first meet locked in their mind, the Chaparral Cross Country Pumas seem ecstatic to practice non-stop, race past the competition and straight into victory.

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10/12	MURRIETA VALLEY	4:45 PM
10/13	SO CAL INVITATIONAL	
10/14	SO CAL INVITATIONAL	
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Boys Water Polo Back with a Promising New Season

BY JUILIANA VASQUEZ-UK '18

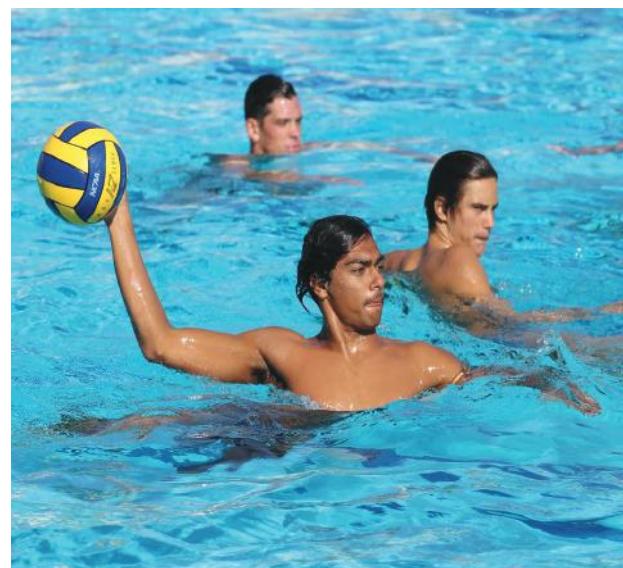


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Senior team captains, Ethan Villalta (left), Anthony Ricchiuti (center), and Tanner Sprague (right), show their power as they successfully shoot past their opponents in a match against Beaumont High School.



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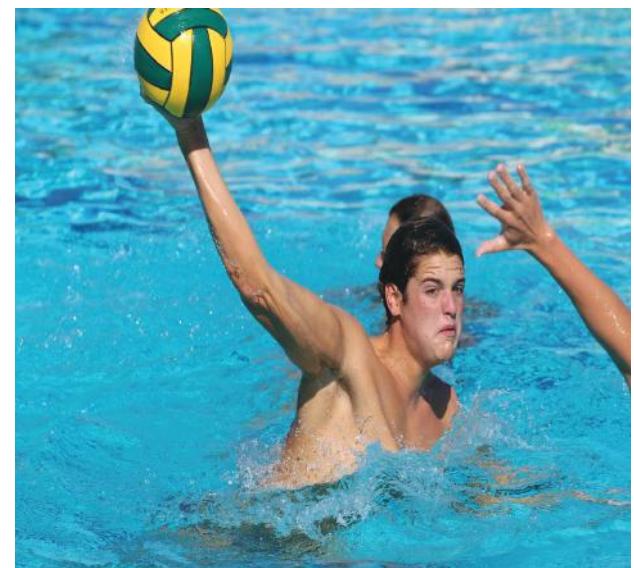


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To kickstart this season and obtain a spot in California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), the Water Polo boys have been working immensely hard by practicing five days a week for several hours to ensure that they will reach their goal. So far, the team has had a strong start, they are currently 4-1. It seems that the team is very determined to come out victorious by the season's end. Along with their strong start, the addition of the team's three new captains, Seniors Ethan Villalta, Anthony Ricchiuti, and Tanner Sprague, add optimism for a successful season.

While the team's biggest competitors are Vista Murrieta and Murrieta Valley, Junior Luke Draeger said, "I am confident that we can beat them this year in league. We practice every day and we are determined to make sure that happens." In addition to daily

practices, Draeger added that the team has improved with their ball movement skills, which is essential for winning in Water Polo. However, something he said the team can still improve on is making better passes, as well as shots. Draeger also explained, "As long as we are consistent, we can make these improvements."

When it comes to Water Polo, or any sport in general, team bonding and communication is key for prestigious performance. Ricchiuti stated, "Our team has very close ties, we've all grown together through our years in high school and being on the same team. I definitely think we have great compatibility and I would not have it any other way." One way that the team retains their tight bond is by having pasta parties the night before their games so they can all spend quality time together, and while this keeps their sense of togetherness, another benefit

of it, Ricchiuti added, is that "it is also good to load up on carbs before games, so it is kind of like a two-for-one deal."

Although the goals and expectations are set high for the team this season, with their drive and determination, these goals are reachable. Sprague said, "I am excited just to see what happens, especially since I am one of the captains this year." He also added, "It should continue to be a good season for us, we're all optimistic and everyone should stay tuned."

As the team continues to persevere and strive this season, there is not much that will stand in their way to victory. It is shown in their long hours of practice, consistency, and current success that the team's mindset is right where it needs to be to guarantee a season of triumph and prosperity.



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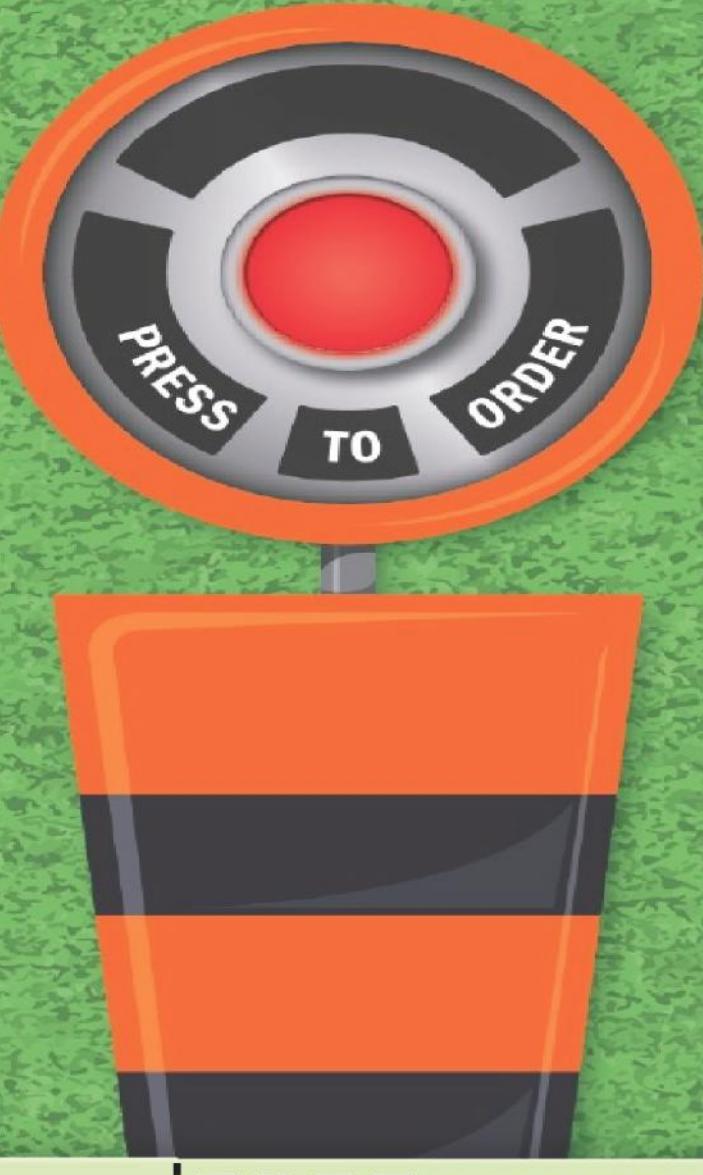


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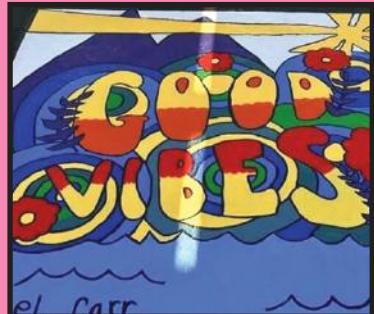
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