CURIous INCIDENT OF A DOG IN THE NIGHTTIME WINS!

By Dylan Callahan
Smoke Signal Staff

On November 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, the JBHS drama department performed the play, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime, a story about an autistic child named Christopher Boone conducting an investigation on a dead dog named Wellington, as well as discovering more about himself through others.

The show, overall, is a complex technical and theatrical piece, and can be viewed once more in January.

The show featured Senior Eli Staub as Christopher Boone, Senior Wyatt Wheeler as Ed Boone, his abusive father, and Senior Jordan Holt as Siobhan, Christopher’s counselor.

When asked about his experience as playing Christopher, Eli Staub said, “Playing Christopher in The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime was a challenge. Portraying a character with Asperger’s not only requires the actor to do enough research so that the portrayal is respectful and accurate, but also figure out how to see the world through a slightly different lens.”

He also said that the role was fun because of his ability to view the world differently and be deeply analytical about his surroundings.

Staub closed off his statement by saying, “Christopher is a brave and passionate boy with a very unique voice and boundless curiosity for the universe. I loved playing this character and I’m extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to be him.”

When asked about his role, Wyatt Wheeler, who portrays Ed, said, “Preparing to play Ed has been quite a whirlwind. Ed is complex. He loves his son, but doesn’t have a full comprehension of how to show that love, so it manifests in anger, which has been difficult to portray.”

Wheeler confided that the role he played was so powerful, he was left in tears after putting it on.

To end his statement, Wheeler said that he feels, “That people will leave this show more empathetic towards others, and being a part of that is something special.”

The play received the highest score on both the acting and the technical side, and, in addition, the drama and tech departments won first place awarded by the California Educational Theatre Association.

The first place win this year will make it the third year in a row that the JBHS drama department has won at CETA.

In January, the cast and crew will perform the show one final time for the CETA Festival. Congratulations to the JBHS tech and drama departments. Come out and Support them in January!

TREE LIGHTING AT PARAMOUNT

By Lucia McFarland
Smoke Signal Staff

Paramount Studios in Hollywood hosted it’s tree lighting; an annual tradition in which the company’s employees and their families come to participate in the tree celebration.

The celebration is a party that is catered and celebrates the hard-working employees much more than Christmas.

Paramount Studios also hires a choir to perform during the event.

The event took place on December 4, 2019 and lasted from 6 to 8:30PM.

The Christmas tree itself is forty feet tall, and synthetic.

Before the tree is lit, the head of the studio gives a speech and names one special employee to celebrate.

After that, the tree lighting begins.

Before the tree itself is lit, they play Christmas music from several speakers in the area and cast light over the tree.

Some machines surrounding the tree spray fake snow onto the tree and into the crowd.

Since Paramount Studios invites the employee’s families and provide a play area for children.

This area is frosted with real snow and ice that is placed there before the celebration.

Also, the area features a small sledding area, and enough snow to entertain dozens of children.

Although the tree lighting is only open to staff and their families, the event’s occurrence is a welcoming sign to the holidays.

A ‘COOL’

By Lindsey Garcia
Smoke Signal Staff

Burbank will be having it’s annual pop-up ice skating rink this holiday season; the rink will accommodate up to 165 skaters per session, and will be open for six weeks during the holiday season.

Downtown Burbank’s most festive holiday tradition will return for outdoor ice skating, fundraising events, and special performances.

Sking the rink in downtown Burbank that is just steps away from many of the shops and restaurants in the area is a phenominal way to celebrate the holidays.

The biggest attraction was held in the UMC Credit Union parking lot; a large snow pile.

It was pretty hard packed snow, but some kids managed to mold it and throw snowballs at their unsuspecting parents.

The Burbank Police and Fire Department had two fire trucks, one squad car including a K-9 unit, and a SWAT car on display.

Holiday in the Park is a Burbank tradition, and a must-see every year.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

By Elize Harris
Smoke Signal Staff

On Friday, November 22, an extravagant event took place on Magnolia Boulevard: Holiday in the Park. A fun and exciting celebration which attracted the attention of many Burbank families, and offered attractions for holiday lovers of all ages.

Magnolia Blvd. was closed off from 5:00 to 9:00PM, as people lined the streets, enjoying food, drinks, and lively entertainment.

There were food trucks like Patty Wagon, Burnt to a Crisp, and Burbank Taco Truck lining the street throughout the evening.

Additionally, stores and vendors opened booths down Magnolia that attracted many holiday patrons as well.

A new business called Tansy sold winter themed succulent arrangements at a booth.

The business also allowed patrons to make and purchase their own custom succulent arrangements. At the DIY Center, there was a kids’ area, which included numerous jouncy houses, crafts, a Lego building area, and a stage.

There were people walking around on stilts, and characters, such as Cinderella and Belle, who offered to take pictures with patrons.

Additionally, multiple areas were host to live music.

WorshipWalk Church hosted singing and dancing throughout the evening.

Also, the Bank of America parking lot hosted live music from kid bands.

Additionally, in the parking lot next to Blast From The Past, local artists sold paintings and jewelry.

Upcoming Dates

- December 20 - January 6
- January 24
- January 25
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Dancing with the Staff
MHS Swing Night
Sweetheart Signal Release
Valentine’s Day
THE IMPOSSIBLE BURGER COMES TO BURGER KING

By Ava Kramer
Sports Editor

Burger King has jumped on the bandwagon and introduced their new Impossible Burger called the Impossible Whooper; the Whooper, like all Impossible patties, is a fully plant-based option for Vegetarian consumers, and is likely to attract many new patrons to the fast food restaurant.

The Impossible Burger is made up of a variety of soy protein.

Its top five ingredients include water, soy, coconut oil, sunflower oil, and natural flavors.

Many supporters of the burger say it is a great alternative to meat, while some even claim that it is “impossible” to tell the difference between the soy patty and real meat.

Burger King’s initial launch of the Impossible Whooper has been a success.

Senior Niamh Heatherington said, “I’ve been a vegetarian for five years and the first time I tried an Impossible Burger I cried. So I was excited to say the least.”

But to get some accurate meat-eater feedback, Senior Abigail Auon tested the Impossible Whooper as well, and commented that “It tastes really similar to real meat. The only [difference] is its texture.”

Niamh added, “I personally am a big fan of the Impossible Burger. As a vegetarian, it’s really nice to have an alternative option.

The other type of fake meat patty that has gained popularity amongst chain restaurants like Carl’s Junior is the Beyond Burger. The Beyond company formula tastes a lot less like real meat, but is still an amazing alternative for consumers.

“I wouldn’t risk buying the Impossible Whopper again, but I’m in full support of what chains like Burger King, Carl’s Junior and Umami Burger are doing to help promote environmental stability,” Abigail Auon concluded.

To try a new Impossible Whooper, visit any participating Burger King, and see if it is in fact, “impossible” to tell the difference.

RECYCLING CENTER FIRE

By George Hallbach
Smoke Signal Staff

A fire broke out at a dilapidated, questionably run, recycling center in Glendale on November 1st, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

The center is located dangerously close to the intersection of two of the busiest freeways in Los Angeles: the 134 and the 5.

The smoke could be seen from Atwater Village and L.A. proper, Eagle Rock, Glendale, and parts of Burbank.

This fire came in the wake of a long week of fires that broke out all across Los Angeles county, and for residents of Glendale, the fire hit too close to home.

Los Angeles firefighters battled the flames with a crew of eighty men and several hook-and-ladder trucks.

CBS Local News reports the firefighters used hoses to “surround and drown” the fire, according to Los Angeles Fire Department employee Nicholas Prange.

The fire, however, would not give out easy. Copious amounts of junk served as kindling that kept the fire blazing for hours.

By 11PM, the firefighters assured news crews and neighbors that the fire was completely extinguished.

All the recycling center employees made it out safely with no reported injuries, except for one firefighter, who did come out with a small wound.

Homeowners in the area were told to stay inside, restrict outdoor activities, and close their windows to prevent smoke from entering.

Glendale resident, who lives about two minutes away from the recycling center, Toella Hallbach, was not pleased.

“We’ve been seeing all these fires around us, and then when one finally hits close to my home the reality sets in of the potential danger,” she commented.

She continued, “It’s almost as if we’ve all become so flippant towards these fires around us. Though they may be only twenty or so miles away, when one breaks out minutes away that’s when the true fear sets in.”

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By Molley Bowers
Smoke Signal Staff

The Academic Excellence Period is the one thing that absolutely no one this year is prepared for.

The idea isn’t that hard to understand. It is a twenty-five minute period between four full days of study for tests and prepare for classes.

However, it is the flawed execution that has complicated the concept into complicated, confusing, and useless.

The first problem is the timing— students are exhausted from a long day and pass, right before nutritious lunch.

Every teacher, when asked, will say that the period’s main function is to study. However, if studying is really all that can be gotten from this period, wouldn’t it be the most useful to it be held before first period?

Or, if the purpose is for students to get homework done while still at school, which could help if needed, why not have the period at the end of the day so that all homework has been assigned?

The placement— right before nutrition— seems like a fair example choice; it would smoother transition if the school would go straight to academic excellence at the beginning of the day.

The placement issues are given from a variety of places, with assigning homework, or going over terms for an upcoming quiz or test.

Next issue: the schedule— Tuesday through Thursday only. This allows Monday to be early release and Friday to be a “normal” schedule.

However, because of the regular period length runs twenty-five minutes, and it is a total period. Some students are assigned to be in certain classes during the period, to improve their grades that are below C’s.

However, other students who are passing all of their classes with a grade of B or higher have a choice, and may choose to go to a class room to work and get help, or go to a ‘study space’ and do homework.

The AE period helps the students to get work done at school and not have as much homework to do at home.

Also, students having trouble in class can utilize the period to ask their teachers questions and get clarification.

Although the first few days were unorganized, students have gradually gotten accustomed to this time.

And, with the exception of a few days getting accustomed to the schedule, the batch is smoother transition if the school would go straight to academic excellence at the beginning of the day.

The exalting and enlightening activities of Link Crew begin.

Because of the way Link Crew is managed, every class has no idea which Link Crew section they are in and may show up and begin directing the class to fold paper airplanes for the umpteenth time.

The Link Crew leaders that were assigned during orientation are now seemingly totally replaceable. The classes of Link Crew have been scattered in classrooms throughout the time and space, separated from the peers and Link Crew leaders that they were assigned to in the first place.

The activities, however, are the only thing that can be odd, objectively a total waste of time, and an abuse of classroom supplies.

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Although some have strong negative opinions about AE, it would be impossible and hardy many are grateful for it.

In the A.E. Period one can be taking any class they would like, however, if one has AE, the class and Multipurpose Room, and library are open.

But overall, the impression over the AE period is positive— it just needs a few fixes.

Additionally, throughout November and 7th and 9th, the computer lab was open for students to replace any work that may have been turned in.

While the Academic Excellence Period has been implemented, there have been changes to the classroom and Link Crew have been scattered in classrooms throughout time and space, separated from the peers and Link Crew leaders that they were assigned to in the first place.

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However, some students welcome the extra help and are truly grateful for their best to pass their classes.

If I can even help just one student understand and pass a certain class, I believe it is a benefit.

When it comes to A.E. Choice, students with a C or higher in ev- erthing that involves a test to twenty-five minute period do to homework, get ahead in classes, or talk to their teachers.

The majority of A.E. Choice students are grateful for this time.

Senior Paige Good states “It gives me a break in the day to just have time to come here and help others especially during busy week where I wouldn’t have time to go home to do homework after school.”

A.E. Choice allows for students to use the resources at school that they may not have access to at home.

For instance, working on compositions, especially for students without at home, proves especially helpful.

So, I can say that many waste this time and just go on their phone or fool around.

However, the majority of students use this time to their benefit.

If students do not use their time to their benefit, and receive help if needed.

While it might have a few flaws overall, the Academic Excellence Period is a great use of our time.
**Cheeky Queen Album Review**

**By Katrina Bey**

On October 25th, 2019, the rising pop artist, King Princess, delivered her soulful and reflective debut album: Cheeky Queen. The album’s tracks project the traces of a young relationship’s beginning and end between two women.

The album highlights the emerging pop icon as twenty year old Mikaela Straus, also known as King Princess. **Cheap Queen serves as a platform to speak up about sexuality and identity. Notably, King Princess is lesbian and gender fluid.**

The song entitled “Tough on Myself” is a self-deprecating song that allows King Princess to share how alone, making fun of myself” to show how lonely her year has been.

Although the lyrics are sad, the instruments are melodic and calm. The track after, “Useless Phrases,” is a short ballad to present how people play mind games. The song “Cheap Queen” stands out from the rest as it shares the title of the album and gives a balance between persona and relatable.

The next track, “Ain’t Togeth-er,” feels like a personal ballad between two people in a toxic relationship. She sings, “You/when you fall down/and ripped apart, but with the strength to stand up.”

The theme of sexuality is reflected throughout, dedicated to all those who struggle with express- ing who they are. **Cheap Queen serves as a no- table platform to speak out about sexuality and identity.**

**Monta Factory**

The restaurant offers salads to a lot of them include chicken. Instead of Coke and Pepsi, the restaurant offers a new brand of soft drinks called “Jones Soda,” which are sold in bottles and have cool new flavors. The place has an outdoor seating, and the wait staff pays very close attention to customers. The service is efficient, and the food comes in beautiful red huskets that match the whole restaurant’s red decor.

Their chicken sandwich comes with a tomato pickle and their special homemade sauce, with chips on the side. While eating, the waiters frequent ask about how everything which makes their service personnel and welcoming. While interviewing, one of the customers said that she “really liked the food” and definitely is “planning to come back.”

The place also needed more workers so they had a sign that said “now hiring” if anyone needs a job, it’s a good place to check out. And even if you don’t need a job, check out Monta Factory for the food! 

**MAGDALENE**

**By Maryl Costa**

**Opinion Editor**

After five years of waiting, FKA twigs finally released her second album MAGDALENE on November 9, 2019; this nine track album is packed full of women empowerment messages and mel- odies.

FKA twigs manages to write and execute an album that describes the wants and needs of the modern day women, while using electrical and church-like chords a lot.

For example, when asked to explain the song “holy terrain” FKA twigs states that she is “say- ing I want to find a man that can stand up next to me, in all my brilliance, and not feel intimidat- ed by a woman.”

The song features rapper Fru- ture, who shows the softer side of masculinity when he implies that he needs a woman’s help and guidance.

FKA praises him and says “I don’t think there are many rap- pers who are brave enough to put their cards on the table like that.”

Her track entitled “mary mag- delene” dives into how FKA twigs talks about the patriarchal society. She said it by “taking control of the nar- rative of a woman.”

In the song, she encourages women everywhere to own their stories by singing “A woman’s time to embrace/Must be pushed first.”

“Fallen alien” is the track in which FKA expresses her frus- tration with a mundane love. The angry ballad tells the story of when twigs was in a relationship, but couldn’t even handle sleeping next to her significant other.

The message is shown through lyrics such as “When the lights are on, you/when you fall asleep, I’ll kick you down.”

**Panini Kabob Grill Is Ka-Bomb**

**By Cindy Avila**

**Smoke Signal Staff**

The Panini Kabob Grill opened on the third floor of the Burbank Town Center in early October, and offers great Mediterranean food for hungry shoppers.

Panini Kabob Grill opens at 11AM and closes at 9PM. The restaurant is located ten minutes from JBHS, and offers fast and reliable customer service, which allows the guests to which pass to return to school on time.

Customers wait at the front stand to be seated by hosts, and can choose to sit in the twister or sit in the side. Additionally, there is a pre-order option available online to customers who are in a rush or would prefer their food to-go. JBHS students are encouraged to utilize this convenient and effi- cient option.

The restaurant offers paninis, kabobs, and wraps that come with a side salad or soup. Additionally, the Panini Kabob Grill offers veg- an and vegetarian alternatives for selected menu items.

The chicken brie panini sand-
On November 1st, Los Angeles held its annual climate strike to protest against the fracking industry and increasing fossil fuel production; the event attracted the attention of one groundbreaking name in the climate conservation movement: Greta Thunberg. Activists of all ages and backgrounds flocked to the rally to see Ms. Thunberg speak. Considering her busy schedule, her attendance was a surprise.

Currently, she and a group of other teen activists are suing five countries, in the United Nations over “failure to prevent climate change” for the ignorance they have shown regarding climate preservation. As a result, Ms. Thunberg has become the unofficial spokesperson for the future generation of climate activists.

The rally took place directly in front of Los Angeles City Hall, where masses congregated along the park in front and the closed-off streets along North Spring Street.

To start off the event, representatives from the Native American tribe local to the Los Angeles area, the Tongva, spoke. Their main focus as a community was to fight the exploitation of their lands from California oil rigging.

Afterwards, a group of students from the Tongva school, Gabrielino High School, performed a traditional song and dance dedicated to Mother Earth and preserving her beauty.

After the opening ceremonies, the crowd was given directions for the planned walk through the streets of Los Angeles city. Individuals of all ages and backgrounds took place in the procession. The front of the march was led by the student organizers and coordinators of the event, and Greta Thunberg walked alongside the protesters as well.

Chants and songs were repeated over megaphones by one group or another, before reaching a score of nearby marchers.

Once the march portion of the event had finished its round about the city, attendees congregated around Los Angeles city hall once more. Speeches from Jesus Villalba, Kaitlynn Cruz, and Chandini Brennan Agarwal, who organized the strike, shifted the focus, and highlighted the targeting of minority communities with the introduction of oil rigs and power plants into these areas.

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Among the attendees of the event was JBHS Senior Daria Clark. “Although [the climate strike] is just one part of the fight to stop climate changes,” remarks Ms. Clark.

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Welcome Back Mr. Hubbell!

By Katie Chineros

Smoke Signal Staff
JBHS is pleased to welcome the new assistant principal, Esperanza Diaz.

Ms. Diaz is in the back of the office, across from Ms. Wazirka’s office.

Her office is decorated nicely with student artwork hanging outside.

Ms. Diaz attended school at Los Angeles City College and Valley College. It was there that she majored in psychology.

She has worked in California for the majority of her life.

Ms. Diaz has been working with students for approximately twenty years, and very much enjoys working with children. Therefore, she was ecstatic to gain the position of Secretary of Discipline at JBHS.

Ms. Diaz says that she chose this job because she enjoys working with kids.

Specifically, she wants to guide students and help individuals improve as well as improve the general student body. This positive and optimistic personality is just what JBHS needs to ensure an optimal learning environment.

Ms. Diaz has set several personal goals this year. Since she is new, Ms. Diaz wants to become acquainted with as many students as she can. Her hope is that she can get to know every student within the first year, a very lofty goal for a new faculty member at a school as large as JBHS.

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Finding a job after college was very difficult,” he commented.

Mr. Hubbell eventually followed his heart and got a degree in engineering to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, who was also an engineer.

Luckily for Mr. Hubbell, he had a long standing relationship with JBHS, and the school offered him a job as a science teacher.

Although he was grateful for the position, Mr. Hubbell was unclear if he wanted to remain solely a teacher for the rest of his life, which led him to becoming an administrator.

His passion for the education field has grown immensely and continues to grow, twenty-four years and counting.

Mr. Hubbell has had some breaks in between working at JBHS, in which he worked at Hart High School, Luther Middle School, and even Burbank High School. Mr. Hubbell has many great plans for the rest of this school year and further years, as he continues his role as assistant principal.

The staff and students of JBHS are overjoyed at his return, and look forward to working alongside him as he takes over his new role at JBHS. Please feel free to contact and welcome Mr. Hubbell to JBHS.
Baseball Has Begun

By Kaylan Silva
Smoke Signal Staff

The baseball season has commenced, and the JBHS Boys’ Baseball team is more than ready to get back into the game.

Coach Matt Magallon is starting as a new coach this year, and is being assisted by coaches Johnny Evans, Dennis Ryan, Mitch Kellogg, and Mike Polchow.

All the coaches are new this year and are looking forward to an awesome season.

The captains this year are Seniors Ricardo Perez and Brian Garcia.

Ricky Perez plays shortstop and second baseman. Brian Garcia also plays shortstop, and pitches as well.

Both Brian and Ricky were always looked up to by their teammates and once it came time to vote for captains, they were the clear winners.

The Varsity team is ready to take on the season.

The Burroughs pride was overflowing with fans who screamed and cheered for the boys all night.

Their goals for the season are to win league and make it to CIF Championships.

Some of the star players include Captains Ricardo Perez, Brian Garcia, and David Garcia. Ricardo Perez plays shortstop and made Varsity as a Freshman, an impressive feat.

Brian Garcia has been on Varsity for three years now. David Garcia plays Center Field and is a Sophomore on Varsity.

The Captains are very excited and can’t wait to make this a good season for the boys.

The boys hold a current record of 6-1 in and out of league.

They won 13-1 when they played against Simi Valley High School on November 6th, 2019.

Their top defensive players include David Garcia, Jonathan Angel, Ricky Perez, and Brian Garcia.

In order to prepare for the season, the boys have been practicing daily, and conditioning rigorously. They have also had practice games against each other.

So far, the team has a strong defense. Their offensive ability also suggests a great-looking outcome this season.

With new coaches and a positive attitude, the JBHS Baseball team is ready to take on the season and go for gold.

The Boys’ Baseball team has been working very hard, and hopes to make the best out of this season. They have many victories ahead of them!

Sports

Cross Country

By Elizabeth Surratt
Smoke Signal Staff

The JBHS Cross Country team pushed themselves this season, but unfortunately came up short, placing fourth in Pacific League Finals on November 7th.

On Thursday, October 17th, the team was faced with the first Pacific League meet of the season at Crescenta Valley park.

The Varsity girls were close to a win, with an overall placement of third by the end of the race.

Junior runner Jordan Guzman led the girls, placing seventh with Senior Ceci Whitney, who placed twelfth.

The Varsity boys also pushed to the finish and received fourth place.

The Final Touchdown

By Trinity Tomlinson
Smoke Signal Staff

With one minute and thirty-one seconds left to go in arguably the biggest game this season, the JBHS Boys’ Football team pulled through to secure a win against their biggest rival, Burbank High School, putting an end to a successful and record-breaking season.

The seventy-first rival game took place on Friday, November 1st, 2019.

Hours before the game began, the JBHS side of Memorial field was overflowing with fans who screamed and cheered for the boys all night.

The Burroughs pride was astounding, and exemplified the character of our school spirit, especially in the student section.

The spirit and variety of concessions ensured fans had great experiences.

The final score of 29-28 showed in itself the anticipation and mood set the entire game, which was neck-and-neck the whole time.

The first quarter ended 0-0, and the scores were close for the rest of the game.

It was clear that the boys worked so hard the entire season through the result they received.

Two touchdowns came from Carson Cardenas, and one each from Aiden Forrester and Nick Garcia.

After the time ran out, and JBHS had officially become victorious, Aiden Forrester said that he was “overcome with shock and excitement.”

He couldn’t believe they actually won, and felt that it was the right outcome.

Forrester highlighted how dedicated every single player was to the season and team.

Unfortunately, due to the complex algorithm set in place to choose the teams moving on to playoffs, JBHS was unable to continue their season.

They finished with an overall 6-4 record and 2-4 in league.

The JBHS Football team would like to thank everyone for their support.

Make sure to congratulate them on a phenomenal season.

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Girls’ Water Polo

By David Karagezyan
Sports Editor

The Girls’ Varsity Water Polo team opened their season with a non-league win against Alemany High School, followed by a win against Flintridge Sacred Heart, a loss against West Torrance High School, and a win against Arcadia High School and Flintridge Preparatory School.

At the end of the first quarter of the Alemany game, JBHS was up 3-1 and maintained a two goal lead at half time with a score of 5-3.

By the end of the third quarter, JBHS remained above Alemany 7-3, and ended the game at 10-5.

Flintridge Sacred Heart was down to JBHS 4-0 at the end of the first quarter, and 5-0 at half time. In the third quarter, the girls were up 10-1, and finished with a score of 12-1.

When it came time to play against West Torrance, JBHS began to struggle as they went down 1-3 at the end of the first quarter and 1-6 at half time.

The girls began their comeback to trail 4-6 at the third quarter, but ultimately fell 6-9.

Versing Arcadia, JBHS got a strong start to lead 3-0 in the first quarter and 7-1 at half time. They kept up the score 9-2 in the third quarter and 11-4 to end the game.

JBHS won a clinched one-goal lead to Flintridge Prep at the end of the first quarter, but fired in another five to take a 6-6 lead at half time. They kept their lead throughout the rest of the game, and concluded with an 11-4 win.

The Varsity girls played against Notre Dame High School on Thursday, December 4th, and lost 18-9. At the end of the first quarter, JBHS was down 2-4 and suffered a blow at halftime as they went down 5-12. This trend continued, and the girls went down 7-17 in the third quarter, and finished 8-19.

In the Los Altos tournament, the Varsity girls placed third.

They won against Cajon High School 7-4 and won against Pacifica High School 13-3. They then lost to Millikan High School 4-7, and beat Culver City High School 7-3 to conclude the tournament.

The JV Girls’ won the Burbank tournament after beating Flintridge Sacred Heart 16-3, Arcadia High School 13-3, and Hoover High School 6-5.

The Seniors this year consist of Emna Nathan, Chloe Canaday, Madeline Lingad, and Mallory Thomas. Come out and support our team as we strive to be league champions and make it as far as we can into playoffs.

Boys’ Water Polo Ends

By David Karagezyan
Sports Editor

The Varsity Boys’ Water Polo team made history in CIF once more after winning round one against Valley View High School, round two against Marina High School, but falling to St. Francis High School in the quarter finals.

On November 9th, the team won against Valley View 16-11 with Sophomore Xavier Turla leading the team with six goals. Senior Captain Vahagn Sahakyan and Junior Ryan Jaramillo followed behind with four goals each.

Senior Matthew Mucha and Senior Tobey Ho leveled one goal a piece. Senior starting goal- ie David Karagezyan made four saves and conceded four goals and Senior reserve goalie Arthur Eldridge made three saves and conceded seven goals.

Two nights later on November 7th, JBHS had a 13-11 overtime win against Marina High School. With missing key starter Senior Chet Conlan the team was anchored, but made do with the players they had.

Senior Nathan Magdaleno stepped up and temporarily took Conlan’s spot until he returned. He played brilliant defense and prevented goals left and right. Turla led the team with six goals, three of which were back- to-back in overtime, to seal the win. His first overtime goal was a buzzer beater shot with 0.2 seconds left off an assist by Sahakyan.

Turla’s second overtime goal was made with an assist from Karagezyan, which was then rocketed from ten meters out to put the Indians ahead 12-11. His third overtime goal was from an assist by Sahakyan, which was shot at an open cage with one second left to seal the game.

Sahakyan lobbed his way to four goals over Marina’s 6’5” goalie. Jaramillo had two goals in this match, one of them was to level the game 10-10 in overtime with an assist from Ho before Turla’s second hattrick.

In the third quarter against Marina, Karagezyan substantiated himself out due to an internal injury, but shortly after Marina scored two back-to-back goals on Eldridge, Karagezyan was stubbed back in and valiantly played the rest of the match with the injury.

Toby Ho rocketed one vital goal into the back of the cage while Karagezyan made twelve striking saves to prevent an early loss in CIF.

The game against Marina sig- naled the true strength of the wa- ter polo team this year. After Ma- rina made a six goal comeback to tie the game into overtime, the team did everything to ensure a Burroughs victory.

Coach Mitch and Coach Jake calmed their team down after Marina’s quick comeback, ex- pertly leading their team through an extremely tight two quarters of overtime.

On November 9th, the Indians played St. Francis in the quarter final’s match, but suffered a dev- astating loss with a score of 8-9.

Turla and Sahakyan both scored three goals each.

Ho and Jaramillo managed one goal each while Karagezyan landed eight saves including a 5-meter penalty save. This loss marked the end of their season.

So far as a team, we have been preparing for this season by working hard in the weight room. We also have been pushing ourselves and each other during practice and games,” said A’sia Morales.

Girls’ Basketball

By Brooke Byroski
Smoke Signal Staff

Girls’ Basketball is ready to start their new season with a slam dunk.

Coaches Vicky Oganian, Art Sullivan, and Bill Dunaway are ready for another winning season for the Indians.

Head Captains Sophia Haw- kins and A’sia Morales are pre- pared to lead their team through all the ups and downs that basketball can bring.

“It is my ultimate goal for [us] to be league champions and make it as far as we can into playoffs,” says one of the determined Head Captains Sophia Hawkins.

A’sia Morales shared, “My personal goal is to come back stronger than before. I had torn my ACL during the summer and I’ve been putting in a lot of work to get healthier. I want to be able to put in as much hard work as I can give during league.”

Sophie Hawkins acknowl- edged, “A personal goal of mine was to be captain. I became a captain by having a good understand- ing of the goals and expecta- tions of the program.”

The Girls’ Basketball team has been working tirelessly to try and bring home a league championship.

“We’re all one, as a team, we have being preparing for this season by working hard in the weight room. We also have been pushing ourselves and each other during practice and games,” said A’sia Morales.

Players who have pushed the team and themselves extra hard are Faith Boulanger, Kayla Wro- bel, and Dylan Delacalle.

According to Sophie Hawkins, they also have all been starters since they were freshmen. Now, as Juniors, they have received recognition from leagues seven, eight, and nine.

Games for girls basketball have just recently started.

Games against Pasadena, Cres- centa Valley, and Arcadia are ones to attend for sure, as they are all intense games with major competition.

However, the girls have high hopes about this exciting season ahead of them and are more than ready to rise to the challenges they may face.

A’sia Morales said, “So far with all the practice games we have played, our team is looking in really good shape. Of course there are always ways to improve ourselves and the team bu, the team as a whole is looking solid.”

“ This season is going to be one to remember,” says A’sia. She continues, “ This group of girls are especially amazing. We all have the same passion and desire for success and to be better with each and every practice or game we have. I hope all of this deter- mination and hardwork will pay off in the end.

Come support the team!
By Ava Kramer
Sports Editor

The JBHS Girls’ Soccer team is ramping up to their last year, the season they won a league championship title for the first time in over twenty years, and this year, they are ready for round two.

The girls lost a few strong players this year including left back defensive wall Emily McHorney, who is now playing on Chapman University’s Girls’ Soccer team, and Coach Brady Riggs’ daughter Abby Riggs.

However, with All-League winning star returners Lauren Bailey and Lily Gonzalez, things are looking up. The dynamic duo scored most of last year’s goals, leading their team to victory. This year, the team has a strong pack of leaders. The captains are returning players Junior Lauren Bailey, forward, Senior Olivia Cashman, midfield, Junior Gabby Morales, defense, Junior Lily Gonzalez, forward, and Senior Orla Griffin, center defense.

Orla Griffin says that the team’s goals for this season are, “to win their second Pacific League Championship...and do well in CIF playoffs.”

Coach Brady Riggs, and Louis Binda and Robert Sanchez have all returned for another year to help lead these girls to victory for a second year in a row.

Coach Brady Riggs said, The girls are ready to play hard. You know, with the amount of talented players we have I’m confident we can bring home a league title for the second year in a row.

There are so many talented girls in this program, there has even been talk of adding a Soph-Fresh team to increase the amount of members.

This year, the Girls’ Soccer team’s main opponents will likely be Arcadia High School, Crescenta Valley High School and JBHS rival school Burbank High School.

Last year, the Girls’ Soccer Team took the Pacific League title from Arcadia after they swept the competition the year before—this year they aim to do the same.

Crescenta Valley High School always puts up a tough fight and in the last ten years they’ve won Pacific League a couple times.

Going against Burbank High School is always a challenge as well. Hopefully, the team will be able to snatch the title for a second year in a row.

The girls’ team have already played two scrimmages against Immaculate Heart High School and Golden Valley High School.

Unfortunately, the girls lost their game against Immaculate Heart 1-0.

The JBHS girls’ team had the ball on the offensive most of the game, but just couldn’t put it away.

The girls won their game against Golden Valley High School 2-0.

The first half started out rough with shots from both sides until Lauren Bailey made a goal for JBHS towards the middle of the first half.

In the second half, the team came back with strength. Passes were connecting and Olivia Aguilar ended up scoring the second goal of the game.

Scrimmages give them a good opportunity to get used to playing as a team first hand and prepare for the season.

Their first League game was against Glendale High School on Monday December 9th. During the first game it was neck and neck.

The JBHS girls’ team was having trouble finishing opportunities. But, they came back strong in the second half scoring their first goal in the first ten minutes.

The score finished 6-0 to JBHS with goals and assists from Lauren Bailey, Olivia Cashman, Lily Gonzalez and Stephanie Torrez.

Their defense, led by captain Orla Griffin, played a hard line and prevented Glendale’s star player, Ella Wasson, from scoring.

There next game will be against one of their top rival teams, JBHS’s Crescenta Valley High School on Friday December 13th.

The team is also participating in a tournament the weekend before finals, December 14th and 15th to help prepare for the rest of the season.

Although these kinds of fast paced tournaments are struggling physically, they really do extend the kind of rigorous training available to the girls.

Come out and support the team as they defend their title in the Pacific League Championship this year.

Power-106 CELEBRITY BASKETBALL CHARITY GAME

By Molly Boyke
Cartoonist

The JBHS Boys’ Basketball Team played a game against the Power-106 All-Stars on November 7, 2019; the game resulted in a loss for the team, but all proceeds went to the JBHS Dance teams.

Power-106, or “KPWR,” is a local hip-hop radio station, which organically formed in 1946 as “KFBM.” It became the first rhythm & blues station in America in 1946.

Since then, Power-106 has come to be “LA’s #1 For Hip-Hop” and is widely known for playing the latest and greatest in the genre. (Though its slogan claims Power-106 is based in LA, the station actually records in Burbank and has a transmitter at Mount Wilson.)

Power-106 operates the “Power At Your School” program, which invites listeners to email the station to request a school event or basketball game.

Each basketball game is held on Thursdays through the school year from September to May.

The All-Star team is comprised of several of Power-106’s employees, including QJ, who works in Power-106’s marketing department and handles events in the city.

QJ used to play basketball in college and jumped at the opportunity to play on a team with his coworkers.

It’s a rewarding feeling, getting to give the kids an experience that [they] might not get...it’s all for charity and it’s just for fun, it’s a cool way to give back to the community.

Each of the employees put their best effort into playing and were very enthusiastic about supporting the high school and its students, frequently giving them high fives. The All-Star team won 103-117.

The station also frequently hires celebrities to perform at the half-time show, and it was no different this year.

For this game, the halftime performance featured the Cereal da Sisters, a girl group formed in 2013 based in Los Angeles.

The sisters appeared on the television show Christina Milian Turned Up and performed and danced to original songs such as “Favorite Song,” “That’s Bae,” “Whatever,” and “7/11.”

During the half-time show, the performance featured an elaborate singing and dancing routine, frequently walking up and down the bleachers to interact with students and have them dance to the music.

The JBHS Dance team also performed their own routines during the half-time show as well. During the game there were many efforts to keep energy up from the radio station, as they blasted hip-hop beats from several speakers and flung merchandise into the audience.

Pop-Socks, T-shirts, and Caps were given away by the station personnel, and were promptly catapulted into the crowd of teenagers when ever one made a noise reminiscent of a cheer.

This strategy, though some-thing about what to look at, was actually pretty successful. Getting up the crowd, according to Freshman Simreen Sethi, who said that “The basketball game was more exciting than I thought it would be. It was really fun being with my friends and seeing some of the teachers play.”

“I thought it was really cool and fun to watch,” said another freshman, Link Kayser. “The music was loud.”

The gameplay was exciting, the music was great, and the performances were electrifying, but the most important thing was that all of the proceeds went to the JBHS Dance Team. Go Buffaloes!