



## INTO THE WOODS FINDS ITS WAY INTO OUR HEARTS

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The John Burroughs High School Drama Department saw a smashing success with its production of Stephen Sondheim's beloved musical *Into the Woods*, directed by Mr. Myers and performed March 18, 19, and 20, 2022. Featuring classic fairytale characters and their (muddled) journey to get what they wish, this show is sure to have anyone laughing one moment and tearing up the next.

The cast, in order of appearance, was Christopher Conkle as the narrator, Sophie Pollono as Cinderella, Kaylor Toronto as Jack, Julie Persaud as Jack's Mother, Emma Kata as Milky White, Lincoln Melcher as the Baker, Chloe Barthelemy as the Baker's Wife, Sorsha Khitikian as Cinderella's Stepmother, Bea Park as Florinda, Mae Roth and Ellie Mohler

(understudy) as Lucinda, Liam Ross as Cinderella's Father, Sonya Dadekian as Little Red Riding Hood, Brooke Bailey as the Witch, Jhanessa Equila as Cinderella's Mother, William Sousa as the Mysterious Man, Josh Levine as the Wolf, Micaela Bowers as Granny, Julia Cronin as Rapunzel, Ronan Park as Rapunzel's Prince, Rhett Hemingway as Cinderella's Prince, Lucas Holt as the Steward, Kelly Matlock as the Giant and Sleeping Beauty, and Ellie Mohler and Josie Hamernik (understudy) as Snow White.

Everyone in the cast worked incredibly hard to put on an amazing performance, and each cast member had their time to shine. Out of too many wonderful moments to name, a few particularly memorable performances were that of Sonya Dadekian (Little Red Riding Hood), whose

comedic timing and attitude brought Little Red Riding Hood to life; Sophie Pollono (Cinderella), whose rendition of "On the Steps of the Palace" awed both newcomers and those familiar with the show alike; Christopher Conkle (the Narrator), who managed to come in and out of the audience's awareness just as a true narrator does, and Josh Levine (the Wolf), whose body language and movements enriched his portrayal of a lean, lanky wolf looking for his next meal, and made "Hello, Little Girl!" a delight to see. These are just a few of the many standout moments that show the quality of this and any other JBHS production.

Worth noting as well is the set, which made excellent use of the stage's space. The forest background was set far upstage, with easily movable trees across the stage, giving the

scenes a feeling of depth and making the woods feel much more looming and real to the audience. The trees also assisted in making the scenes feel more fluid and dynamic, as, by moving the trees around, even just a bit, the audience is reminded that while most of the show is in the woods, there are different parts of the forest that each scene takes place in.

Another impressive feat was Rapunzel's tower, which was moved onstage with Rapunzel (Julia Cronin) atop it for any scene she was in, and off again as the other characters left that part of the woods. For the greater part of the show, this simple yet effective design was used, making the audience feel very present in the story.

At other points in the show, a background was lowered from the ceiling to show each of the main characters in their daily lives, and this was

only lifted when the characters left to venture into the woods and ultimately change their lives forever.

And of course, a musical couldn't be a musical without music. Provided by the amazing orchestra led by Mr. Arakelian, the music of this show is at the heart of everything it is, and the orchestra conveyed Sondheim's sentiments and attention to detail wonderfully.

With an amazingly talented and dedicated cast, hard working people putting their time and effort into everything from the music to the costumes to the lighting and set design, the JBHS Drama Department has crafted another success. Thanks to Tech Crew, the orchestra, and everyone who made this lovely show possible, and congratulations to everybody involved!

## POP SHOW 43 HAS FULL AUDIENCE IN AUDITORIUM!

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Audiences were dazzled by the JBHS VMA's forty-third annual Pop Show! Held on March 4th, 5th, and 6th in the auditorium, Pop Show 43 was the first JBHS performance held fully in the auditorium this year. The show was directed by Brendan Jennings and the Artistic Director was Jen Oundjian.

Act I consisted of *Ready or Not*, *The Art of Starting Over*, *Good 4 U*, *If You're Wondering If I Want You To*, the Decibelles set, *Waterloo*, *American Boy*, *Cherry Wine*, *I Feel the Earth Move*, the Sound Waves set, *Call Me*, *Elephant Love Medley*, *Here at JB*, *Thunder Road*, *Wait a Minute*, *Oops I Did It Again*, *I Knew You Were Something Bad*, *Heather*, and ended with the Sound Sensations set.

After a brief intermission, Act II carried on with *La Vida es un Carnaval*, *I Heard Love is Blind*, the Men@Work set, *Invisible String*, *Try a Little Tenderness*, *Faith*, a performance by Dance Ensemble, *Careless Whisper*, *Vienna*, the Powerhouse set, and finally, *Ready Or Not* (reprise).

Mae Roth, a Junior in Sound Sensations, enjoyed the process of putting on the show with her peers and appreciated being back in the auditorium again. "I had such an amazing experience performing in Pop Show 43! Aside from being in Sound Sensations and putting the 2022 competition set together this past year, I got to put together an act (*I Feel The Earth Move*) with some super talented peo-

ple. It was such a joy to perform in the Burroughs auditorium again after two years and I look forward to my Senior year in the VMA next year!"

Charles Yungul, a Freshman trumpeter in Choir Combo, was excited to be a part of the performance: "I am really honored to be a part of the Choir Combo this year, and to work with such talented musicians and incredible vocalists. Our combo teacher Dan Scoville did a great job. I was thrilled when I was able to see all of the performers on a video of the Pop Show on YouTube!"

All of the choirs rehearsed rigorously for the anticipated performance over months of after-school practices. "Every second that went into it was chaotic and stressful, but I'm so happy with how it turned out," said Maria Stefani, a Junior in Sound Sensations.

Chloe Barthelemy, a Junior in Powerhouse, was impressed by the progress VMA had made over the course of the year. "It's incredible to see how far we've come after being online for a year. The amount of work put into this show paid off in a major way, especially considering that the underclassmen have never done an in-person pop show."

Kaylor Toronto, as a prominent singer and dancer in Powerhouse, Men @ Work, and Dance Ensemble, had a very busy Pop Show but enjoyed every second of it. "This has definitely been my busiest pop show so far in high school, constantly doing costume changes and going on and off for acts and different show

choir sets. So I was tired and a little stressed, but walking back onto that stage and feeling the thrill of performing is just such a special feeling. I forget everything else and I am just there in the moment. Also, seeing the smiles that my friends have during or after a performance is priceless. It's just such an unforgettable experience and I'm so glad to be back. Also, per-

forming with Mr. Peebles in person on stage is very fun."

Kyle Daou, a Junior in Powerhouse and Men @ Work, organized many of the acts in the show: "This Pop Show was probably one of the most intense shows I have ever done. Not only being in a mask, but choreographing four acts, as well as being in a total of eleven different things in-

cluding choir sets, [made] it stressful. But the show was so much fun to perform, and I loved how many different genres and styles I was able to portray on stage!"

All around, the performance was a stunning experience. If readers of the Paw Print happened to miss this Pop Show, don't fear! Be assured that next year will be just as spectacular.

## CHOIR WINS NATIONALS IN NY!

BY MOLLY BOYKE  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The JBHS VMA has achieved a big win at the big apple once again! The Powerhouse and Sound Sensations choirs placed first in the National Heart of America Show Choir Competition, earning the title of "Grand Champion" for their performances, as well as Best Show Design for Sound Sensations and Best Vocals, Best Visuals, and Best Crew for Powerhouse. VMA President Rhett Hemingway and Powerhouse soloist Sophie Pollono were also awarded the title of Best Soloist. These victories, putting the icing on the cake of the VMA's annual New York trip, would not have been possible without the efforts of the Tech Crew and Band students supporting their performances and making them shine.

The Choirs, Tech Crew, and Choir Combo also went on a dinner cruise and attended *Six: The Musical* and *Dear Evan Hansen* on Broadway as part of the trip. After the show, students meeting the DEH cast were surprised to find that the understudy for

the leading role, Evan, was a JBHS alumnus! The students were also allowed to freely wander the city in groups and experience it for themselves. Many enjoyed the fine dining, historical landmarks, and glitz and glamour of New York City.

Best Soloist winner Sophie Pollono was surprised by her win, "Winning best soloist caught me by surprise but I am so grateful for it! It was genuinely such a fun and exciting experience, and I'm so thankful that our choir was so successful this season because we worked so hard."

Sydney Bax, a Senior Light Board Operator in Tech Crew, felt that the win was well-earned, "Going to a national competition for tech is always a bit stressful, it's a minimal crew for one of the biggest competitions of the season, in a space we've never been in before. Getting awarded Best Tech means that crew was not only the most efficient and impressive in our own choirs but helpful and kind to the other techs around us. I personally feel it's well deserved. This year's crew went through a lot to get

to where we are now and I couldn't be more proud of the work that has been put into this year's show."

Helen Carpenter, a trumpeter in Choir Combo, enjoyed the trip and learned new things about herself: "It was great meeting new people, I loved that it was very cold and that it snowed, because we don't get to see snow in California. New York was a new experience and an awakening for me as well."

Brooke Bailey, a Junior in Powerhouse, enjoyed the ambiance of NYC most of all, "It was very surreal to be in the city, and most of the members fully comprehended that they were in New York [just] as we were leaving. Every day was a new experience and I was so happy there!"

Our choirs have been working hard all year for this trip, and it has definitely paid off! The JBHS VMA has once again represented our school well and brought back another win! Congratulations to Sound Sensations, Powerhouse, Tech Crew, Choir Combo, and the entire VMA, and Go Bears!

## GMJB WINS SKILLSUSA BROADCAST PRODUCTION FIRST!

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Congratulations to Pucky Lawrence, Ava Moore, Teya Jieanu, and Harrison Johnstone for winning gold in the SkillsUSA Regional competition in the Broadcast Production subdivision. This win in Regionals allows our JBHS team to compete in the state competition.

As described on the SkillsUSA website, SkillsUSA is "a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. We improve the quality of our nation's future skilled workforce through the development of SkillsUSA Framework skills that include personal, workplace, and technical skills grounded in academics."

Regarding the material and constraints, Sophomore Teya Jieanu said, "We received our prompt and had



about a week to turn in our video. We then wrote the script relating to the prompt called "Who is Helping Repair California."

With Pucky as co-anchor, Harrison as editor, Teya as co-director and co-anchor, and Ava as co-director, all of them helping to write the script, these students called attention to environmental issues that plague California, and the ongoing pandemic,

and suggested ways that SkillsUSA could help both students and the current workforce, and in turn California as a whole.

Along with the video, the team had to submit their script, resumes, references, and drawings of their studio and had to complete a fifty-question knowledge test.

Teya explained their process, saying, "We all put together the notebook

to turn in, which included script, references, resumes, drawing of our studio. Then [Pucky and I] filmed on the tricastor which was run by Harrison, and Ava managed the floor. Then we edited the show, and added pictures [and] turned everything in. We then got our results and won first place and received our medals. It was a really fun process."

As mentioned before, with the theme of "Who is Helping Repair California," the group touched on issues such as pollution, displaced wildlife, and devastating wildfires. The group offered this, along with the plethora of issues that stemmed from COVID-19, as an effective solution that displayed their knowledge on current events.

"How can we successfully restore the wildlife habitat in California? We can slowly reintroduce plants and animals back into the wilderness,

reproducing the endangered species, and more through the work of important organizations like WCN... Now, while everyone is tired of the pandemic and wants it to be over, we all need to understand the impact of coronavirus, and how it is spreading as well as how to stop it. If all of California implements social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands, getting vaccinated, and more, we can diligently work to lower cases. It all has to do with doing your part."

This excerpt from their script, along with their visual aids shows that not only was it written excellently, the editing was great.

The JBHS Broadcast Production team for the SkillsUSA Regionals did a fantastic job. Congratulations Pucky, Harrison, Ava, and Teya! We at John Burroughs are lucky to have such talented students. Good luck in the state competition and Go Bears!

# NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL VICTORIA CUSEO JOINS JBHS

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Ms. Tori Cuseo is one of the newer members to the John Burroughs Bear Family as the Interim Assistant Principal of Athletics and Activities. She works to support this school and the students that attend with things like sports, the arts, ASB, and much more.

Ms. Cuseo chose to go into the education field because she “pretty much always knew I was going to be

an educator. It was just a decision that came naturally for me -- I never felt conflicted about my major, I never considered other professions.”

She also mentioned how she attended graduate school in the fall of 2020, where she got her Educational Administration Masters degree and credential. Ms. Cuseo has degrees from Cal State University LA, Pepperdine University, and San Diego State University. She is also a Burbank High alumnus.

Ms. Cuseo fills her days with yoga, television, quality time with family and friends, and going on walks. She spoke about what her goals for the future are throughout life and here at JBHS. “Be happy, be healthy, serve students and the community as best I can, surround myself with love and learning.”

Back when she was a student herself, Ms. Cuseo says she was the kid with “five thousand AP classes,” and also brought up the feelings she

used to hold towards school. She commented that “I loved the social element of school and there were definitely classes I thoroughly enjoyed because I love learning, but I’ll admit that I found it extremely difficult to attend class as a Senior. As an elementary student, I would

regularly fake stomach aches and run thermometers under the faucet to stay home. And yet here I am, happily at school for a living.”

We are very excited to have Ms. Cuseo as our AP of Athletics and Activities and we know she will do great things for this school!

## DANCE TEAM COMPETITIONS

By VIVIAN MORSE  
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This spring season Dance Team had their first competitions after a year due to COVID-19. Our team had been preparing for competition since August, and on February 12, 2022, they competed at Thousand Oaks High School.

The Thousand Oaks Competition was a long day for the Dance Team, but it was worth it. The week building up to the competition was their first “Hell Week,” and had spent hours after school preparing for the day.

In the Large Hip Hop category, they placed second. In the Small Hip Hop category, they placed second again. Lastly, in the Small Contemporary Category, they placed fourth. Afterwards, the team celebrated their victories by grabbing team dinner at In-N-Out Burger.

“Going to the Thousand Oaks competition was very nerve racking, but it was very exciting. It was our first time competing together so we were all really excited and nervous. It felt so good to do it and the energy was amazing,” says Senior Angela Hernandez. “It was so fun and it was definitely an experience,” comments

Natalie Seas about the competition.

The next competition took place on February 26, 2022 at West High School, in Torrance CA. Although it was another long day for the JBHS Dance Team, everyone still had a lot of fun. Nyah Broadway, on her second year of Dance Team but first year of competitions, recalled the competition was “exciting.”

Awards were announced for our Small Hip Hop, a very difficult category, with JBHS Dance Team getting second place. Large Hip Hop was awarded third, and with a very emotional reaction, Ethan Consignado and Ryan Bucu were awarded second place for their duet.

The alternates for the competition sets who didn’t dance showed up to the competition to cheer on their teammates. “Comp was nice. I didn’t dance in it, but it was nice,” said JP Ferrante.

As JBHS Dance Team began to reach for the finish line with their last Hell Week, they were very excited to attend their last competition at Glendale High School. Glendale has always been a favorite for the Dance Team. “It was stressful but so fun because I got to see other teams dance.

The Glendale Games were the most fun,” commented Makenzie Nuss.

Even though the competition was long, everyone had fun. There were great concessions with Ding Tea boba being sold. It was a long day, and even though everyone was exhausted, the awards had everyone on the edge of their seats.

Large Hip Hop placed second, Small Hip Hop placed second, Small Contemporary placed fifth, and Ethan and Ryan’s duet placed second.

With competition season officially over, the JBHS Dance Team is now preparing for our annual Spring Show. The Spring Show features not only Dance Team, but all levels of dance. This event will also be the last time the Dance Team performs together as a team.

Overall, the JBHS Genesis Dance Team was very successful in their competition season. Special thanks to all the schools that had hosted these competitions, Coach Morreale, Coach Pierce, Coach Jordan, and all of the other choreographers that helped build the team.

“It was one of the best experiences of my life,” said Ryan Bucu.



## Ms. DIGHERO

By ARIANNA HART  
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Ms. Dighero is a long term substitute teacher, covering for Ms. El Jabi, who teaches Chemistry.

This is not the first time at Burroughs for Ms. Dighero. In fact, she was a student herself here! Ms. Dighero was active in the sports team when she enrolled, doing Softball and Track and Field. “I was a student-athlete here at Burroughs. I played softball my first two years as a Second Baseman for Junior Varsity” Dighero states. “For my Junior and Senior year, I was a part of the Track and Field team. I competed in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100m, and the 4x400m races.”

Ms. Dighero began her journey with her love for science, sparked by one of her teachers that is currently here today. “I had Mrs. Knoop for Anatomy and I LOVED it!”

Ms. Dighero graduated Burroughs in 2015 and received her degree in biology at UC Santa Cruz, alongside her minor in STEM.

When alerted for a position as a long term substitute at her old high school, Ms. Dighero seized the opportunity. “There was a need for a long term chemistry substitute teacher. I also wanted to come and help.”

Ms. Dighero believes that solidarity and support unites the classroom

to progress their hard work in action.

She also values making connections and providing help for her students as what makes them grow out of their shell and become a proud version of themselves. “Being confident in yourself and to never let others let you down are some of the best advice I can give to my students.”

Ms. Dighero is looking forward to sub for her students: “Building connections with staff and students, and watching my students progress are one of the things that I anticipate to see everyday!”

Welcome Ms. Dighero, we’re so happy to have you back at JBHS!



## TEAM 980 THUNDERBOTS

By JAMES REID  
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Burbank is a city with a lot to take pride in, but a competitive robotics team wasn’t one of those things until recently. This year, FIRST Robotics Team 980, known as the ThunderBots, moved into Burbank High School. Although they conduct all of their meetings at BHS, they have many students from JBHS in their ranks, and even students from outside of Burbank.

The team has moved around a lot in its history, and made its home in many different places. Although they are officially incorporated in Sylmar, BUSD granted them permission to meet in the engineering facilities of BHS. Here, they have been working tirelessly to prepare for the upcoming season.

They are led by Lead Mentor David Brinza, a veteran in the field of competitive robotics with over twenty years of experience. Outside of the team, he has also worked for NASA at JPL for the past forty years, making him the perfect leader for this team.

The overall team is divided into four subteams; Fabrication, Controls, Mechanical Design, and Business. Each of these teams cares for different aspects of the team, and work together to support the greater Team 980 throughout the season. In fact, many of the positions on these subteams are filled by JBHS students.

One of these students is Sophomore Luci Masselink, a member of the controls team for the ThunderBots. She is one of the members in charge of ensuring that the team’s robots function properly before competing in real tournaments, and that all of the subsystems work correctly. “I’ve learned a lot, especially on this team, about how to make things in [fabrication], how to code more using

different things than just what you would learn in school, and I learned how to sauter, on the first day here, which was incredible to me,” she said. “Usually I would never be trusted with that kind of stuff because I was seen as a kid, but here I’m seen as more capable, and it’s very fun!”

Of course, students from other schools also comprise the student-base of the team. Yogini Vazirani, a BHS Junior, serves as the team’s Business Team Lead. It is her job to prepare Team 980 for future awards ceremonies, and oversee other public facing affairs conducted by the rest of the business team. “I preside over the rest of the business team, and make sure that all of our efforts are running smoothly, and that everyone has a task to work on,” she said. “...Currently we’re working on our chairman’s presentation, which discusses how we embody [For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology’s] mission.”

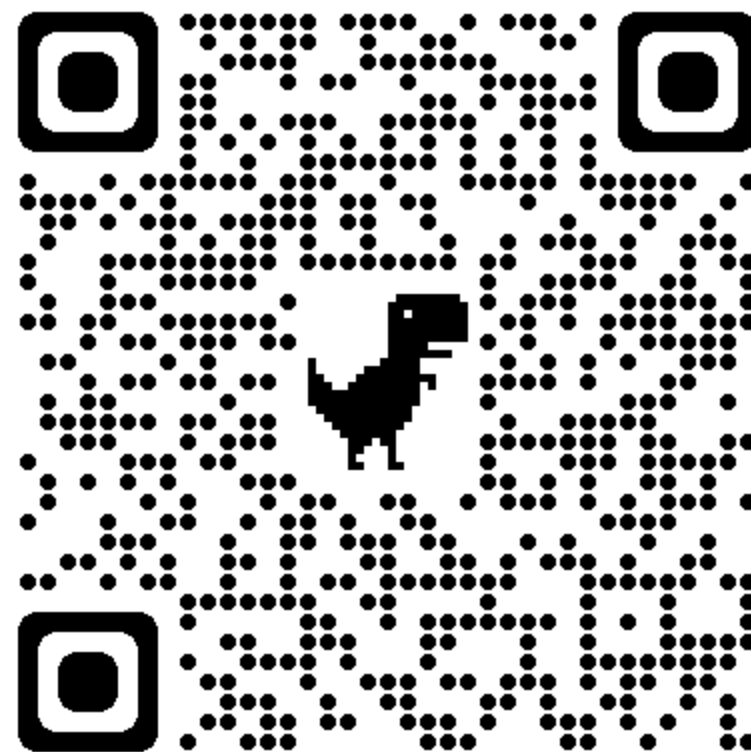
The team’s first event of the

season was the highly-anticipated Ventura Regional, which occurred from March 9-12, 2022, at the Port of Hueneme. Here, the team gave it their all for three days, putting in over twelve hours of work each day. They competed against other teams from all over Southern California, putting in staggering amounts of work both in the pit and on the field, all with the hope of their robot outperforming their enemies. Although they didn’t make it into the elimination playoffs, they will continue on to the Los Angeles Regional in April.

In conclusion, the Team 980 ThunderBots are an amazing addition to the Burbank community, and are extremely dedicated to their craft. They are some of the most talented and professional STEM students in our city, and we wish them the best of luck in their upcoming tournaments, and we know that they will do phenomenal in the memorable 2022 season. Go ThunderBots!

### UPCOMING DATES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH	ARMENIAN GENOCIDE ASSEMBLY
APRIL 21ST-22ND	DANCE SHOW
APRIL 25TH-29TH	SPIRIT WEEK
TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH	ASB BLOOD DRIVE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH	GRAD SPEAKER TRYOUTS
THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH	PEP RALLY
FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH	SENIOR SAFE DRIVING SPEAKER
SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH	PROM
MAY 2ND-13TH	AP TESTING
SATURDAY, MAY 14TH	SALSA NIGHT
MONDAY, MAY 16TH	SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH	SENIOR BRUNCH
FRIDAY, MAY 20TH	GRAD NIGHT
MAY 23RD-26TH	FINALS
THURSDAY, MAY 26TH	GRADUATION
FRIDAY, MAY 27TH	PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY, JUNE 6TH	SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS



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## BOYS VOLLEYBALL

BY KATIE BAUM

CUB REPORTER

The Boys Varsity Volleyball team hopes to continue their dominance on the court as they set their sights on a strong finish.

Coach Joel Brinton said he and the team are hoping “to be able to wrap up and win our 12th consecutive League Championship and make a deep run in CIF Playoffs.” Coach Brinton continued, “Our players have made it a clear goal that they want to work hard enough and push themselves to get themselves to play in the CIF Championship game.”

The team is clearly on their way to the title that they desire, sporting a

21-3 record overall and 5-0 in League play. The team is led by Coaches Joel Brinton, Dan Marbach, Nick Calderon, Andrew D’Alamda, and Bryan Felix and Team Captains Chris Johnson, Christian Solano and Justin Burras.

Outside Hitter and one of the Team Captains Chris Johnson explained the Team’s success, “We practiced everyday starting all the way back in the summer. We also had hour-long workouts everyday after practice that included running the track, lifting weights and plyometrics.” When describing the closeness of the team, Johnson said, “This is [the] best and closest group of guys

I’ve played with and I couldn’t ask for a greater group of individuals that are from all grade levels. We pride ourselves on being the hardest working team on campus and overall just love having fun being goons on and off the court.”

Clearly the hard work has paid off, as evidenced by the strong play of libero and top defensive player Jeremy Lapeze and Captain and Outside Hitter Justin Burras who had 26 kills against West Ranch and 21 against Arcadia.

With this outstanding and exciting season, make sure that you don’t miss any games!

GO BEARS!

## SOFTBALL BEATS BURBANK!

BY BROOKE BAILEY

CUB REPORTER

The moment that all of you have been waiting for . . . The Burroughs versus Burbank Varsity Softball rival game! The Burroughs Varsity Softball team beat the Burbank Bulldogs, on Wednesday April 6, 2022 at 6:00PM at home. This game was definitely one to remember. Even through this Covid-19 surge, we were still able to have a full crowd on both stands. Not only did we beat the Bulldogs, the final score was 6 - 1! A huge dub for our girls. Now to give us their first hand look on what it was like playing our rivals, here are some of our amazing coaches and players.

To first give their insights, is their spirited leader, Coach Doug. Coach Doug is a new addition to the Girls Varsity team, but he is well-acquainted with the sport. During the game, Coach Doug made sure that the game was running smoothly and made it a very enjoyable game. Coach Doug went on to say, “I thought they were awesome. The girls did really good, they worked hard. And everything, all that bunting that you saw, they worked at that yesterday, it’s not like we just did it. The team really gets along, I don’t know if you can tell from the crowd they have a lot of energy, they have a lot of spunk. I love it. And I thought they did great tonight.” He couldn’t be more proud of his girls pushing through with an awesome win.

But every Coach reflects on his performance as well, he says, “I never like to judge myself, there were a couple things I could have done a little bit better. You know like I got a girl thrown out at home, but we were just rolling the dice. But I am happy we prepared them as a coaching staff to be ready for the game tonight. GO BEARS!” Coach Doug was beyond happy with what the girls came out and executed.

And what would the team be without its Team Captains and the rest of the team fighting those Bulldogs? To give their thoughts on the game are Senior Team Captains Gigi Garcia and Kelsey Acosta, along with players Kaynan Chrysikos (Senior), Isabella Scozzola (Senior), Stevie Dabaddie (Junior), and Rachel Little (Junior). Gigi Garcia is a three year Varsity member and she is the most devoted player you will meet. Gigi goes on to give her own thoughts of the outcome of the game, “I think I came out for the team and we all played as a team today. Everyone made their contribution. As a Captain, I think I lead the team to the win tonight.” Gigi also had an insane sliding catch out in center field (her home position).

Next to give their input on their own playing as well as a team, is four year Varsity member Kelsey Acosta. Though the game started off shaky with Burbank scoring the first point, Kelsey, our amazing pitcher, made sure that it wouldn’t happen again. She says, “I think I played pretty well. It was pretty solid. I was feeling

my pitches, it was great. I was just trying to get everyone to get the energy up to not fall down in the first two innings where we weren’t hitting that well.” Kelsey pitched a great game, with multiple strikeouts.

Our Team Captains were a huge part of this year’s wins and they couldn’t have been more proud to lead their team to victory. Many players from the team also wanted to give input on the game as well. Kaynan Chrysikos, one of our teammates, goes on to say, “I think I did a really good job reading the pitcher and her pitches. Getting the bat on the ball to get a nice base hit and to rally. GO BEARS!”

Junior Stevie Dabaddie was also eager to share her thoughts on the

game. “We played well today and I am so excited to play the next game. Personally I think I played okay, but there was definitely room for improvement.”

And last but not least, Junior catcher Rachel Little was here to give her truth on the game. “I think I played pretty good, my defense was on point. My arm felt really good, like my throws. However my hitting could have been a little better, but overall I think I did pretty good.”

All of the girls had an amazing game tonight and the crowd was always on their feet. Such an exciting win! Congratulations to our Bears and make sure to go to the next Burroughs vs Burbank game, home on Tuesday April 19, 2022!

## BOYS TENNIS

BY HOPE TOWNE

CUB REPORTER

JBHS’s very own Varsity Boys’ Tennis team started their season off on March 29. Our singles players dominated the competition in the first round, winning every game. Singles 1 player Bernard even defeated his opponent 6-0. Our boys put up a good fight, but unfortunately the other team took the victory.

The boys’ second game was a home game against Burbank. We had a few close games until the third round, when our teams swept the competition with a win for every player, both doubles and singles. Burbank took the victory, but we take great pride in our boys for the sudden turnaround.

Our most recent game was yet again a home game against the Bulldogs. Our singles players performed their best yet, with our singles 3 player Micheal securing a 6-0 game in the first round. Singles also went on to sweep the 3rd round, with two games ending 6-0 and one ending 6-1.

There’s no telling how the season will go from here, but no matter what we’re still proud of our Boys’ Tennis team for putting in a good fight. When asked about how he thought the boys were doing, Coach Fernando acknowledged the performance of the team, stating that “Singles is doing really well.”

No one can forget the sweeping success of our first game against Burbank.

## SWIM

BY BETSEY LEPLEY

CUB REPORTER

With the start of Spring it was time for the beginning of the John Burroughs High School Swim season. With swimmers representing every grade level prepared to compete against other schools, the team began to prepare for their meets as soon as the season began, practicing vigorously day and night for hours at a time.

Now that the season is in full swing, there have been several swim meets that Burroughs has participated in. In many of these competitions, JBHS swimmers dominated the water and swam their way to the top of the leaderboards. Varsity head Coach Jake Cook is very proud of how his players have done so far this season. He works tirelessly with his determined players to ensure that when the day of the next meet comes, they are more than ready to decimate the competition.

Varsity swim has performed exceptionally well this season, but they aren’t the only ones representing Burroughs in the pool. The Junior Varsity swim team has also called attention to their display of talent this year. With Freshmen like Harrison Siegel and Ava Tomlinson, as well as many Sophomores stepping into leadership

roles this season, the future of the John Burroughs High School swim program is brighter than ever and is back in full swing after missing a year due to the pandemic.

Not only have both teams done extremely well over all, but many players have broken longstanding school records during their meets. For example, during one of the swim meets hosted by Burroughs, Ryan Lee broke the record for the 500 yard freestyle. This record had not been beaten since the 1980’s, and it’s proof that this year’s team may consist of the most talented swimmers Burroughs has seen in decades. Not only has Ryan shattered the 500 yard freestyle, but other swimmers have also crushed long standing records.

The accomplishments of all our John Burroughs High School swimmers should be celebrated by all, and the hard work and dedication from both the players and coaching staff is clear to anyone who attends one of their exciting swim meets. As we near the end of the school year, and the swim season, the team continues to crush records and remind everyone what competition means to Burroughs. Come and support the John Burroughs High School swim team at the next home game on Wednesday, April 20th! Go Bears!

## TRACK AND FIELD

BY ELISE McMILLEN

CUB REPORTER

John Burroughs High School’s Track team has consistently inspired and fueled school spirit every year, even in the midst of a global pandemic. They have truly been a constant example of resilience and teamwork in this difficult time.

The John Burroughs High School Track Team has repeatedly shown their true talent and commitment to excellence as a team for years; the teammates of the Track team have outdone themselves this season, topping past scores, outperforming other teams and relentlessly practicing in the recent heat wave. Since the beginning of the semester, track season has started. These students have shown up every day after school, committing themselves to the struggle of being in one of the best teams in the state.

At the first meet of the season, The Pacific League meet #1 At Arcadia High School on February 26, 2022, Otelia Lighthill made an extremely impressive discus throwing record. She scored 7th of all time in JBHS history. By her next meet, Pacific League Meet #2 here at JBHS on April 2nd, she improved her personal record to 109’ 9”, putting her at #2 all time on the JBHS record sheet.

Coach FitzGerald commented, “Otelia is definitely on her way to a school record. The only question is, will it be this, her Junior year, or is she going to make us wait until she’s a Senior?”

In the 100 meter race, the top scorers were Dilan Webster and Sofia Samuelson. Sofia finished her race in 13.48 seconds, and Dilan finished in 11.58 seconds. For the 200 meter race, Sofia Brizuela completed her race in 30.40 seconds, and Winsor Harmon in 23.8 seconds. They were the top two in their category for the team.

At the Pacific vs. Rio Hondo Varsity Challenge at Arcadia High School back in March, The Bears roared their way to victory, event after event. There were lots of impressive scores.

Varsity’s leading scorers of the 100 meter track event were Jailyn Turner and Winsor Harmon with times of 13.87 and 12.04.

Winsor is a rookie this season, yet he has wowed both teammates and coach with his impressive scores and hardworking attitude, and said of his driving force, “I am inspired by my teammates and their positive energy.”

The 200 meter event had Sofia Samuelson and Francesco Nova with the fastest times on the team. Sofia ran her 200 meter in 28.00 seconds, and Francesco ran his in 14.49 seconds. In the 800 meter event, the fastest runners were Katie Levy with a time of 2 minutes and 43 seconds and Andre Suarez with a time of 2 minutes and 27 seconds. Lily Castiel and Chase Elridge were the fastest in the

100 meter hurdle competition. Chase completed the 100 meter hurdles in 17.4 seconds, and Lily in 18.67 seconds. Our Track team had some very impressive times at this meet, and each event scored very well in both Boys and Girls Varsity.

At the Rosemead Invitational on Saturday, March 12, Girls and Boys Varsity had great scores and brought impressive competition for the other schools. Sofia Samuelson and Daniel Erikson were the top scorers for the 100 meter race, earning 13.55 seconds and 12.99 seconds, respectively. In the 800 meter race, Zoe Askernese ran a 2:29, and Alex Acevedo a 2:16. The 100 Hurdle event was trekked and completed first by Chase Eldridge and Lindsey Mazarei, with 17.15 seconds.

The most successful meet so far has been our most recent home event, Burroughs vs. Burbank! Lily Castiel, Quiana Laughlin, Otelia Lighthill, and Chase Eldridge all made excellent records and showed impressive athleticism throughout the meet. Castiel earned the #7 spot in JBHS history for the Girls pole vaulting event. Laughlin earned the #3 JBHS All-Time GSF Long Jump. Ms. Lighthill earned #6 All-Time Girls Discus, and finally, Eldridge took the #10 All-Time Boys 300 meter hurdle event.

One senior track member who has stood out this season is Chase Eldridge. He is the Varsity Boy’s star hurdler, and has great stats in many events.

Some of his notable accomplishments include: 42 second 300 meter hurdles, 17.04 second 100 meter hurdles, 17ft 11in long jump, and 56 second 400 meter hurdles.

He is an accomplished runner and successful athlete. “I like running. I’ve done it for seven years... I guess I’m kind of obsessed with it; in middle school I would ask people to race even before it was for the team.”

Passionate and hardworking, Chase is driven by a passion for his sport: “I run because it’s a way of clearing my head... it’s peaceful.”

Chase shouted out his two favorite teachers who he said inspired him: Mr. Frankenbush and Mr. FitzGerald.

When he is outside of practice, he can be seen “...sleeping, eating, and watching YouTube videos about cars.”

There are quite a few new seniors on the team this season. Yousseff Cheroquai, Jayden Menchaca, and Winsor Harmon are just a few. Winsor has impressed both his teammates and the coach with his hard working spirit. What drives him through each practice? Winsor exclaimed, “The workout, the team’s energy, and getting ripped!”

With that motivational sentiment, roar on, Bears’ Track Team! Let’s end the year on a good note. That final push makes the biggest difference!



PHOTOGRAPHER: COACH FITZGERALD

# JBHS VARSITY GOLF: AN INSIDE LOOK

BY LINCOLN MELCHER  
CUB REPORTER

It was a perfect Los Angeles day with temperatures hovering right around eighty degrees the Monday before the first match of my final season on JBHS Varsity Golf. I met up with Team Captain Emilio Huerta at DeBell after school to play a quick nine.

The course has been in pretty good condition lately and we were both playing well. Our ball-striking was solid. We were both landing shots a few inches from nearly every hole, providing ample birdie and even eagle opportunities. On the par-5 hole 1, I narrowly missed hole-in-golf for an Albatross. If we play like that this season, I thought to myself, it will be another year for the record books.

Last year, Boys Varsity Golf won the Pacific League title for the first time in more than fifty years. This year, we hope to bring home the championship title again and I think we have a pretty decent shot at it.

JBHS Varsity has four returning starters. Six play each of six League matches with the top five scores counting towards the team total. We played three of these matches before Spring Break and three after.

Emilio, Sophomore Adriel Aboag and I have been playing together since elementary school; we are all capable of going low. Senior Dylan Vallejo is returning for a fourth year on Varsity as well. And we have some solid up-and-comers including Senior John Peltier, Sophomore Brodie Kemp and Freshman Gavin Tomlinson.

We'll also have a little less competition from our rival Bulldogs this year. All but one of their starters graduated last year.

Crescenta Valley's Hank Norman is a Senior this year and a solid competitor. We'll probably play in the same group and I'm looking forward to teeing it up with him.

Arcadia, who claimed the League title my Freshman and Sophomore years, usually fields a competitive squad, so we can't count them out. However, their Number One seed Justin Lee graduated last year. We'll



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have to see who rises up to fill that hole. They have the home course advantage at this week's match at Santa Anita Golf Course.

Santa Anita, with a par 71, is a relatively short track where conditions vary. Sometimes the greens can be a little bumpy, which makes them unpredictable — but that's golf.

And that is true for our golf season too. It's hard to make predictions about what lies ahead because anything can happen. When I play I try to focus on enjoying the day. I remind myself that whenever I have the chance to get out on the course and play a round with my friends, it's a win.

JBHS Boys Varsity Golf locked in its first Pacific League victory on March 3rd, leading the field in team competition by eight strokes. In individual play, Sophomore Adriel Aboag shot an even par 71 to finish three strokes behind me and claim second place. Crescenta Valley's Hank Norman finished third at one-over.

The course was, as expected, in pretty terrible shape especially around the greens. As a result, I found it easier to make eight foot putts than four footers. After the front nine I was one under. I picked up a few more birdies on the back to shoot a 68 with only one bogey on my score-

card.

It was an almost five hour round and two of my playing partners seemed unaware of proper course etiquette, creating a lot of unnecessary distractions, but I decided to just roll with it. It was fun to be back out on the course wearing the Bears uniform on a spring-like day.

Team results were as follows: Burroughs 386, Arcadia 394, Burbank 422, CV 462 and Pasadena 532. For the Bears: Lincoln Melcher (68), Emilio Huerta (74), Adriel Aboag(71), Dylan Vallejo (84), John Peltier (89) and Brodie Kemp (102).

On March 8th, the Bears got to play our home course, DeBell. I've been playing the course my entire life. My grandpa started taking me out when I was five or six years old, I did the DeBell junior camps and PGA League there, my swing coach, Zach Allen, used to teach there, and I still head up there almost every day to hit balls or play a few holes with my friends, even though the Oaks Club at Valencia is my main practice course now.

So, of course, I was feeling some pressure to go low. I was also pretty tired. But being out on the course is always the best part of the day for me and by the time I finished my warm-up I was feeling pretty good. I bird-

ied the first hole and then battled the wind a bit to finish with three bogeys and five birdies (including one on 18) to take the win with 2-under. Emilio, in second, was even. Adriel was third with a 75.

I'd made more bogeys than I would have liked but I was happy with how I played overall. DeBell is a relatively short course but it is pretty narrow with lots of trees that can get you into trouble, especially if you don't have experience playing in the wind. You have to keep the loft out of your shots, or the wind will carry it in the wrong direction, and you have to recalibrate your distances. Wind at your back and you might send your ball over the green. Wind in your face and you'll come up short. The wind was definitely a factor in our teams higher-than-usual individual scores, as were the difficult pin positions.

But the Bears still took the win, our second of the season, bringing us one step closer to the Pacific League title.

Team results were as follows: Burroughs 382, Arcadia 411, Burbank 423, CV 442 and Pasadena 520. For the Bears: Lincoln Melcher (69), Emilio Huerta (71), Adriel Aboag(75), Dylan Vallejo (80), John Peltier (87) and Brodie Kemp (93).

Brookside's CW Koiner Golf

Course (also known as Course #1), next to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, is a notoriously difficult track. For perspective, shooting even there was good enough to earn me a spot in the Cal State Amateur back in 2019. There was also a wind advisory in effect on Thursday, March 10th, which was going to provide an added challenge.

But, for me, the biggest challenge proved to be mental. Once again I had to try to block out the distractions created by two of my playing partners. They shouted across fairways, attracting the annoyed glances of other golfers on the course, talked over my putts, "miscalculated" their scores, and generally made nuisances of themselves. I knew the reason behind the odd behavior — and I knew it was not necessarily their fault — but I still found myself growing resentful during the round. I told myself it was good practice for tournament golf where I employ various techniques to stay focused and manage my emotions under pressure, and it was. But, to be honest, it was not fun.

The biggest difference between high school golf and tournament golf is that, usually, high school golf is a lot of fun. I really missed the old days — playing good golf with Burbank's JJ Nakao and scrambling to try to beat him by one on the final hole.

I shot even and won the match by four strokes anyway. Emilio shot 76 for second and Adriel was 5-over for third. The Bears had managed to best the rest of the league in all three of its outings. The second half of the season won't start until after Spring Break.

Team results were as follows: Burroughs 403, Arcadia 414, Burbank 426, CV 434 and Pasadena 527. For the Bears: Lincoln Melcher (72), Emilio Huerta (76), Adriel Aboag(77), Dylan Vallejo (87), John Peltier (91) and Brodie Kemp (104).

The Bears officially won their second straight Pacific League title after ending a fifty year winning drought last year, assisted by a big victory at Santa Anita Golf Course. I also broke the Pacific League scoring record with a 7-under par 64.

## REMODELED SNACK SHACK: IKEA'S CONTRIBUTION

BY FINN KROL  
GUEST REPORTER

On March 26th, 2022, the JBHS Baseball Boosters Snack Shack was officially renamed and opened for business, exactly two years later after the completion of the remodel donated by IKEA. The Snack Shack is a \$12,000 dollar investment created, designed, and installed by IKEA, thanks to one persistent Burroughs Baseball parent, Hilde Garcia. In 2019, she captured the attention of

IKEA's Loyalty Manager with a letter and some photos of the program's concession stand: a shipping container filled with a few shelves, a water-damaged, moldy countertop, and an old fridge whose sharp edges poked anyone managing The Shack at any given time, telling them of her dream to improve it.

The IKEA team led by Mary Ann Barroso-Castañon and Maria Sotomayor designed a functional kitchen that included kitchen cabinets and

countertops, storage for food, drinks, and swag as well as new countertops for the outside seating area by home plate and outdoor worthy furniture. The cabinet installation was completed in two days and was donated by RTC Services. This was one of IKEA's community contributions for that year. After a long month and a half of long hours for all parties involved, the Snack Shack was finally finished, and set to open with a small reception and ribbon cutting ceremony in late March of 2020. While the Snack Shack was dormant for two years due COVID-19 restrictions, IKEA's motto and guiding principle prevailed, "Our vision is to create better everyday life for the many and the community where we operate [and we are] committed to contributing to the community," said Mary Ann Barroso-Castañon.

The official inauguration of the Snack Shack took place on March 26th, 2022. The IKEA team was present, along with the Baseball Booster board members, the Varsity baseball team, and several community members. Hilde Garcia shared a few words about the significance of the project and how this contribution ensures the longevity of the program. She then handed a pair of scissors to Barroso-Castañon, who cut the red ribbon, officially inaugurating The Shack. At the end of two long years and many project related emails, the Snack Shack is open for business.



## BASEBALL

BY ALEXIS LOPEZ AND DANIEL LOPEZ  
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The Varsity Boys Baseball team started their Pacific League season just this February, and it's been an overwhelming home run!

Their first two games were against John Muir High School, and both games were a walk in the park for our team! The scores were 21-3 in the away game and 5-0 in the home game, with the first game honoring Bailey Ewan as their star player and Devan McGivern in the second match.

After Muir, the Varsity team continued to steamroll the competition, this time against Glendale High School. Their home game saw a

whopping 16-0 win, and Nick Forrest led their team to victory in the away game with a score of 13-6.

As the season continued on, the Boys Baseball team managed to secure a win against Pasadena High School in their away game, with a score of 9-3.

Their games against Arcadia High School were also hard hitting, but ended with a win in the away game as well, the score a close 5-3.

Their latest away game against Castaic High School resulted in, you guessed it, another win for our boys baseball team. With a 15-5 win, the rest of the league season is looking good for John Burroughs High School. Make sure to wish the boys good luck on their next games!

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# SOPHOMORE RYAN LEE BREAKS SWIM RECORD

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On Wednesday, March 30, 2022, Sophomore Ryan Lee broke the long-standing school record for the 500 Meter Freestyle swim. Having broken other school records this season prior to Wednesday's meet, anticipation for him to break the oldest remaining swim record was building.

"I felt really excited," Ryan said

when asked how he felt in the weeks leading up to meet. "I was a little nervous too though," he added. Despite Lee's nerves, Varsity swim Coach Jake Cook was confident Ryan would have no problem beating the record.

As the day of the meet grew nearer, Ryan began to fine-tune his technique. "I started focusing on what I needed to get better at before the meet," he said, "especially working

on maintaining endurance for the entire 500 meters." Training for swim meets is no easy task, but preparations like this are nothing new for Ryan, who has been swimming competitively for five years.

To prepare for this meet, Ryan did change something about his training routine; his attitude. Even though he always approaches challenges with a positive attitude, it was extremely im-

portant to him that he be happy with his performance no matter the result of the meet.

"I just felt really good and happy and that made it easier for me to push myself to beat the record," he stated. On the day of the meet, everything started to come together. "It felt like all the training and preparation had led up to this moment, and sometimes there's a lot of pressure to do well in situations like this," Ryan said about his feelings on the day of the meet. "All the small details suddenly make a big difference," he added. The things you eat, the amount of sleep you get, and even the stress from school all kind of influence how well the meet goes and Ryan made sure to take all of these factors into consideration throughout the day.

When it was finally time for the start of the match, all Burroughs swimmers were eager to see if their teammate would finally beat the record. By now, almost everyone in attendance knew Ryan was attempting to break his second school record of the season, and this awareness made him even more optimistic that he would be able to exceed expectations. "I was really happy to see my friends there supporting me," he said, even if it did add a bit of pressure to perform.

After warming up, it was time for Ryan to begin the 500 meter free-

style, one of the most challenging parts of any swim meet. When the referee blew the whistle, Ryan and his competitors dove into the water. From the very first lap, it was clear Ryan was on track to surpass the previous record of four minutes and fifty seven seconds.

Once he passed the halfway mark at ten laps, Ryan had already given himself a commanding lead over the other swimmers, and the only competition now was against clock. When asked what he was thinking as he got closer to the end of the race, he smiled and said "all I was thinking about was yay, I'm almost done."

After swimming full speed for four minutes and fifty five seconds, Ryan Lee reached the finish line. His coaches, family, teammates, and friends were all beyond happy to see all of his hard work and dedication pay off. Ryan had beat the oldest remaining school record, which had not been beaten since 1988. "It's a reminder that by working hard you can improve and do anything," Ryan said.

With the help of his coaches, and his swim teammates who have always pushed and encouraged him to be better, Sophomore Ryan Lee was able to make school history with the fastest recorded 500 meter freestyle ever completed by a Burroughs swimmer.

## EMMA KATA

BY JOSEPH STULL

CUB REPORTER

It's not just the JBHS Juniors and Seniors that have amazing talent. Burroughs has excellence in each grade! Emma Kata is a Sophomore in the Vocal Music Association's Powerhouse, Neochromatics, and an actor in Drama's Into the Woods.

As many students can attest to, joining Powerhouse as a sophomore is no minor feat. Kata admits, "it was a challenge, but a good experience to have- especially since I want to try to pursue voice acting jobs in the future. It was great though!"

In Powerhouse, the soloist won best performer at their Chaparral competition. Additionally, they are the beatboxer in Vocal Ensemble. Both groups have been performing and placing excellently thus far throughout their competition seasons.

In Choir, performers are pushed to their limits. However, Emma doesn't

mind the challenge. "It's challenging, especially since I didn't get any experience with in-person-choir last year, but it's a great time. I feel like I'm pushed every day to be the best performer I can be and I think it's paying off."

Emma's favorite memory from choir is laying on the ground with their choir after Burroughs on Broadway. The cold concrete feels surprisingly revitalizing, and after this year, many have wanted to make it a VMA tradition.

Their favorite class this year is AP Physics. "The concepts are so much fun and I feel like I've learned so much about the world because of it. Also, Mr. Madooglu's stories are fun."

Emma's favorite teacher of all time is Mr. Redman from their middle school choir. Their biggest role model is their dad. "He just has the ability to do what he loves and make

a living. He's a really smart guy too, so I hope I'll be [just as] smart too one day.

Outside of choir and drama, Emma helps kids learn vocals at a music camp over the summer. They want to build up their animation portfolio for the future.

In ten years, Emma sees herself in an apartment in Burbank, near one of the major production companies, "living with my boyfriend and a cat." They hope to work on animating a new series for a company such as Cartoon Network or Nickelodeon.

After high school, Emma hopes to go to a four-year university and study animation and child psychology. Additionally, an internship at an animation studio would be ideal.

Burroughs is home to outstanding achievers! Warmest wishes to Emma and their inspiring dreams.

## ANH NGUYEN

BY MAYA MERINO

COPY EDITOR

Anh Nguyen is a senior at John Burroughs High School. She is the founder of Cancer Relief Foundation, a charity that delivers care packages to adults battling cancer across the United States.

Anh started the JBHS Cancer Relief Chapter in 2020. Cancer Relief Foundation is an award winning charity founded. Since July 2020 the club has delivered over 350 care packages to adults and children battling cancer across the United States.

Following the passing of her grandmother to cancer, contributing and helping the cancer community has brought comfort to her as she feels like she can do something that she can no longer do for her grandmother.

Anh started off the charity by using her savings to send out the first care packages to local cancer patients. She started an Instagram page for the club where she shared her story, aspirations, and the pictures of the care package recipients.

Her devotion to the cancer community was recognized by her care packages recipients, who then nominated and voted her charity for the



WEGO Health Award. And out of 21,000 nominations, her foundation was named the finalist. Anh was featured on three local articles as the founder of Cancer Relief, and known by her teachers as the founder of our chapter at JBHS.

Her favorite classes right now are AP Physics and AP Calculus and her favorite teachers are Mr. Peebles and Ms. Knoop.

She stated, "they are one of the most caring and supportive teachers

that I luckily had."

During her free time she likes to work out and watch Netflix or YouTube. She doesn't quite have a role model, but she would love to mention that her grandmother has been a huge impact on her life, and wants to give a big thank-you to her family for all they have sacrificed for her, and especially for leaving their homeland seven years ago to start a new life here.

This year she hopes to register her charity to be an official nonprofit foundation and continue to develop it.

She will continue to run the club in college. Her emotional connection with the cancer community has been a defining aspect of my life that she hopes to carry it on throughout her future, which also inspired her to become a pediatric oncologist.

In ten years she sees herself working toward her dream to become a pediatric oncologist and definitely sees herself traveling, possibly majoring in bioengineering or biopharmaceutical science in college on the pre-med track.

We here at Burroughs are so lucky to have Anh as a student. Go Anh, and go bears!

## MILYNDA ARMSTRONG-STEWART

BY CORVETTE BROWN-HENRY

CUB REPORTER

Milynda Stewart, President of Black Student Union and Senior at JBHS, is an outstanding student, both academically and in regards to her amazing impact on our community.

Other than being BSU President, Milynda is also a National Miss America Pageant Finalist, boutique owner and Ocean Warriors: Environmental Ambassador.

Milynda joined BSU in order to get connected with Black students and staff. "I became the President of BSU because I wanted the club to have more of a presence on campus, and ensure that Black students at JBHS are celebrated and represented."

Stewart has been awarded Student of the Month by Dr. Chambers for her efforts! If you want to speak to



Milynda you'll recognize her for her poofy hair and fashionable outfits!

Her favorite class is AP Literature because she "enjoys reading the diverse selection of novels we are assigned in class." Milynda's favorite teachers are Mr. Cohen and Ms. Russon because "both of them have always supported me academically and outside of school."

In her free time she likes to go to the movies with friends and jog. Milynda also works in a research lab in the Los Angeles Children's Hospital, studying the connection between the brain and gut. "In the future, I aspire to go to medical school and become a cosmetic surgeon."

Congratulations, Milynda, on all of your amazing accomplishments. We at Burroughs are lucky to have you as a student. GO BEARS!

## JULE READER

BY SAMMY SOLOMONS

PHOTOGRAPHER

Jule Reader, ASB President, College Peer Mentor, Link Crew Leader, and National Charity League Member, is an outstanding member of our Bear community and deserves all the recognition that we can offer.

Jule's ASB career started during her sophomore year and continues today through her love of planning school events and working together with fellow ASB members in order to reach their goals. When asked why she wanted to be ASB President, Jule responded, "I became ASB President my Senior year because I really wanted to make a difference on campus and be involved throughout the community through my role. I love Burroughs and school spirit, so making posters and dressing up for spirit week is very important and exciting for me." Wow! If that doesn't scream dedication, what does?

Not only is Jule a leader through ASB, but she is an attentive student in all of her classes.

Reader states that her favorite classes are AP Lit with Ms. Permenter as well as Digital Arts Video Production with Mr. Carman. Jule goes into depth on the aspects of these classes that she enjoys: "In AP Lit, I love reading poetry and my favorite book we read was *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. I love the way Ms. Permenter teaches and she is a very calming person to be around! I love Mr. Carman's class as well; watching movies and discussing them is super fulfilling for me and I found a love for film through the class." Not only is Ms. Permenter the teacher of one of her favorite classes, but she is also a role model to Jule. She looks up to Ms. Permenter's thoughtfulness and positive nature. She says "Ms. Permenter shares her goals with us and it is nice to have an adult to look up to that has personal goals unrelated to work!"

Outside of school you can spot Jule journaling, writing poetry, watching movies, cooking for her family, walking her dog around the neighborhood, or spending time with her best friends Chloe Kaitz and Charlotte Hopkins. One of her best friends, Charlotte, can attest Jule's strength of character: "Jule Reader is a girl who romanticizes even the most



simple parts of life. She loves walking her dog Lilo, getting bagels on Sundays with her two besties, going on rides to her [favorite] gas station, and much more." If you don't catch Reader doing these activities, maybe you'll find her eating bagels and lox in Joshua Tree while listening to *The Neighborhood*, as those are some of her personal favorites!

When asked about her goals for the year as well as for her future, Reader had a lot to say! "This year I made goals with Dr. Chambers: to implement gender-neutral bathrooms on campus for students, which we did. Another was to change our approach to dress code to make it more understanding and updated to the time we live in now. I also pushed to get more outdoor tables for our quad since indoor eating became restricted due to COVID. The goal I am currently working on is having a Sexual Assault Awareness assembly for our school by the end of the year! Outside of ASB, I want to spend my last moments of high school with my best friends and go on a senior trip with my friends over the summer!"

She continued, "I will be attending college in California and [am] hoping to pursue a degree in Business Marketing or Film and Media. I hope to work on the business and financial side of the film industry. Honestly, I just hope I am successful in whatever career I pursue and feel happy with my life thus far."

Jule is an amazing leader and an even better person, as shown by her work as ASB president this year!