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Where are the sets? *For the third year, a stagecraft teacher has not been hired*

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The seats bustle with spectators, the lights dim to black, the curtains part their ways, and the harsh spotlight beams on the stage, primed and ready to make a night no one will ever forget, just as it has been for 40 years. The Bruin stage is the living amalgamation of the hard working students of stagecraft, who have come and gone for the last forty years. Students have had the opportunity to learn and develop their love of stagecraft. But now, the forty year legacy is on its last legs. Since 2017, no one has been hired to teach the stagecrafts classes.

"It is unfortunate. It's a great and much needed class for the theater, the drama classes, the reward ceremonies, and overall any kind of after school activity that we had with parents. We used the stagecraft class to take care of all aspects of the theater. They take care of the sound, lights, and the building of the sets. It's sad that it's not here anymore, and I'm hoping we get it back very soon," said Mrs. Vanessa Quiñonez-Pipp, art teacher.

Two years ago, Mrs. Pipp taught the stagecrafts class. "Administration told me that I was going to teach one class of stagecrafts because we didn't have a teacher," said Mrs. Pipp. "I did my best for the kids, but it was just out of my expertise."

With the loss of a stagecraft advisor, the class maybe be relying on club

funds to pay a trained professional for assistance. Over the recent years, several teachers have been given the responsibilities of stagecraft advisor, but this year no teacher was willing to take up the mantle.

"School administration has kind of been dumping it (stagecrafts) on whoever they dump it on, and that person is never prepared. So this year at the Visual Performing Arts Department (VPAD), we decided that if they weren't going to hire someone then there would be no class in hopes that maybe something will be done and a teacher will be hired. The program has taught many students how to work in the industry of theater and gave them the knowledge of stage management. Now, it's unfortunate that we will not be able to prepare students interested in this field," said Ms. Misty Wright, ASB advisor and advanced acting teacher.

According to Principal Sandy Torres, he hired Mrs. Amanda Martinez to teach both art and stagecrafts last year.

"I've never had stagecraft. I was very unfamiliar with what stagecraft did, besides working on the stage. I knew it had to do with building sets, but I didn't know what it was going to entail. It was very challenging because I was supposed to teach students something that I had no idea about. Ms. (Julie) Urquizu was the one that helped me. She was there with me every single day, so she taught me a lot of vocab-

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Need to know

10/1-10/5--ASB Cardholder Early Bird Homecoming Dance Ticket Sale. Cost is \$20 (\$10 off regular admission price).

10/3--District College & Career Fair from 5:30-8:00pm. @ The Gonzales Community Center, 670 Colton Ave, Colton.

10/5-- Last Day of 1st Quarter and Movie Night hosted by BHS Link Crew. come hang out with your friends. Food tickets will go on sale on 9/17 @ the Business Office.

10/8-12-- College and Career Week. On Oct. 12, come out to the Quad during lunch and check out the amazing displays at the annual AVID College Fair

10/8- 10/18-- Homecoming Dance Ticket Sales. Dance is in the MPR on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 7-11pm. Cost is \$25 with ASB Discount Card, \$30 without, and \$40 if purchased the 22nd-24th. \$50 at the door

10/11-- Senior Panorama Picture Day during AAP and Period 2, Seniors are to report to class first and then proceed to the stadium. Wear your BEST Bruin attire, \$22.

10/11-- Home Football Game to Honor Coach Don Markham

10/18-- Great California Shakeout

10/22-10/26-- Homecoming Week Activities

Monday 10/22: Nominee Parade (tie dye) dress-up/ Games at lunch.

Tuesday 10/23: Voting for Homecoming Court/ Tourist Day dress-up/ Games at lunch

Wednesday 10/24: Voting for Homecoming Court/ Pirate Day dress-up/ Games at lunch

Thursday 10/25: Mr. & Ms. Betty Crocker Cake Decorating Contest and Auction/ Twin Day dress-up

Friday 10/26: Rally period 2/ Bruin Gear dress-up/ Football game vs. Summit HS @ 7pm

NEWS

Support is only inches away

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“It was like being hit in the face with a brick.”

This is how Mrs. Lisa Moreno, health assistant, reacted when she was told that she had breast cancer. Cancer is a very scary word, and can turn your whole life upside down.

It was just another yearly mammogram for her. However, the doctors saw something a little unusual and told her to come back in another six months. Six months later, she went for another mammogram and was told the devastating news.

“The first person I called was my husband, his immediate reaction was that he was very devastated and apologetic since he was not there with me. He had wanted to come along with me. I told him not to miss work since I was sure the news would be good,” said Mrs. Moreno.

She was very devastated upon discovering the news. She decided to get a mastectomy, because although cancer was only in one of her breasts, she did not want to risk the chance of it spreading.

“I just found out Aug. 1 so I’ve only had twenty days to process; this is all new to me. My surgery is scheduled for Aug. 22 and I will be out of work for 6-8 weeks depending on the recovery process. I am very grateful to have been given this appointment so soon, other women may have to wait long periods of time before they even get an appointment for the sur-

gery,” said Mrs. Moreno.

Another woman who has gone through this is counselor Mrs. Heather Butterworth. She discovered that she had
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Pretty in pink: Faculty and staff support each other and Ms. Lisa Moreno and Mrs. Heather Butterworth. From left: First row: Xochitl Setlich, Liz Ojeda, Cindy Archuleta, Nayeli Jimenez, Diane Macias, Heather Butterworth, Lisa Moreno, Anna Cano, Helen Alcaire, Kelsea McHaughlin, Cynthia Vallarta. Second Row: Rusio Cruz, Elizabeth Sutherland, Lynne Fisher, Cruz Serrano, Luz Rengifo, Julia Samaro, Tracy Mack, Nicole Figueroa, Erin Ayala, Erika Lepe, Third row: Chris Kotlewski, Denise Derobles, Deborah Veiga, Christopher Herlihy, David Johnson

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alary, how to build sets, how to paint huge walls, and organized a lot since it was a mess everywhere. It was a lot of hard work,” said Mrs. Martinez.

Mrs. Martinez wasn’t told that the stagecraft position also required after school time.

“I have a five year-old daughter, and figuring out whether my baby-sitter can watch her and then having to pay more for extra hours was too much. The weekend activities and especially during performances, I just couldn’t come to the performances,” she continued.

Mr. Torres said, “We were trying to see if we could hire a teacher to take over the program and it didn’t work out. We were working with the district and we weren’t able to (hire a stagecraft teacher), so we had to come up with an alternative.”

That alternative was to ask J.R. Fisher, the district supervisor for maintenance for help. Two years ago, Mr. Fisher built several of the sets for the production of *Cinderella*, free of charge.

“I have started working on a few stage pieces for *Mary Poppins*. I truly enjoy working on some of the sets, the bigger, the grander, the better. I use it as stress relief. No one has any money these days, cutbacks, lack of funding or low interest. My labor is free; all materials are purchased by the school. I put in about 40 to 60 hours all together for *Cinderella* last year.”

Although the class is not scheduled this year, students are still interested in maintaining the stage for future plays and performances.

“Hopefully, we can offer the course this spring because our master schedule is based on the number of students who ask for a course, so if we have the need for that and we build it in,” said Torres. “Do we have interest, can we offer it, and if we have enough students requesting that course, then we can then create the sections that are needed for those students and then hire a teacher that can teach that class,” Torres continued.

But anyone who went to the Talent Blast knows that a stagecraft teacher/technical director is needed. Two acts had technical glitches with sound that no one knew how to fix. “I was working the sound for the first time; no one taught me how to work the sound so we had glitches with the music. I’m glad Ms. Urquiza was there for BNN, she fixed the problems,” said Eduardo Garcia. “I definitely would take stagecrafts if they offered it.” It should be noted that Eduardo volunteered to help the Talent Blast.

Mr. Ryan Duckworth, the choir teacher, along with several other stage users are heavily impacted by the removal of the stage craft class.

Mr. Duckworth said, “If a few years go by without restarting the program, it would be really hard to bring it back. It could start again as soon as next semester, if everything happens quickly and correctly. Unfortunately, I have no power in that. What is scary to me is that although we still have our musicals, plays, and our concerts, we don’t have the support system required to perform them. We don’t know how we’re going to go about it because we have no one to build our sets.”

NEWS

Keeping an eye on the freshmen

Members of Link Crew speak to the Class of 2022 about high school life

Vlad Barrera, Madison Barrera, and Sydney Barrera
Staff writers

During the Freshman Follow-Up, freshmen are excused from PE in exchange for going inside the gym to interact with Link Crew members, who consist of upperclassmen.

“It was slow, a little awkward and quiet at first, but the freshmen were calm,” said Aaliyah Cisneros, one of the Link Crew members.



During the Follow-Up, the freshmen introduced themselves to their groups, reviewed the tutoring program, and discussed future events, such as the Freshman Tailgate. The Link Crew members talked with the freshmen about what they should be doing or what they are planning to do with their future, whether in school or after school; and they may even give the freshmen personal advice. The peers also facilitate games meant to help teach communication.

“In the future Follow-Ups, I

hope we can have more activities, we can interact more with our group and get help in any struggles we may have,” said Adrian Hernandez.

The Freshman Follow-Up is meant to teach the freshmen about how to defer short-term gratification for long-term gratification, to plan for their futures so they don't end up in low paying jobs, and for freshmen to open up about their feelings and thoughts so they can connect and communicate with someone who has similar problems. “Well at the Freshman Follow-Up, I learned that we are going to be talking about grades, activities and any concerns we may have,” said Ronnie Castillo.

However, the Follow-Up doesn't always guarantee participation.

“They didn't want to participate because they thought it was stupid. I was irritated because we're here trying to help them out but they were being rude. It was annoying,” said Mackenzie Buell.

The good thing is that most freshmen were cooperative and enjoyed the interaction. “At first, my group was quiet but then we started to communicate more. I liked it because everyone got to work as a team. It was fun,” said freshman Jubalefren Huerta.

Fresh air: Chloe Camarillo was one of the first Freshman of the Week selected by teachers and sponsored by Link Crew. “It was really exhilarating getting freshman of the week because it made me feel good I was recognized for working hard. I got the award from my English teacher because that's one of my good grades.”

Rushing to join a club

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German, GAGA, Theater/Drama, French, Latino Culture Club, NHS (National Honors Society.), Vibe, Robotics, Spanish, Cheer Club, Key Club, Powder-puff sign-ups, and more all set up tables for the annual Club Rush on Aug. 30. Students were able to sign up and become members of any club that interested them.

“I decided to sign up for Theater Club, because most of my siblings joined that club and I wanted to give it a chance,” said Brianna Samuel.

Around the quad area, near the ASB room, there were tables set up. Clubs used various ways to try to entice potential new members to stop by and sign up. For example, a club may have had candy or toys, like finger traps, to entice them in.

“We used bright colors at our booth, and we tried to have a welcoming atmosphere for anyone who wanted to join... we also gave out the candy Smarties,” said Sicily Marks, a member of GAGA.

Whether the candy really reeled in members is another topic. Clubs may have seen new members join their club, but

whether they may actually attend the club is another matter. Having a hundred students sign into a club doesn't guarantee a hundred new members. Students have been known to sign up for the treats, but may never attend a meeting.

“Maybe the students who signed up for the clubs didn't get all the information, or couldn't attend on that day. I don't hate them, it's just maybe they couldn't come,” said Ms. (Frau) Patricia Pahner.

“In Key Club you get to help out your community, you meet different people from different districts,” said President of Key Club, Nicholas Veloz.

It's about drama: Paola Yanez works the BTC booth. “A week before Club Rush Day we advertised over social media and told our friends and friends of friends to come and learn about theatre. We acted like our normal goofy selves which seemed to work since it attracted many people.”



NATION

What's in the news

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Death of a senator

On Aug. 25, John McCain passed away after suffering from brain cancer. McCain was diagnosed in July, 2017. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1958-1981, and was a prisoner of war for five years in Vietnam. He also was a U.S. Senator from Arizona from 1987-2018. McCain received various medals during his career including a Silver Star Medal, Purple Heart Medals, and a Legion of Merit.



Jacksonville, Florida Shooting

Sunday evening, Aug. 26, a pro-Madden video game tournament was disrupted by a competitor who was distraught after losing. The shooter, twenty-four year-old professional gamer from Baltimore, David Katz had reportedly lost and was clearly upset about it. Nobody expected him to open fire on his opponents. The event was being streamed live; thousands of viewers watched in horror as Katz opened fire on everyone who attended the event.



The incident resulted in eleven injured and three dead, including Katz. Jacksonville authorities have stated that David Katz specifically targeted Taylor Robertson White, 28 and Elijah Clayton, 22. EA, developers of Madden, have issued a statement in which they sent out condolences and sympathies to the victims and their families and informed the public that they are working with local authorities to further investigate the crime. Those who use video games as a stress reliever are left in a state of anxiety.

Burn your Nikes

Despite controversy surrounding quarterback Colin Kaepernick for taking a knee during the National Anthem at NFL games, Nike announced its 30th anniversary ad campaign of its "Just Do It" slogan which featured Kaepernick in the forefront. This caused many to boycott Nike and its products. In turn, Kaepernick

is suing the NFL, claiming collusion amongst the teams for not hiring him.

Hurricane season starts

Hurricane Florence, which affected mostly the Carolinas, started out as a Category 4 major hurricane and was later degraded to Category 1 hurricane. At least 44 people have died so far, and it has been estimated that damages have totaled up from \$17 billion to \$22 billion.



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Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Brett Kavanaugh, has recently been accused of sexual misconduct by four different women. In July, President Trump nominated Kavanaugh to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. During the confirmation process just as the senate was about to vote, Christine Blasey Ford came forward (via California Senator Diane Feinstein) and accused Kavanaugh of a sexual assault that took place in the 1980's during high school. Ford was scheduled for a hearing on Sept. 27 in which Kavanaugh's yearbook was brought out. The senate gave the FBI one week to further investigate the charges. A vote on confirmation is set for Oct. 5.



Support inches...

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breast cancer in October 2017, and is still going through the healing process.

"When I got the news, it was the worst possible phone call I could ever receive," said Mrs. Butterworth.

However, she refused to sit at home and cry. She believes that life doesn't stop for you, and you shouldn't give up when faced with a hardship.

"I felt great throughout the process and always had a good attitude, this did not stop me from living my life, such as mowing the lawn and riding my bike. I was not going to let this setback stop me from enjoying life while I have it," said Mrs. Butterworth.

"Since I had stage two of cancer, I had decided to go through with chemotherapy and ended up doing twelve sessions. I felt great throughout the procedure."

For most people, side effects are a normal part of the treatment but for Mrs. Butterworth, she hasn't had much experience with them. In Sept., Mrs. Butterworth will be doing a couple of follow up x-rays to reveal if there is any left over cancer that may still be present.

These two women are both very strong and determined to see this through. Cancer is something very tragic that affects men, women, and children. However, having a great support system will make everything easier to handle, and give them motivation to win their battles.

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SPORTS

The midpoint of fall sports Football's new coach speaks

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After two years and a win/loss record of 4-16, Varsity Head Coach Stephen Padilla was replaced with Mr. Joshua Cronkite. "I used to coach at San Antonio High," said Joshua Cronkite. "I coached football for ten years, but this is my first year teaching (non-football)."

Coach Cronkite was hired to teach both football and history. "Even though I've been teaching football for ten years, at Corona Centennial, San Antonio, and Vista Murrieta; I've decided to start teaching history. I really enjoy teaching history, and the reason why I'm teaching a regular class like this is for the money."

He's going to be working hard for that money. Cronkite does not have a cleared teaching credential, so he will be taking education classes at National University, preparing for his history classes, and running the after school varsity program.

The JV team was disbanded because of a lack of players. Instead, a combination Frosh/JV team was formed, leaving Bruin Country with only two football teams.

During the opening Frosh game on Aug. 10, Bruins who suited up were cheered on by older players and friends. No score was kept in this game, but whenever a seemingly major action was taken; as in: some progress is made forward on the field or someone fumbled the ball, spectators would react appropriately, depending on what action was made by what team. The players would cheer

each other on, even if it was hard at times.

"Joshua Cronkite, he taught us work ethic, and good offense/defense," said Christian Cano, a sophomore player of the Frosh team. "I expect that Coach Cronkite will teach us to win, to work to our fullest extent, and to be champions!" continued Christian.

As for varsity, they have had eight games so far, winning one and losing seven. The first game which occurred on Aug. 17, was a scrimmage against Lincoln and resulted in a loss. The next game was against Nuview Bridge which was their first official game. It was their first and last win so far. On Aug. 31, they played against Artesia; they put up a good fight but in the end Artesia still had the winning score.

They fought hard, especially during the La Sierra game Sept. 7. The score was a close one, a tie 27-27 at the end of the game and it resulted in overtime. Unfortunately, La Sierra scored the winning touchdown. Football has another game against the California Military Institute on Friday 9/14.

"The new coach changed the program, but the change was for the better. I feel like we've been doing better as a team," said Juan Ruiz.

Don't forget a visit to the snack bar. Nachos, with a variation of chili cheese nachos, hot dogs, with a variation of chili dogs, a triangular slice of pizza, chips, with a variation of chips with cheese, candy, snacks, cookies, and popcorn are all served. In addition, they serve water, Gatorade, and soda.

Volley into fall sports

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To start off the 2018-19 school year, volleyball and cross-country are doing exceptionally well so far.

Volleyball started their season three days into the new school year with a game against Pacific. Varsity had their first scrimmage on Aug. 9 and has had eight non-league games. They began their league games on Sept 11. They started tournaments on Aug. 25, and have had three so far.

Junior varsity had their first scrimmage on the same day as varsity, and has had eight non-league games and just had one tournament on Sept 8. JV and varsity played against Summit on Sept 11, and will play again against Colton on Sept 13.

"What I most enjoy about the game is not even the game itself. It's when you're on the sidelines and you're cheering on your teammates, hyping them on, and cheering with the crowd," said Jocelyn Paz.



Cross Country has been practicing hard everyday until 5pm.

Their first meet was on Sept. 7 at the Rosemead Invitational, and the second meet was on Sept. 14 at the Woodbridge Invitational. They have no home meets this year, but they will still be taking home wins.

The fastest time for the boys is 15:47 by Kevin Nava while the fastest time for the girls is 18:38 by Camila Rodriguez.

"My favorite meet so far has to be the Rosemead because that is when I PR'ed (personal record). I also had the fastest time for the boys. And I like being in cross country because I enjoy running, it's simple and easy," said Kevin Nava.

Times for the Woodbridge Invitational:

Boys:

18th place Jorge Mariscal(soph) 15:47.2
40th place Kevin Nava(junior) 16:07.6
105th place Kevin Solorzano(soph) 16:54.6

Girls:

5th place Britney Solis(senior) 18:18.3;
6th place Camila Rodriguez(junior) 18:25.0
40th place Veronica Rios(soph) 19:30.2

FEATURES

Clubs and other activities

Four elements *Band begins it's march for competition*

Sheila Ponce
Staff writer

The marching band has been working hard on their 2018 marching show, "The 4 Elements." They began in June, coming to mini band camp rehearsals to learn the techniques. The show has four movements representing water, wind, earth, and fire.

Saying their goodbyes, the seniors are giving it their all for the last time.

"It's a lot better than previous years and it's challenging. My advice for the rest of the band is I hope everyone tries their hardest especially the underclassmen. They need to set the example; when you are an upperclassman you will want the underclassmen to try their hardest. My favorite memory from my four years in the band are sectionals. I was able to bond with the people I like," said Sarah Mejia.



Appreciating every moment, the juniors are stepping up their game to be able to manage controlling the band next year.

"Of course I like the show. It's different and weird compared to the other field shows I've done. Being a section leader for the first time, I already knew what I was getting into. The change of my freshman year to the teacher we have now it's a good change," said Erik Lopez.

Setting the example, the sophomores came back this year as role models. They are the closest to the freshmen and can share their experiences.

"Being a sophomore I don't get the excuse of being a freshman so I actually need to know everything. And this is the year the sophomores will start to audition for leadership roles so the pressure is on. I was disappointed at first when I heard the show music. I found it boring until we got the music and we actually started playing it as an ensemble. Once we started marching it

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Sticking with it: Saxophone player Emma Marie Mejia cheers on the football team at a home game. "I have been in band for four years; after my second year, I wanted to quit because it was just repetition. Every year to me felt the same; however, this year we have been improving a lot. Looking back to my four years, each year I learned something different. And I am glad that I didn't end up quitting because I have accomplished so much."

Taking out the trash

NHS cleans up community

Margarita Esparza
Staff writer

Community is defined as "A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals." The National Honor Society placed this definition into action when they volunteered to clean up all the trash at the St. Mary Church Fair for the second year in a row.

Spending a weekend picking up someone else's trash is not the ideal Saturday night. However, to these club members spending the night giving back to the community is better than spending the night watching Netflix at home.

President America Ramirez said, "I don't mind picking up trash all weekend because being able to hang out with other people that also want to help the community makes doing the activity ten times better."

Not every student is willing to give up their weekend plans to pick up trash but this is why these students are part of the National Honor Society.

Since doing community service is what NHS is about, this group of students make sure to give back to their community any way they can even if it involves picking up trash.

NHS vice president Kimberly Moreno said, "The best thing about being in NHS is serving others. Since being inducted, I have been exposed to different aspects of our community, from park clean-ups to school activities."

National Honor Society, founded in 1921, has striven to teach kids different ways to become a better leader through their four pillars philosophy which defines a well rounded student. The four pillars include scholarship, service, leadership and character.

"The best thing about being in NHS is that you get to meet different people who have the same goals as you. You're all working towards the same goal and helping the community together," said Joel Velasco.

NHS doesn't accept everyone. You must have a 3.5 or higher GPA, letters of recommendation from two teachers, and be involved in other activities on campus.



Cleanliness is next to Godliness: America Ramirez and Kimberly Moreno-Lopez help out at St. Mary's "When we saw this trash can I thought to myself that we should have come here sooner, but it was nice to help keep things clean" said America.

FEATURES

A Peeling summer

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All expenses paid trip to Texas may seem like a great vacation for some, but for Mr. Mike McAdams it wasn't much of a vacation. Over the summer, the AP literature teacher was given the privilege of hosting a break-out session to a congregation of other AP teachers.

"My presentation lecture was on the teaching of poetry in an AP class. I enjoyed my time there attending other breakout sessions (other AP teachers lectures of various AP subjects)."

At this national event, it's an honor to present, considering all the other AP teachers that apply from around the country. The 2018 AP Annual Conference in Houston, TX, showcases exciting new advances in AP, including the redesign of AP United States Government and Politics, new supports for AP teachers and students, and information about the new pre-AP classes program launching soon.



"I also presented at the 2016 conference on the same topic. Kids aren't exposed to poetry, yet they're expected to know a fair amount about it when they enroll in the class."

At this conference they go over new ways to improve AP scores, and other teachers also present their own insight on the fundamentals of teaching in an AP class. Ms. Jennifer Rugh, AP English Language and Composition teacher, also attended this conference and gained some valuable insight.

"I would like to go back and present again at the next conference, but that's only if administration approves me," Mr. McAdams explains. In order for Mr. McAdams to attend, Principal Mr. Sandy Torres has to approve the expenditure.

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Summer mania

Anime members attend Animanga convention

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Animanga is the newest summer anime and gaming convention to hit Pomona, featuring exhibitors, cosplay, competitions, and gaming. Anime Club members traveled to the FairPlex to go to Animanga 2018.

The club met up on Aug. 4, a week before school started, and money was no object.

"I spent \$130 throughout the convention. I bought a mystery box which was filled with lots of random things like a T-shirt, stickers, and a manga. I also had bought two posters, a figure of Umi, and a plushie. One of the things I regret was buying one of the posters because I realized it wasn't that nice. My favorite thing I bought would probably be the Figure of Umi," said Maximiliano Morales.

There were 12 members who went on the trip. Each ticket was \$20, paid by club members, and the group took the 30-minute drive in a van driven by the club president's mom, Mrs. Lambaren.

The entire ride there

all you heard was the sound of alternative rock, and the laughter of the club members.

Once inside the event, everyone walked around the convention looking at all the booths which were selling stuff like T-shirts and plushies.

One of the most exciting things was seeing eight rows full of consoles with every game you could think of.

Our members played Mario Kart, Overwatch, multiple versions of Mortal Kombat and so much more.

"My favorite part of the convention was going on something called, The Wrecking Ball. You go on with four people, and there's these big plastic balls. Then you try to knock off the other three people. It was like riding a surfboard and it was really hard to balance yourself at first. Everyone was laughing and it was weird because everyone was watching us," said Maria Arellano.



Let's do lunch: Left row front to back: Maximiliano Morales, Kaleigh Lambaren, Anthony Perez, Francisco Pinzon. Right row: Keely Nicholas, Priscilla Vargas, Maria Arrellano, Kaylin Equivel.



FEATURES

Rolling out the welcome mat

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I came here for extra credit, compliments from teachers, and tacos,” said James Krejci. “I feel really good,” said James observing the scenery around him.

Open House is a day where teachers, students, and parents come together to discuss how a student was performing in class and enjoy a few tacos and German donuts.

“I feel anxious, I’m going to see all my teachers, and there’s a lot of people here,” said Sofia Morfin with a nervous chuckle.

When the time came on Sept. 13, not many people showed up. The parent meeting that started in the auditorium at 6pm was attended by a dozen people, including a few children and BHS students.

However, the number of people increased as time progressed. Students with nothing to fear traveled freely, eager to meet teachers, and had the confidence of walking up with their parents to their teacher. “I didn’t want to come to open house; I was tired from practice,” said Vanessa Garcia. “I came so my parents can get information on how I’m doing.”



The purpose of Open House is for teachers to meet with parents, give contact information and show off clubs and activities. But, sometimes parents can get teachers to “rat” their kid out. “It depends on the kid, but I’ll tell them (the parents) if their kid is doing bad

if they ask,” said Ms. Patricia (Frau) Pahner.

Music, provided by the band, could be heard across the campus. Cheer performed, Poly Club hula’d by the flag pole, and several students sang solos. But the biggest hit was the taco stand which sold tacos for \$1.50 plus donuts and drinks for \$1. Teachers were given free tacos courtesy of Mr. Randall Cenicerros, who is on the school board and running for re-election in November.

Clubs that sold items were: Yearbook (who did \$1 photo shoots), Link Crew (who sold chips), Spirit Squad (hot Cheetos), German Club (fresh German donuts), BSU (nachos), Link Crew (drinks), Girls basketball (chips). BTC (Bloomington Theatre Club gave out free cookies to promote the musical *Mary Poppins*).

Fight, fight, fight: Both varsity and JV cheer performed the Fight Song and four other band chants at Open House.

Band

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I began enjoying the show. This year is more productive and better than last year,” said Peter Guzman.

Joining the family, the freshmen not only needed to learn how to march, but had to learn the basic dance moves.

“It’s a lot of work and time. The show is dramatic and exciting. I am not a fan of the visuals but it’s part of the show. The band is like a family to me but I still need to get closer to other people,” said Denise Iracheta.

The show consists of visual work from not only the color guard but from the band as well. The show at the moment is almost complete. The band’s first competition is on October 6.

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