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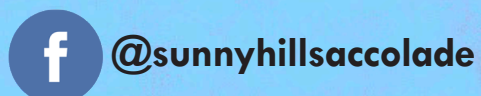
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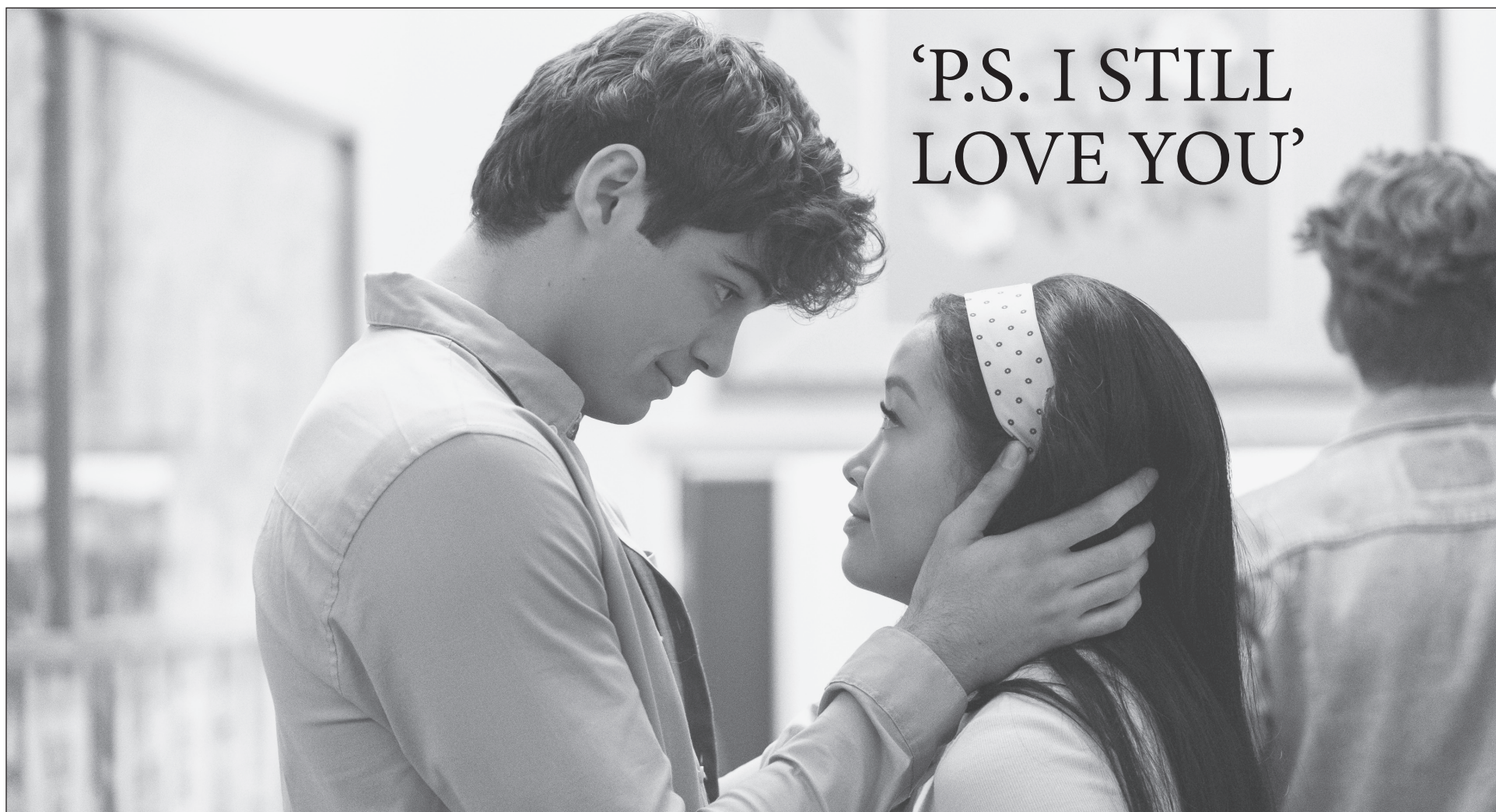


love digitally

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Chocolates. Roses. Teddy Bears. Movie dates. Despite Generation Z's digital age, The Accolade explores teens' views on modern day dating and whether high school sweetheart relationships can succeed after graduation. — See pages 2-4





'P.S. I STILL LOVE YOU'

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WILL IT LAST?: The sequel to the popular *'To All the Boys I've Loved Before'* continues where the first film ended with main character Lara Jean (Lana Condor) learning to deal with having her first boyfriend, Peter Kavinsky (Noah Centineo), with Valentine's Day as part of the setting.

Dear Netflix: Sequels don't always work

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Asst. Opinion Editor

If there's one thing romantic comedies definitely don't need any more of, it's sequels. Watching an eccentric, yet adorably compatible couple fall in love makes for a sublime plotline, but only the first time around. After the couple in question gets their happily-ever-after, the storyline is essentially over and a continuation is unnecessary. In other words, *'To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You'* really had its work cut out for it.

Released on Feb. 12, the Netflix film picks up the cheesy, teenage romance where the first of the series, *'To All the Boys I've Loved Before,'* left off back in 2018: following Lara Jean Covey (Lana Condor, *'Alita: Battle Angel'*) and Peter Kavinsky (Noah Centineo, *'The Perfect Date'*) through their high school drama. Only this time, the two lovebirds' relationship is put to the test when Lara Jean reunites with John Ambrose McClaren (Jordan Fisher, *'Rent'*), another recipient of one of her old love letters.

However, despite the overwhelmingly positive feedback for the prequel, this follow-up isn't heading in the same direction. While the first film won the hearts of millions with Lara Jean's wallflower personality and Peter's charismatic "cool guy" exterior, the second movie lacks that same spark. There was no clever premise in the love letters, no

fake relationship and no chance of Lara Jean ending up with one of five guys in the sequel.

Instead, the plot line follows a classic and uninspired love triangle while trying too hard to conform to rom-com tropes — the misunderstandings, rude awakening and grand gestures. Without an ingenious gimmick, the story trudges along for an hour and 42 minutes with a few forced "quirky" lines and "witty" scenes that leave viewers internally cringing.

Rather than including additional scenes directly from the 2014 young adult romance

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novel by author Jenny Han — the book that originally inspired the motion picture — the first 20 minutes of the film consists of mere fillers to pass the time. For instance, only six minutes into the movie, Lara Jean randomly comments on Peter's jeep saying, "I don't think I'm ever going to get used to how deep your car is." With no context, the audience is left gaping at the screen, wondering why that scene is included in the first place (especially since it serves no real purpose in the overall scheme and does nothing to continue the plot).

Another reason for confusion is the unexplained change in character casting. In the final seconds of the first movie, John Ambrose briefly appears holding Lara Jean's letter and

a handful of flowers; he was played by Jordan Burtchett (*'Women of the House'*). Flash forward to the second movie, and John Ambrose is suddenly being played by Jordan Fisher.

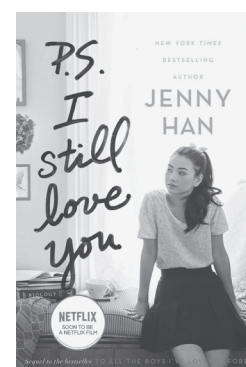
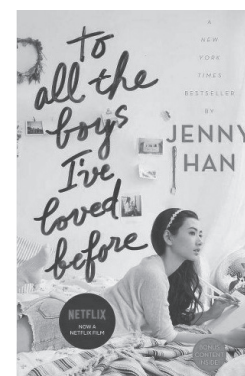
Although Fisher suits the role and delivers his lines with plenty of heartfelt passion, devoted fans of the series instantly picked up on the mysterious actor switch. There were a handful of complaints and questions initially, but viewers quickly grew fond of the new cast member — and his good looks. As of now, Netflix has not addressed why the role was recast but the film's producer Matt Kaplan emphasized how they went through a lot of auditions to replace Burtchett.

Nonetheless, *'To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You'* isn't all bad. Director Michael Fimognari brings the story to life with a saturated, jewel-toned tint and a couple long shots from overhead. From filming before an aquarium filled with bioluminescent jellyfish to shooting from the point of view of a floating lantern to panning out from a pair of snow angels, Fimognari creates an aesthetic atmosphere that illuminates the movie with his cinematographic skills.

An additional highlight is the exclusive soundtrack fading in and out in the background. More than a dozen modern-classic songs are featured throughout the film, from prominent and upcoming artists such as CYN, Marina, Blackpink and Cayetena, that liven the movie and keep the pace going during the low points.

It's safe to say that *'To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You'* didn't meet the expectations of its popular precedent. With its mediocre screenplay and substandard plot, this movie won't be getting much love.

To All the Boys I've Loved Before book series:



Lancer Love week spreads positivity



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DAZZLING DECOR: The ASB's community affairs commissioner senior Sophia Williams climbs on a ladder to put finishing touches to metallic helium balloons that spell out "love" while sophomore class president Joseph Roh (right) holds onto a string tied to the letter "V." The letters were hung across the quad Tuesday to inaugurate Lancer Love week.

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, the ASB has continued to tie in its Lancer Love festivities throughout this week.

ASB students came to the campus at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday to decorate the quad with pink helium balloons and red ribbons.



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ARTSY DESIGN: A group of ASB students use purple and pink chalk to draw and color in the middle of the quad a heart with the words, "Lancer Love," inside.

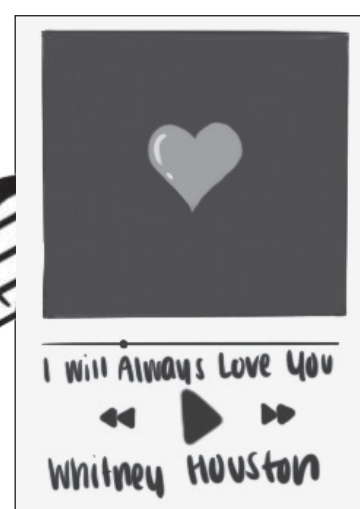
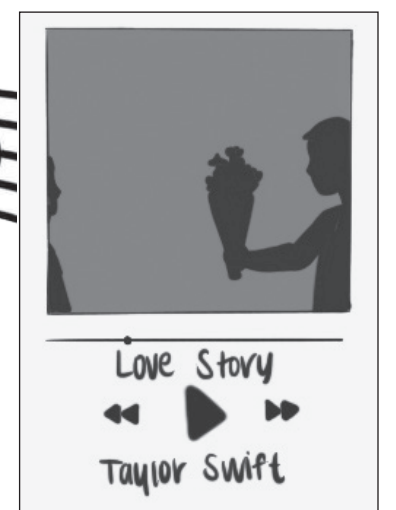


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CHEERS TO YOU: As part of Wednesday's teacher dress-up day, a group of students demonstrate what English instructor Greg Brown tends to wear and hold in his classes.

Playlist songs set a romantic mood for Feb. 14

The Accolade suggests its top music picks ranging from jazz to pop for listening on Spotify for Valentine's Day today



Couples go from fling to thing

*Sunny Hills alumni share their secrets of success
in extending their high school sweethearts status after graduation*

GIANNE VELUZ

Staff Reporter

The Accolade sought out as many former high school couples as possible through a post to the Sunny Hills Facebook alumni page and received nearly a dozen responses with marriages that have lasted as long as 50 years.

Class of 1968 alumna Nancy Sundvold MacInnis posted a comment saying she met her husband during her sophomore year at Sunny Hills and got married four years later on July 11, 1970.

Class of 1978 alumna Lisa Porter said she met Class of 1977 alum David Lee when she was in seventh grade, and he was in eighth grade at Parks Junior High. They both went on to attend Sunny Hills and eventually attended prom together for three consecutive years: 1976, 1977 and 1978.

“Our first date was on Valentine’s Day 1976,” Porter said. “We drove down to Newport Beach to the Balboa Pavilion for dinner.”

The couple got married June 12, 1983, and later had three sons and are now retired from their jobs and living in La Quinta.

Class of 2000 alumna Cindy Yu said she met her husband, Chris Berry, because he was on



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LOVE BIRDS: High school sweethearts, Jessica (left) and George Sargent smile for their wedding picture in 2010.



Image reprinted with permission from Lisa Lee
MEMORABLE MOMENTS: Lisa (left) and David Lee stand together on their wedding day on June 12, 1983.



Image reprinted with permission from Cindy Yu
LAST DANCE: Cindy Yu (left) with boyfriend Chris Berry at their 2000 prom. They later married.

the football team, and she was a cheerleader, but they didn’t start talking until they had a class together.

After familiarizing themselves through the class they shared, their love story began.

“One day I saw him in the parking lot trying to bum a ride home from anyone, and so I offered him a ride, and that is how it all started,” Yu said.

The two attended California State University, Fullerton, and after graduating, Yu moved to New York.

“Eventually, we reconnected when I moved back, and now we are married with three boys,” she said.

As of today, the couple has known each other for 22 years.

“I absolutely love being married to my high school sweet-

heart,” Yu said. “We always tell each other how we love that we have known one another for so long.”

Class of 2000 alumna Jessica Pagano said she met George Sargent, Class of 1999, through attending Saturday school together.

“We would always go to Jack in the Box for breakfast afterward,” Pagano said. “We became inseparable as friends for about a

year but had our first real date on Oct. 16, 1999.”

Sargent and her husband got married in March 2010 and now have a 5-year-old daughter.

To SH couples, Yu offers this piece of advice:

“[Do] not take life too seriously. Don’t rely on your partner to make you happy and fill some void in your life. Only you can do that.”

Teen couples double tap into the digital age

CHARIS LEE

Staff Reporter

Just as standards, cultures and mainstream trends have changed through the generations, so has dating.

Medieval acts of “courtship” have translated to modern-day “dating,” but are they the same?

Nowadays, teens of Generation Z have access to social media and technology, allowing them to confess their feelings through texts, phone calls and or online dating websites.

Ranging from underclassman to upperclassman, Sunny Hills students share pieces of their love lives and how they met.

Sophomore couple Aute Blackwell and Christopher Pinawin met in their seventh-grade biology class and started dating in August of eighth grade.



For the full story, go to <http://shhsaccolade.com/wp/feature/>

“I found his smile and sense of humor very attractive,” Blackwell said. “He is such a gentleman when it comes to everything he does for me and our relationship.”

After dating for two and a half years, technology does not affect them as much as the start of their dating journey.

“I confessed through direct message [DM] on Instagram,” Pinawin said. “Social media did help at first, but now we don’t really need it since we’re able to hang out a lot in person.”

Applications such as iMessage, FaceTime and Instagram serve as efficient mediums to the technologically filled love lives of this generation.

Aside from these junior-high sweethearts, senior couple Emi-

ly Ibara and Angelo Sagum have been together for four years, being together since October of freshman year.

“We met in AVID, and it was basically love at first sight,” Sagum said. “She had a glowing personality and was so positive.”

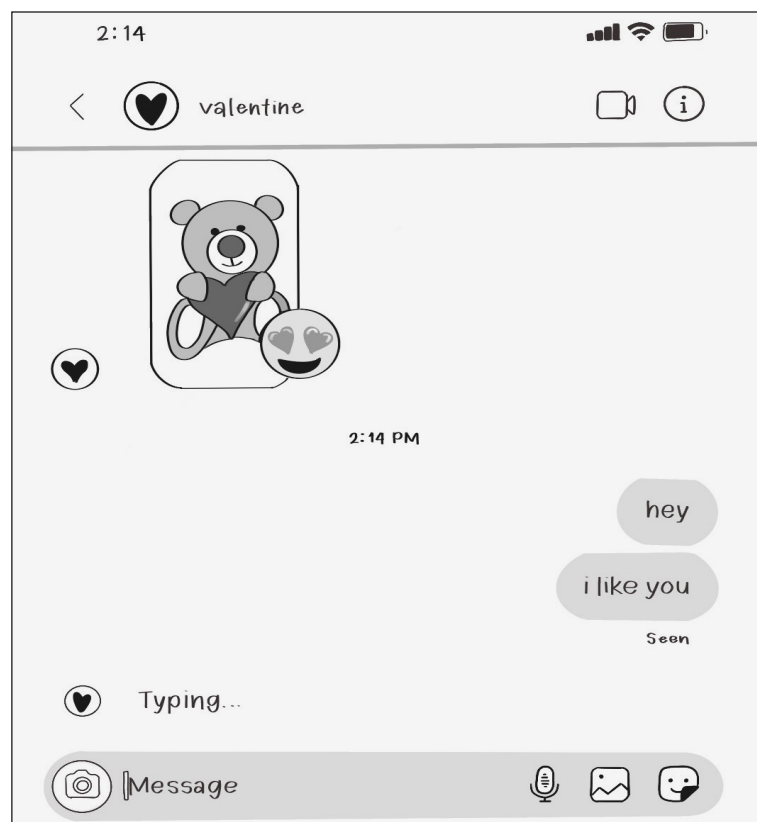
They coincidentally sat right next to each other and started talking together in class.

“He got my Instagram and slid into my DMs,” Ibara said. “I was surprised because before then, I never had one of my crushes actually show interest in me back.”

Ibara and Sagum went to their first homecoming dance together and had their first date at the Anaheim Packing District food court.

To this day, technology has helped them.

“I honestly don’t know if we would’ve had the guts to talk to each other if it wasn’t for Instagram,” Ibara said.



WHAT'S HOT; WHAT'S NOT

Sunny Hills couples stick with traditional gifts, activities to celebrate Valentine's Day

MEGAN SHIN

Photo Editor

Now that it's 2020, another year of digital communication, technology has made it easier for many people to interact with each other through facetime calls, social media applications and text messages.

Although communication trends have advanced quickly over the past few decades, sticking to the tradition of face-to-face interaction is not always a bad thing. At least is the case with Valentine's Day.

Sunny Hills students believe that keeping the Feb. 14 tradition of giving gifts such as roses or chocolates and spending time together in person is the best way to display their affection.

"Honestly, I do not want anything from [my girlfriend] because her love is enough," senior Diego Cano said. "If I had to choose, though, I would want her to give me a small basket of goodies like food."

Instead of something digital, he would prefer to take his girlfriend on a traditional date to watch the pretty aesthetic.

"I have a plan to go to the top of a hillcrest and have a picnic as we watch the sunset," Cano said.

Although Cano among others believes that spending Feb. 14 with their significant others is a must; he and some couples are busy with school events since Valentine's lands on a school day.

"[My girlfriend] wanted to hang out with me, so I am planning a day for us to," Cano said. "[But] I end my show 'Radium Girls' on [Friday], so we agreed to [hang out] the following Sun-



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day."

Aside from one-on-one interaction between couples, a common in-person activity are double dates. While this plan is still popular among some relationships, many students chose to spend time alone with their partner.

"It is more intimate and special," sophomore McKenzie Sinclair said. "[I plan on] going to a movie and going out to dinner [with my boyfriend]."

Meanwhile, others are looking forward to spending this holiday because of the activities they have planned for the special day.

"I am spending time with my boyfriend and we are maybe going to a movie," Sinclair said.

"We might even go out to dinner and exchange what we got for each other."

Although many couples plan to stick with the typical activities, some people want to try going around the traditional gifts because of some consequences that come with it.

"Chocolate and roses are popular these days, but I think it's quite sad since the roses will eventually die," junior Mansha Verma said. "Instead I feel like we can use them to decorate the lockers."

Going on traditional dates can also be costly because of the expensive restaurants and meals, so some couples have to find a way

to alter their plans. However, even when they were given the opportunity to have a luxurious date many still chose cheap but romantic activities.

"My dream date would be a picnic under the stars," Verma said. "I have always liked astronomy since I was young."

Hopeful dreams allow Lancers to remain positive for what may happen in the future.

"I have gone home and done nothing because this is my first year in a relationship but I feel pretty confident going into this day," Cano said. "I hope to build on this year's Valentine's Day activity to provide more for my girlfriend."

How do you plan to spend Valentine's Day?



"I'm not doing anything, but I plan to surprise my parents with a gift."

Ricardo Gonzalez, 9



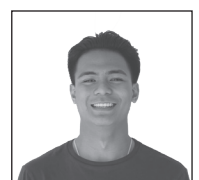
"I'm going somewhere nice to eat and watch a movie with my girlfriend."

Isaiah Plascencia, 10



"I'll probably go out somewhere and eat with my mom and my dad."

Ella Eseigbe, 11



"I'm going to spend time and eat dinner with my beautiful girlfriend."

Angelo Sagum, 12

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WATCH OUT: As the coronavirus spreads through China and the rest of the world, students at Sunny Hills High School attempt to evade the virus and other illnesses using different methods.

My uncle's close call with the coronavirus



hannahKim
Staff Reporter

When I first got news of the coronavirus a few weeks ago, I was scared, but not because a new pandemic was spreading. Instead, I thought of my uncle, who was living in Shenzhen, which is only a few hundred miles away from Wuhan, the origin of the disease. I didn't know if he would con-

tract the virus, and that made me feel nervous for him.

As time went on, he reassured my family that he was OK, but the Chinese government was very strict on ensuring everyone -- whether sick or not -- wore masks. He even sent my mother, who is his older sister, pictures and videos of a man being stopped, pepper sprayed and arrested for not wearing a mask in public.

These actions seemed a bit extreme to me, but at least the Chinese government was being careful.

A few days after the pandemic spread, he texted me, stating that people were starting to improvise because masks were sold out in stores.

He sent me almost laughable photos of people wearing water jugs, fruits and other DIY masks.

When I asked about how many people were wearing masks, he said everyone had them on now because they'd get arrested if they didn't. He even showed me a photo of a woman at her wedding where all the

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SH students fend off sickness

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Copy Editor

While the number of coronavirus patients in Orange County remains at two as of this week, it's the flu that has impacted Sunny Hills students the most.

"Some of the symptoms I had were nausea, the chills, a fever and body aches," said sophomore Ashley Kim, who was diagnosed with the flu when she went to see her family doctor on Feb. 5. "I didn't come to school [for five straight days] because my condition was really bad, and I didn't want to spread my sickness to others."

Unlike Kim, junior Sujay Sheeth said he suffered from an illness but decided to still come to classes during the week of Feb. 3.

"I wore a mask to school and did not want to pass on any germs to my peers," said Sheth, who had already taken his flu shot.

Sunny Hills sports medicine teacher Lauren Welker commends students like Kim and Sheth for being health hygiene conscious when dealing with illnesses that can be spread.

Welker also cautioned students who are feeling well against wearing masks that cover their mouths.

"They only protect you if the virus is airborne; however, both the seasonal flu and coronavirus

can be spread through contact via fomites -- objects that carry infection such as door handles, furniture, chairs, basically things that people touch," she said.

Meanwhile, scientists and health specialists from the University of California, Irvine, held a panel discussion on Monday to address concerns about the Coronavirus cases that have been in China.

According to the article, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 28 countries have been hit with coronavirus, and six U.S. states including California, Arizona and Washington.

Orange County health officials are more worried about those who have the flu than the coronavirus. As of Feb. 13, 50 million people have died from the flu, and on Feb. 13, Orange County had their first death from the flu this season.

"[After visiting the doctor's office while being sick], I finally got the results back [a few weeks later, which is when] I found out I had a bacterial stomach illness," said freshman Kiana Reed, who was missed school from Feb. 5 to Feb. 12. "I tried my best to stick to the BRAT (banana, rice, apple and toast) diet, even though it was difficult. I drank a ton of water and stayed home to rest, which certainly helped."

FBLA not allowed to compete this school year

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News Editor

Sunny Hills' Future Business Leaders of America [FBLA] chapter will be unable to compete this school year after failing to get the required certification.

"Last year, we didn't have as much participation," FBLA vice president junior Kevin Hu said. "This year, we had twice as many potential competitors, and we had so many more people who were able to compete, so it was very disappointing to see that it was all for nothing."

Twenty-four members had paid to compete in the Feb. 22 California FBLA Southern Section Leadership Conference -- the first conference that the club competes in order to qualify for state -- at Valencia High School.

FBLA president junior Andrew Ngo and adviser Richard Bailey said they first discovered that the club was ineligible

when they tried to register for the conference; Sunny Hills did not appear on the drop down list of schools signed up to compete.

After contacting the Southern Section board, Ngo said they received an email on Jan. 17 saying that the club did not have the required certification and was ineligible to compete.

Ngo and Hu had previously met with members of the Southern Section student board in a September video conference in which the board members told them that the club needed a Career Technical Education [CTE] certified teacher or adviser and CTE Pathways.

"They can't be a club without the pathways," Bailey said. "You have to have the business classes and they have to be taken in a certain order. First you take this class, then you take this class, and

that's not how we operate [at this school]."

Members were able to receive their refunds for the event

"I feel like they just scammed us. We put all this work towards this club and this big organization didn't handle the situation very well."

— junior Kevin Hu

in Room 66 on Jan. 28 and from Feb. 4-7. Refunds ranged from \$33 to \$44 and the club refunded approximately \$800.

FBLA secretary sophomore Rachel Lee was upset that opportunities were being taken from

her and her fellow club members.

"We're all really upset. It sucks because an opportunity was taken away from us and some of us are really interested in joining the business field, like Andrew, and for them, it's probably even more frustrating," Lee said. "Because I'm a sophomore, I still have another chance next year but for the juniors, they'll already be done with college apps by February 2021, so not being able to compete is a huge deal for them."

Bailey said that most students have received refunds for their membership fees; however, approximately 30 students who paid at the beginning of the school year have not yet received their refunds.

"That money has already been sent to the state and national organizations, and they've taken

that money," Bailey said. "I'm trying to get that money back to us. If not, we have money in our account so I want to give our students the refunds out of that money. So one way or another I'm gonna get them their refunds."

Hu said he was upset that FBLA accepted the Sunny Hills FBLA chapter's membership money even though the Sunny Hills group was ineligible.

"I feel like they just scammed us," Hu said. "We put all this work toward this club and this big organization didn't handle the situation very well."

Bailey said he will not be getting CTE certified and is unsure what will happen to the club next year.

"I'm disappointed. I'm sorry for the kids," he said. "Hopefully, someday maybe they'll be able to reinstate [the club], or we'll have to go to a different angle and do a different type of business club."

Teacher codes Apple app for school bell schedule

SYDNEE TALLANT

Staff Reporter

Five minutes before the first bell rings for Period 1, the newly released SHHS Bells app sends out a notification reminder to students and staff on campus who have downloaded it onto their iOS Apple phones.

Those who have their devices on silent will feel a slight vibration to alert them to a notification that states, "Period 1 starts in five minutes."

A "ding" will sound if the smartphone is not set on silence, still alerting the user about the start of first period.

The same thing occurs for all the other periods of the day.

"On days like Late Starts or assembly days, it's useful," freshman Jeffrey Tran said.

Tran is referring to the app created by Advanced Placement

computer science teacher Jeremy Wai. Though he had beta tested SHHS Bells for his own students to use, Wai decided to release it for download by anyone for free on Apple's App Store on Jan. 15.

"I organize my classes with a website I made," he said. "I thought it would be more useful if I made it an app for students and staff to use as well."

The app contains bell schedules for regular days, Late Starts, assemblies, emergency drills and finals.

Upon opening the app, users can tell what period of the day the school is on by the school color of yellow highlights of that part of the school day.

"The app does not consist of javascript coding," he said. "So I could not make the app available to Android users," Wai said.

Non-iPhone users can still access the bell schedule on Sunny

Hills' website, sunnyhills.net.

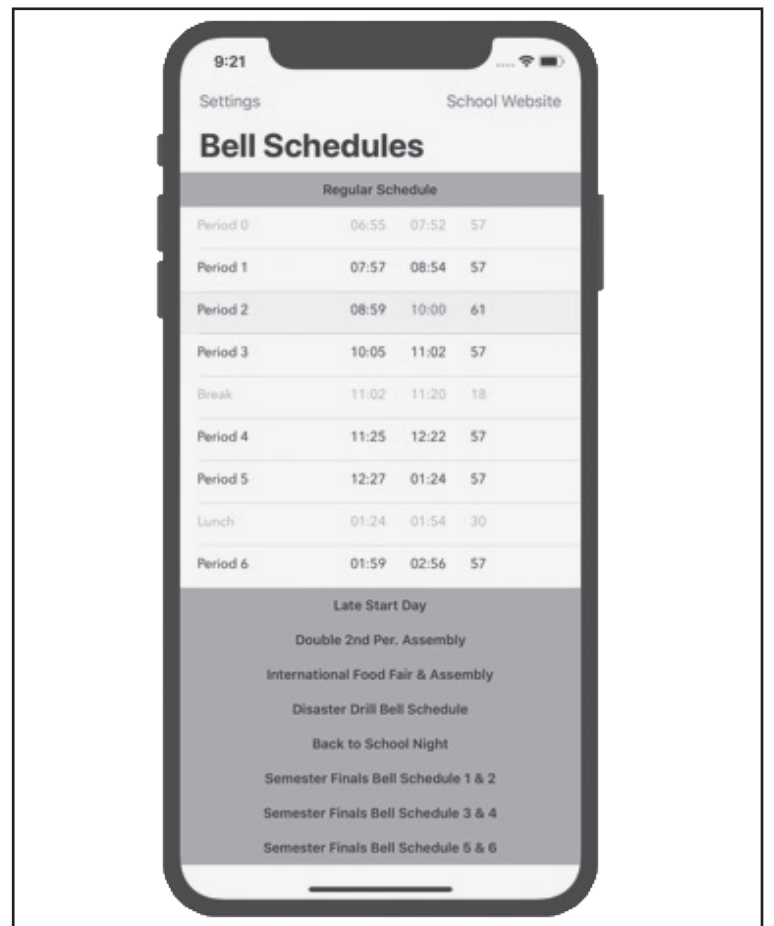
Wai said the first version was released only to his students for constructive criticism and possible errors on Oct. 5, 2019, but Apple's recent mode called "dark mode" ruined his app and its functions around December.

"Dark mode made the text unreadable, and the app did not function well," Wai said.

He released the app again on Jan. 1, but it contained an error as the calculations of minutes in each period were off.

The app includes features such as "student mode," which notifies students when a class will start, and "teacher mode," which notifies start times and ending times of a period.

"I decided to not include notifications on when a class will end for students since teachers dislike when students pack up early," Wai said.



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TRACKING TIME: Computer science teacher Jeremiah Wai developed and posted an application Jan. 15 on the App Store to allow students and teachers to view Sunny Hills bell schedules.

Two staff members honored as Employee of the Year

KATHERINE KIM

Staff Reporter

Social science teacher and head football coach Peter Karavedas and Activities Secretary Yolanda Rosales were named the Employees of the Year Jan. 29 in the staff lounge during break.

"This is obviously really exciting, and I'm honored to be recognized," Karavedas said. "This award means a lot to me, especially because it was voted by my colleagues."

Forms were sent out on a google sheets document to all staff, who could nominate any staff member of their choosing. Along with their nominations, employees could add comments for the person they chose.

After a period of one week, nominations were turned into a ballot for voting on Jan. 28.

The results were given to principal Allen Whitten who made the announcement about Karavedas and Rosales during the Jan. 29 morning announcements. On the day of the results, employees who had time met in the staff lounge at break to celebrate with cake.

Upon hearing the news, Rosales and Karavedas were excited

and touched. This is the first time they were recognized at Sunny Hills for Employee of the Year, so both were shocked to hear the results.

"I did not expect to win since we have so many great classified employees," Rosales said.

"There's a bunch of really good teachers and coaches at Sunny Hills ... my whole goal is to try to be the best combination."

— social science teacher and head football coach Peter Karavedas

"It feels good to be recognized amongst other great colleagues."

No information is available as to who submitted the nomination comments.

One of the staff recognized Rosales as a hard worker who is always willing to help and is very accommodating even when she is super busy.

With the recognition, Rosales said she wants to continue to strive to help students, parents and staff.

"Mr. Karavedas' high level of expectation is commensurate with student achievement and well deserving of further recognition," read one of the submissions.

"I think Sunny Hills is a great place to work," he said. "That's why I came to Sunny Hills seven years ago."

He said that having an overall value as an employee to the school is very important. A big factor in his winning was not just his teaching or coaching but his performance in both.

"There's a bunch of really good teachers and coaches at Sunny Hills," he said. "My whole goal is to try to be the best combination."



Peter Karavedas



Yolanda Rosales

New resource officer aims to ensure safety for students, staff

AALIYAH MAGANA

Staff Reporter

Rob Watson could have been fighting fires instead of stopping criminals.

"At first I wanted to be a firefighter, and then seeing what my uncle did for the LAPD [Los Angeles Police Department] made me want to do the same," Watson said.

He eventually joined the Fullerton Police force two years ago before being assigned Jan. 27 as Sunny Hills' student resource officer [SRO], replacing officer Jeremy Viscusi.

"[I've just been] walking around campus, getting to know the lay of the land, and everyone is pretty friendly," Watson said.

Service to the community runs in the family for him.

His father is a retired firefighter, and his uncle worked in the human trafficking force for the LAPD.

After growing up in Long Beach and graduating from Los Alamitos High School with a



Rob Watson

football scholarship to Northern Arizona University, he pursued a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and eventually earned his master's in applied criminology while teaching college freshmen criminal justice courses.

Principal Allen Whitten said Watson has brought the right type of energy expected from an SH staff member.

"I'm really excited that officer Watson is here," Whitten said.

Students such as senior Alejandra Lopez said she has seen Watson support students by addressing concerns as he walks around campus.

"He is very open as he listens to you and is always available," Lopez said. "He has helped me deal with some things because he is so helpful."

Besides patrolling the campus during break and lunch, Watson said he's available throughout the school day in Room 6 even just for a casual conversation.

"The primary goal is for you all to graduate, so I'm here to help alleviate some problems that are experienced here," he said.

In case of any crime on campus, the officer encourages students to stop by his office or email him at rwatson@fjuhsd.org.

SPECIAL REPORT

HOW DOES A CLUB GET ASB APPROVAL?

The Accolade investigates the process for what students have to do to form an official group on campus, the benefits of doing so and the motivations behind creating one

FIRST IN A SERIES

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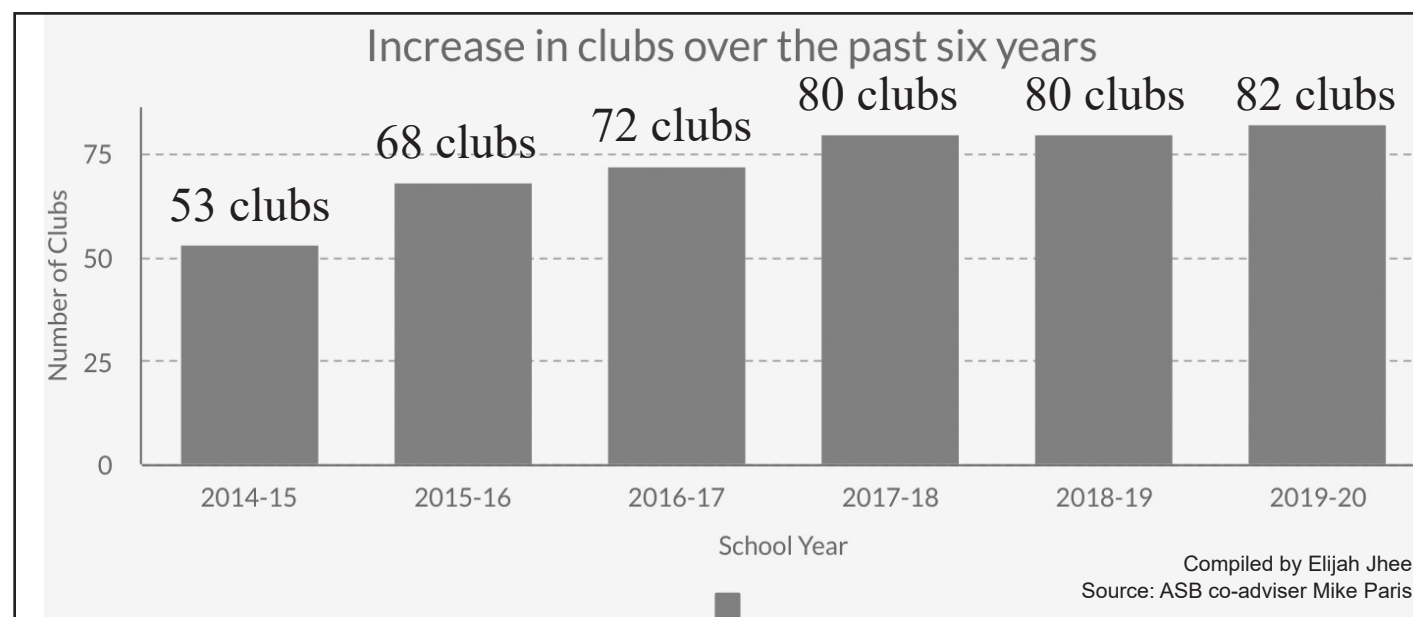
With 14 new clubs in the 2019-2020 school year — the most new clubs that the school has seen since 2014 — for a total of 82 active clubs on campus, The Accolade looks into the ASB's club application and approval process as well as the motivations students have for wanting to start an approved group.

This first of a three-part series focuses on the process behind creating a new club, which can be found on the Sunny Hills website under the ASB/Activities tab.

After developing a passion for the arts in his senior year, Tino Samano began to find students with a similar passion in January.

Samano called his informal gathering the Entertainment Arts club, which seems like any other club on campus, organizing meetings in classrooms and posting flyers to encourage students to join.

But one look at the Associated Student Body's [ASB] website under the approved club list shows that the Entertainment Arts club is nowhere to be found. That's because Samano's club, although meeting like any other organized group on campus, had not completed the mandatory admission process before the first quarter deadline.



"It is difficult to get a club started after the admission period," said Samano, who as president of another ASB-approved club, the Sports Fans Club, is aware of the process. "While we can have meetings, we're not allowed to have official meeting times and essentially have to exist through word of mouth and meet whenever possible."

Although Samano's club hasn't been approved, the ASB has admitted 14 new groups in the 2019-2020 school year for a total of 82 active clubs on campus — the most the school has ever seen since 2014, ASB co-adviser Mike Paris said.

"An increase is good since you want to have something for everyone," Paris said. "We want clubs to give students one more connection, so we try not to shut anyone down through the admission process."

The admission process that Paris is referring to begins with leaders seeking out a teacher who is willing to supervise club activities for the entirety of the school year. After that, those seeking ASB club approval must create a constitution that includes general information regarding the club description, meeting times and cabinet positions like president, vice president and

treasurer.

The final step of the admission process involves applicants giving an oral presentation to the ASB. Applicants may utilize Google Slides to enhance the appeal of their presentation, and although the ASB does not keep track of time, leaders should expect to speak for a few minutes.

After the presenter finishes and leaves the classroom, the ASB class, which consists of 61 members this school year, reaches a verdict by voting on whether the club is detailed and well-planned enough to be admitted based on the applicant's presentation.

Paris, although feeling that certain clubs are intrinsically motivated, can't help but associate the influx of club growth with students looking to strengthen their college resumes.

"I got a feeling that college advisers are telling students to create clubs because all of a sudden, we get a streak of 'em," he said. "It's the same kind of senior kid that comes in during the college application period that says, 'I'm gonna start a new club,' and doesn't realize that we have a similar club already made."

After giving the presentation, accepted

applicants are informed of their club's approval through a slip of paper from the ASB delivered to one of the applicants' classes.

Then, clubs have access to such benefits as participating in club rush, having a classroom to serve as a meeting place and being able to get announcements promoting club meeting times broadcast during second period.

Even after he graduates, Samano remains optimistic that someone from his informal group will step up in the fall to apply for official club status.

"[Meanwhile], I kind of treat it like a secret organization just because it's fun," Samano said.

Paris advocates that these students should get a head start on the approval process by preparing club applications as early as spring to ensure confirmation for the following school year.

"At the end of year, we do have people that seem enthusiastic with really neat club ideas, so we tell them to start getting ready on the process," Paris said. "A lot of clubs are just trying to get approved in time to make the cut for Club Rush."

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VIRUS COLUMN

guests were wearing masks.

It was horrifying.

I wondered why the Chinese government put so much emphasis on steering clear of this pandemic when the common flu has killed over 10 times the recorded amount this virus has killed this year ac-

cording to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. I know it's an international pandemic, but if it's not as threatening as the flu virus going around, why is it a big deal? Quarantines and masks are fine, but arresting someone because they don't have a mask on seems a bit excessive.

A few days later, my uncle informed me that he'd be flying back to the U.S. because the branch of the company he works for was shut down by the Chinese government for quarantine.

He flew back to Florida a day after, and

he, along with the rest of the passengers on the plane would be quarantined for 14 days to ensure they weren't infected.

He landed in Florida safely, but what shocked me was that he was given the "premium treatment," which would allow him to spend the 14 days of quarantine in his home instead of a separate facility.

First of all, I had no idea what this "premium treatment" was or why he got it, but this could endanger our country. Not only is the airport sending potentially infected people into the public, but there is

no way for them to be monitored, meaning they could leave their homes if they wanted without any repercussions.

I understand that the illness isn't as strong as other viruses, but it is still a deadly pandemic. Some of these passengers could be carrying this virus, yet officials don't seem to be taking any sort of precautions to prevent this pandemic from plaguing the rest of our country.

I thought China was taking things too far with this situation, but maybe the U.S. should emphasize hygiene more.

Dancing with the student

Junior Alex Abutin has earned \$2,000 teaching hip-hop

LIRA JEONG

Feature Editor

Junior Alex Abutin's interest in dance started six years ago.

Abutin recalls his cousin taking him to a hip-hop class in Cerritos.

Though all he could remember at the time was that the class was small, the moves he saw that day eventually fueled his passion for this art form and led him to earn up to \$2,000 teaching others how to dance like him.

"I like dancing because it's just plain fun," Abutin said. "I love inspiring others and making people smile just by moving."

He eventually found a spot on a dance crew called Q Minor and joined for three years but wanted to explore more options to grow as a dancer.

So in September 2017, Abutin joined a hip-hop and urban dance team called GRaVy Babies, a 50-member junior team consisting of dancers under the age of 18.

As of this week, GRaVy Babies' Instagram page has more than 100,000 followers.

"I [am currently] a choreographer for GRaVy Babies, so my choreography is what everyone sees when we perform," Abutin said. "I'm very thankful for this team because of the opportunities. I am able to teach at other studios sometimes, and I hope to inspire others to dance."

Two years ago, the GRaVy Babies earned notoriety when the crew won a dance competition called World of Dance, which features celebrity judges and mentor dance talents from around the world. The NBC-televised event awarded GRaVy Babies a trophy as well as T-shirts and hats.

Although Abutin does not get money by dancing on the team, he earns his income by teaching \$100, 90-minute hip-hop classes at Dellos Dance Academy in Walnut. So far, he said he has made at least \$2,000.

"My team promotes and posts my choreography online, and other teams and studios reach out to me in order to teach a dance class," he said. "When I teach those dance classes, I get paid."

One of the definite reasons why he would never leave his team is because

of the talented people surrounding him.

"We are all so supportive of each other, and it just feels like a big family," Abutin said. "I like being able to share my choreography on stage because I get to show the world what I can do."

Abutin's older brother used to be a dancer too, so his parents were supportive of his decision to start dancing.

"Now that I am also able to make money from dancing, my family has been nothing but my No. 1 supporters when it comes to dancing," he said. "I am very thankful because without them, I wouldn't be the dancer I am today."

After meeting Abutin in freshman year during Algebra 1 class, junior Andrei Caspellan is familiar with his friend's talents.

"The first time I saw him dancing, I was surprised by his ability to master a certain dance move through time and dedication," Caspellan said.

Abutin posts videos on his Instagram page, which have received close to 5,000 views. His friends would record his choreography, and he would later post it to keep track of his own growth as a dancer and to hopefully inspire



others.

"The feedback on my posts is always overwhelmingly good," he said. "I don't think I've ever gotten a bad response to my dance videos."

After high school, Abutin sees himself teaching more classes to making a living and traveling to other countries like Asia to dance.

"It's very overwhelming and crazy sometimes [when I look] at how much of an impact I can have on someone else just by dancing," he said. "But this is another reason why I love dancing — I always hope to inspire others the way my inspirations inspired me."

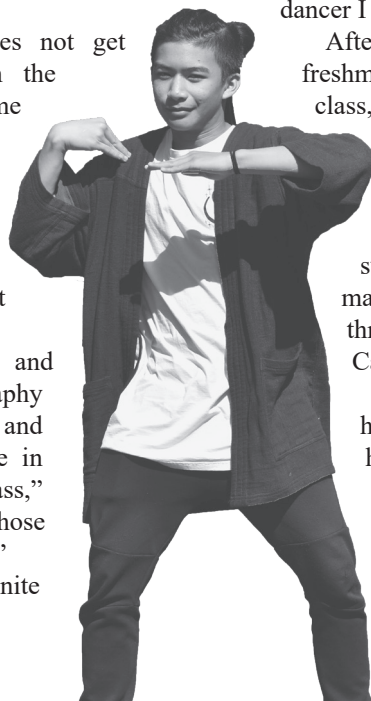


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BUSTING OUT A MOVE: Junior Alex Abutin (top left) turns his head slightly to the side while he demonstrates another hand movement. Top right, the junior steps to his right while showing off his choreography skills.

Students leap into Feb. 29 birthday notion

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Staff Reporter

Four worldwide events occur — ironically — every four years.

Two are sporting events: the Olympics and the soccer World Cup. One is the U.S. presidential election.

And the fourth one, Leap Day, may seem less important than the others, but if it were neglected, the seasons would stop aligning with the calendar days.

Leap years are determined if divisible by four, which is why Feb. 29, 2020, exists.

However, History.com offers the math behind the history of leap years.

A solar year isn't completely 365 days; the earth completely orbits the sun for an extra quarter of a day every year. To make up for the quarter, calendars add an extra day to February.

A leap year must be divisible by four. If it is divisible by 100, it is not a leap year unless it is also divisible by 400. This means the year 2100 will not be a leap year, but 2400 will be.

Although one in 1,461 people are "leaplings" and have a birthday on Leap



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LEAP DAY CELEBRITIES: According to Entity magazine, these are the following famous Americans born on Feb. 29: American actor Jessie Usher (left), actor Dennis Farina, author Tony Robbins and rapper Ja Rule.

Day, according to school officials, no Sunny Hills students have a Leap Day birthday in 2004.

But some sophomores were born close to Feb. 29.

Sophomore Stuti Patel was born Feb. 23, six days away from Leap Day, but her due date was Feb. 28, the day before Leap Day.

"It's scary to know that it is so close and that I could have been born on that day," Patel said. "My mom was glad that I wasn't born on [Feb.] 29; it's scary because it brings up many questions [like] if I was born that day, does that mean I am technically younger [than my age]? When do I celebrate my birthday? Does it mean

[my birthday is] in March?"

Sophomore Clara Auliso's birthday is on Jan. 29, exactly one month away from Leap Day, but that's a notion that never crossed her mind.

"I would feel very special if it was on Leap Day, but I wonder what it would be like [and] how a birthday would work with it being only once every four years," Auliso said.

Measuring a leapling's birthday is the same as everyone else's, except with a missing date. When a Leap Day does come around, a person's technical Leap Day age is the age divided by four, according to a March 1, 2016, article on Vox, an online news website.

In the article, Alex Clifton, a Kentucky enrollment counselor and Leap Day baby, said she celebrates her birthday on Feb. 28 and March 1, so she doesn't have to pick a date to honor Leap Day in non-leap years or common years.

Clifton also said she can recognize the names of leaping celebrities because so few people are born on Feb. 29.

"I cannot identify a single Ja Rule song, but we share a birthday," Clifton said.

Besides Ja Rule, Tony Robbins, a life coach and author, Dennis Farina, an actor who played Joe Fontana on the 1990-2010 "Law and Order" series and Jessie T. Usher, an actor who played Samuel L. Jackson's son in "Shaft" are born on Feb. 29.

LeapYearDay.com, the website of the Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies, has established its purpose to spread awareness about the day. The site also hosts a timer counting down to Feb. 29 up to the second.

While the clock is ticking, sophomore Dane Sprague has an idea to solve this potential Leap Day mess.

"We could add an extra day to May, June, July [or] even a 9.5 in-between May 9 and 10," Sprague said jokingly.



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COOKIE CEO: Sunny Hills Girl Scout hands Caramel deLites, the Lancers' top pick, to another student.

GIRL SCOUTS COOKIES

Caramel deLites tops Lancers' favorite order

KRISTIMA ARYAL

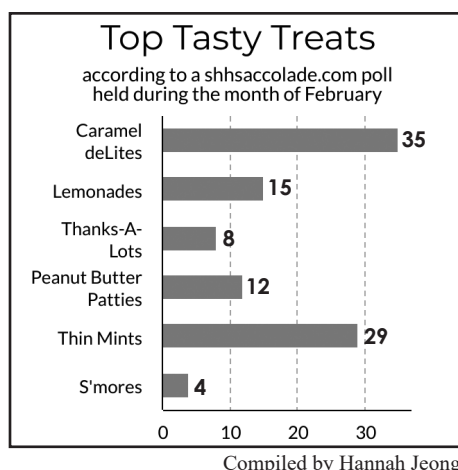
Staff Reporter

As January rolls around after a series of holidays and festivities, a new season comes upon us — Girl Scouts cookie season.

These treats can only be purchased from a Girl Scouts for \$5 per box from January to April, but specific start dates vary by area.

"I am always happy and excited when Girls Scouts [cookie] season comes up because it is always a pleasant surprise," senior Amanda Flewellen said. "I usually buy four boxes of Caramel deLites or Thin Mints."

Thin Mints are the best-selling cookies with Caramel deLites, otherwise known as Samoas, coming in second place, according to the Girl Scouts' official website.



However, for Sunny Hills students, the second-place finisher is the favorite with 30.9 percent of 106 students voting in an online *Accolade* poll for this munchie.

"Compared to the other cookies, they have a unique coconut taste that makes them stand out," sophomore Shelly Fonseca said.

Others like junior Jonathan Romero fall under the minority so he likes Thin Mints.

"Thin Mints are just simple, while the other cookies have extra elements like coconut," Romero said. "Depending on my family, I usually purchase 20-30 boxes per season."

Often, many cookies are sold door-to-door or at booths, and because of the guidelines at Sunny Hills, Girl Scouts can only hand out pre-ordered cookie orders to students on campus with the delivery of boxes coming later.

"Through selling cookies, I have learned how to deal with rejection and developed networking skills," said senior Jiwon Hur,

Sophomore goes to event honoring Black History

ANDREW PARK

Staff Reporter

Sophomore Natalie Moss has been attending Anaheim's The Black History Parade & Culture Faire in honor of February's Black History Month since she was 5 years old.

"The parade has booths set up to learn more about our history, so my family and I go every year [as] a tradition," Moss said.

The event, which was founded in 1980, reached its 40th anniversary this year. Moss hopes that more students of all ethnicities consider going to the event in the future.

"I mean, it is the Black History parade and culture, so it's for all minorities, but mostly black people attend," she said. "But it's good for people to come and learn more [about the African American heritage]."

Although Sunny Hills has no scheduled activities for students to participate in honor of Black History Month, some African American students on campus hope this will change in the future. And the first step toward an SH event could be the return of the Black Student Union club, which disbanded after the co-presidents of the club graduated from the school last year.

"I think the club should be restarted and continued to educate people that there's more to black culture than the stereotypes," African American senior Anna-Gabrielle Sanders said.

In the meantime, Moss said she and her family are considering attending the Pasadena Black History Parade & Festival this coming Saturday.

"The parade is a good time to catch up with family and friends that I don't see often and to buy African American clothing," she said.

Club Corner: French Club says, 'Bonjour'

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Asst. Feature Editor

"Bonjour, je m'appelle Luke Yang."

That French sentence translates into English as, "Hello, my name is ..."

And that's just one of the many expressions students can learn by joining the French Club, which became active again last semester.

Though the language is no longer offered as a class at Sunny Hills, co-presidents senior Luke Yang and his sister, freshman Kylie Yang, spearheaded the return of this group because of their passion for French the language and culture.

The Yangs said they grew up learning French at a private elementary school where they were taught four hours of the Romance language and three hours of English every day.

"I don't exactly know why my parents

wanted us to learn French, but I'm glad they did," Luke Yang said.

The siblings hope that Sunny Hills will someday reinstate French as a foreign language course through the growth of the French Club. Meanwhile, the Yangs teach members a small vocabulary lesson each week along with occasional review games and French films.

"I like French Club because of the friendly atmosphere," junior Alice Pham said. "I also get to learn a language not offered on campus, and it's a lot of fun."

So far, members have learned how to introduce themselves, sing happy birthday and ask what something means in French. The Yangs also bring in a French food each meeting for the club members like macarons, pizza and croissants.

The French Club meets in Room 46 on Fridays during lunch.



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OUI OUI: French Club co-presidents junior Luke Yang (left) and freshman Kylie Yang teach members how to introduce themselves using what is commonly known as the language of love during a meeting last fall.

BTS to drop new album on Feb. 21

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Managing Editor

They never seem to fail their fans and audiences. The seven members of the Korean pop boy band Bangtan Sonyeondan [BTS] announced their upcoming album *Map of the Soul: 7* on Jan. 7 — less than a year after finishing their *Love Yourself Speak Yourself World* tour that began May 4, 2019, and ended Oct. 29, 2019, in South Korea.

BTS' new album is not scheduled to be released until Feb. 21, but the band's dedicated fandom, known as Adorable Representative M.C. for Youth [ARMY] has been pre-ordering the group's album since it was first available on Jan. 9.

This year, BTS beat its previous record, racking up over four million pre-orders worldwide. An estimated four million pre-orders have been recorded through the end date of Jan. 20.

Its previous April 12, 2019, album, *Map of the Soul: Persona*, consisted of a seven-song soundtrack featuring the lead single, "Boy With Luv," with singer Halsey contributing to lead vocals. *Persona* reached the No. 1 bestselling album in South Korea, selling more than 3.71 million copies as of Jan. 1, 2020.

ARMY hasn't wasted any of its time and made sure it will get its hands on a copy of this new release soon.

"Each BTS member is musically gifted and can do so many different sounds, genres and aesthetics," said senior Scarlett Alcantara, who pre-ordered *Map of the Soul: 7* on the official BTS online shop store on Jan. 9. "I'm really anticipating them to take this album in a different direction that we haven't seen yet."

Because Sophomore Neona Suthanurak was saving money for the BTS concert at Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA, she chose not to pre-order the album.

"[Nevertheless], I feel very excited because they will always continue to surprise fans with new concepts and ideas," Suthanurak said. "They are always finding new ways to improve and create amazing music and choreography."

Big Hit Entertainment Company, which manages BTS along with soloist Lee Hyun and Tomorrow by Together [TXT], posted the *Map of the Soul: 7* "comeback map" on Jan. 8 that shows a mapped-out schedule that shows when ARMY can expect the band's full tracklist.

The next day, BTS uploaded its first comeback video trailer, "Interlude: Shadow," on YouTube, featuring group member Suga. In the trailer, Suga raps about wanting to become a rock star and a king while being surrounded by a crowd that feeds his ego and desires. Later, he faces his fears and responsibilities following BTS' worldwide success in a literal hall of mirrors.

"I thought the comeback trailer was great, but knowing BTS, I knew that there was something more to the song," senior Julianne Tacal said.



BEHIND THE SCENES: Seven-member boy band BTS stands next to singer Halsey on their set for the music video for "Boy With Luv," the lead single from the 2019 album *Map of the Soul: Persona*.

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K-pop spotlight has its repercussions



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With the new BTS album coming out, BTS' massive fan base will get to view the seven-member band's public lives once again. With their good looks and articulately perfect dancing, it would seem that the seven boys are having the time of their life.

Although I cannot measure the quality of the boys' lives, many K-pop trainees, celebrities and even actors live a far harder and cringe-worthy life than the alluring angle they show in music videos, movies and interviews.

BTS' famous theme "Love Yourself" sheds light on the lack of self love that these South Korean celebrities deal with when it comes to fame, starting from their predebut training all the way to their peak stardom.

The scandal-ridden K-pop industry has long been hidden under all its glamour and popularity until recently when multiple suicides, such as SHINee lead singer Kim Jong-hyun and actress and singer Sulli, started to spot the industry's brilliant cover with discredit and shame.

Trainees in South Korea and many other countries start their rigorous training to outcompete others in singing, dancing and good looks in hopes of impressing "star management" agencies who deem them good enough to debut.



For the full story, go to <http://shhsaccolade.com/wp/arts-entertainment/>

At age nine, I had already been exposed to K-pop and its craze for skinny, perfectly proportioned, pretty girls, which I had no idea was made possible with plastic surgery. I felt extremely insecure about my own looks even before I had the chance to grow and develop my own sense of style.

I remember comparing my darker skin tone in the summer to the porcelain-like, pale skin of K-pop stars like Yoon Bora from the girl group Sistar. I tried scrubbing myself in the shower to try and rub the dark tone off, which obviously didn't work, but it seemed plausible and made sense to my young mind.

Luckily, my mind never wandered into a darker direction because of my insecurities thanks to a strong family support system.

It's obvious that South Korea can make progress in displaying better role models for upcoming generations that are influenced by a rash of celebrity suicides, and my native country is taking steps like Strategies to Prevent Suicide, a 2015 project "aimed ... screening for persons at high risk of suicide," according to a 2015 World Health Organization article. That gives me great hope for the future.



DC thrills with new action film

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Intertwining the juxtaposing qualities of light-hearted comedy and gory violence to create an air of humor and suspense, the newest Detective Comics [DC] film, “Harley Quinn: Birds of Prey,” captures the spontaneous, vibrant persona of the antihero and follows her journey to discovering a radically new identity.

Harlene Quinzell, or more commonly known as Harley Quinn (Margot Robbie, “The Suicide Squad”), begins the R-rated film by introducing herself as Harley Quinn, the infamous Joker’s girlfriend.

After she wronged many crooks throughout Gotham City as a result of her reckless nature and nonchalant attitude, Quinn faced no consequences under Joker’s name. However, after breaking up with her boyfriend, the protagonist is left unprotected from those who want revenge.

In an effort to protect herself from vengeful vigilantes, Quinn strikes a deal with the most powerful crime lord in Gotham City, Roman Sionis (Ewan McGregor “Doctor Sleep”), to find him a di-

amond stolen by a pickpocketing minor, Cassandra Cain (Ella Jay Basco “Teachers”), in exchange for her safety.

However, through a turn of events, the heroine finds herself saving Cain from Sionis, along with three other women, all who view Sionis as a common enemy.

The nearly two hour long film directed by Cathy Yan (“Dead Pigs”) also integrates vivid animations to narrate parts of the movie, adding a creative flare that matches Quinn’s energy. The colorful pops are successfully incorporated into the film, making the movie specific to the style of the main character.

One of the central themes revolves around Harley’s emancipation from the Joker and, consequently, her adoption of a new identity as an independent figure. Quinn’s role throughout the DC comics history had primarily been assisting Joker in his antics and serving as his accomplice.

Quinn herself also admits to needing a leading figure as the only role she ever knew was taking on an assistant position. However, in the newest DC film, Quinn breaks free from her subservient status and acts as her own entity without a master to



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HUNGRY AND HUNGOVER: Harley Quinn waits patiently for her bacon, egg, and cheese sandwich at her local bodega.

control her, displaying immense character development over the course of the film.

Though the film itself manages to fulfill its basic expectations of being an entertaining movie, the two-hour long film also tackles societal issues like sexism.

Each female character in the film faces some sort of discrimination and prejudice for being a woman in Gotham City. Police officer Renee Montoya (Rosie

Perez, “The Last Thing He Wanted”), for instance, frequently faces belittlement from her male counterparts when making valid claims and arguments.

Quinn experienced sexist treatment from male enemies, who mocked her by calling her a “good girl” the moment she was physically unable to fight back. They were indicating that a “good girl” was one who knew her place to be passive and submissive.

Despite the hardships the female leads face from society, they ultimately overcome the struggles after the women learn to work together against a common enemy.

Though the film can be viewed as just another form of entertainment, the way the movie tackles significant societal issues brings the film to life, adding a degree of dimension and depth that elevates the newest DC film to more than just another action thriller.

A Korean’s take on Bong Joon-Ho’s “Best Picture” award



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Ninety two years. That’s how long The Academy Awards have been awarding Oscars to prestigious

movies and directors in the film industry. And for 92 years, only English films have been gifted with the coveted “Best Picture” title, sparking controversy over the lack of cultural diversity toward an award that attempts to represent cinema on a global level.

But that all changed when director Bong Joon-Ho (“Okja”) made history by capturing the elusive “Best Picture” award with his masterpiece of a film “Parasite:” the first time a foreign film has received such an accolade.

After watching the satirical thriller for the first time in theaters last December, I couldn’t help but admire Bong’s exemplary incorporation of suspense, clever integration of motifs and innova-



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PART-TIMERS: Members of the Kim family gather and fold pizza boxes in their basement as a part-time job before getting their big break working for the wealthy Park family in “Parasite.”

tive manipulation of plot.

“Get this film an Oscar!” I subconsciously thought while exiting the theater.

Then reality hit me; if I was not Korean, I probably would have never discovered such an amazing film. I had only watched “Parasite” because of my mom,

who was a big fan of Bong Joon-Ho, as well as through my friends who had heard of the film from their Korean parents.

Although I could understand the movie without reading the subtitles, I was doubtful that the Academy would ever recognize a film that a majority of Americans

have never heard of, and, would have been unable to understand without subtitles. The film had an Oscar-worthy screenplay yet lacked an Oscar-worthy appeal to English speakers.

So when my phone started blowing up last Sunday on Oscar night, I could hardly believe the

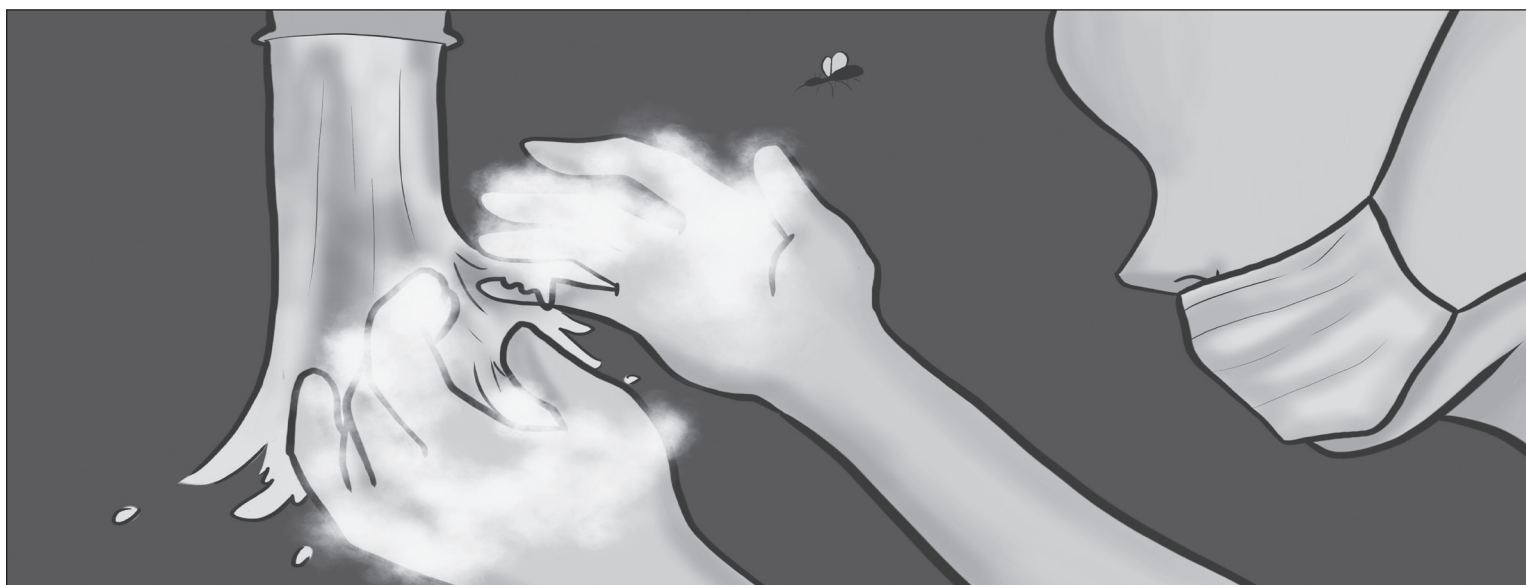
messages I was receiving from friends and family.

You guys, Parasite just won Best Picture!

I was in complete shock. When I went downstairs to my living room, I witnessed my Mom and Dad crowding around an iPad and watching a livestream of the Academy Awards. And sure enough, I saw Bong Joon-Ho standing alongside his Parasite cast, triumphantly holding a golden Oscar.

“Parasite” has implanted the idea of cultural acceptance in Hollywood, and as a result, I’m positive that people, rather than shying away from unfamiliar languages, will instead embrace such differences to truly appreciate a film for what it is, rather than whether or not they can understand it.

So with the impact that Bong Joon-Ho has left on the American film industry, you can be rest assured that I’ll be tracking the director’s next big project and celebrating when he wins his next Oscar.



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STAFF EDITORIAL

FJUHSD should send students, parents health hygiene information

The Accolade editorial board vote count: 10 students voted that the Fullerton Joint Union High School District [FJUHSD] should send an email to all parents and students explaining which health preventive measures work or don't work regarding the recent Coronavirus outbreak overseas. Two voted that the FJUHSD should offer free face masks to students on campus.

Since the first report of the Coronavirus outbreak in the Hubei region of China on Jan. 9, only one case was confirmed in Orange County. Though at least 1,370 people in China were reported dead so

far, no one has died from having the Coronavirus in the United States.

Yet *The Accolade* has noticed that more students have been coming to school wearing face masks similar to the droves of images being posted on social media from those living in Wuhan, China.

Though many are helping to prevent others from catching their flu, some might fall into the misconception that simply wearing surgical masks will help prevent contracting the Coronavirus.

Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease specialist at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, said it is challenging to put on these spe-

cialized masks.

That is why many on the editorial board would like to see FJUHSD officials take a proactive step in providing accurate health hygiene information to parents and students similar to what the Irvine Unified School District [IUSD] recently did. Bear in mind that both districts contain a large percent of Asian students.

For example, the Irvine superintendent wrote in his email: "Students who have recently returned from other parts of China are asked to self-quarantine and provide schools with documentation." He also recommended those who are

under self-quarantine to stay home to decrease the likelihood of infecting their peers.

The Coronavirus issue has yet to go away, so it's still not too late for district officials to take action. Like many doctors would tell their patients: "Better late than never."

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Here's my SH bucket list for rest of semester



Michelle Buckley
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Although I've waited eagerly to become a senior since my freshman year, I did not expect it to come so quickly.

Juggling grades and extracurricular activities over the past four years have made my high school experience fly by, and now that I only have the second semester left before my journey comes to a close, I want to make it one to remember.

Despite having been a part of multiple clubs on campus such as Indian or Friday Night Live Club, I still have some items on my end-of-the-year bucket list that I want to complete before I graduate.

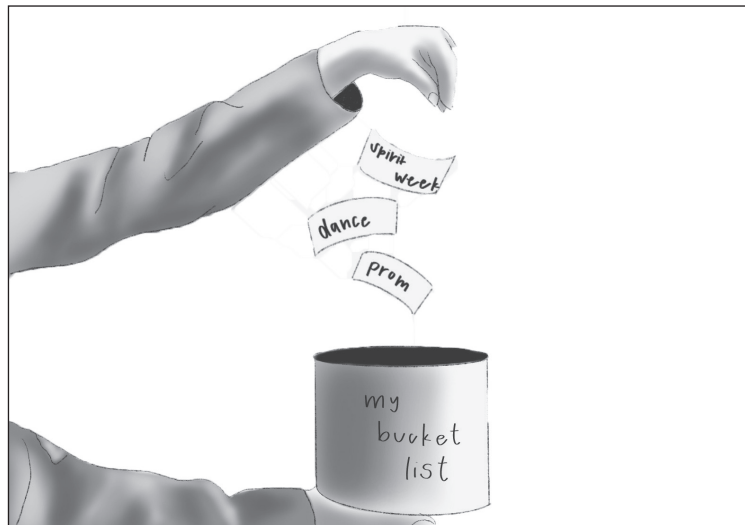
For me, it isn't a complete high school journey unless a student

goes to prom, a traditional event exclusive to juniors and seniors. I've only ever been to one school dance — which was Homecoming last semester — because large crowds are not my forte.

However, prom is essential. I've grown up seeing the prom craze in movies, and my friends have shared their fun experiences at the dance. It's an event that makes a high school experience memorable, so I want to attend it with my friends.

I'm currently in Dance 3, and our class is planning to perform in our April show "Beyond." Since this is my last performance, I want to choreograph a dance. I've only done so once, which was for Dancing with the Staff in December, so doing it one last time before I graduate will make me elated.

When the ASB holds a spirit week, I usually participate for one of the five dress-up days. I've never participated in a full week because I either forget or don't



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have the proper attire. However, I want to dress out for a full week.

Although this isn't a priority, it would be fun to challenge myself to show off my school spirit.

Speaking of friends, I want to go to Grad Nite with them. I've heard countless stories from my older friends' experiences at Grad Nite and how they had a great

time. I love Disneyland, so attending a special night with them will make me love it even more.

Although I've had a great high school experience so far, I want to try these new things before I graduate. Whether I follow through with all the items on this bucket list or not, I know my last semester will be one to remember.

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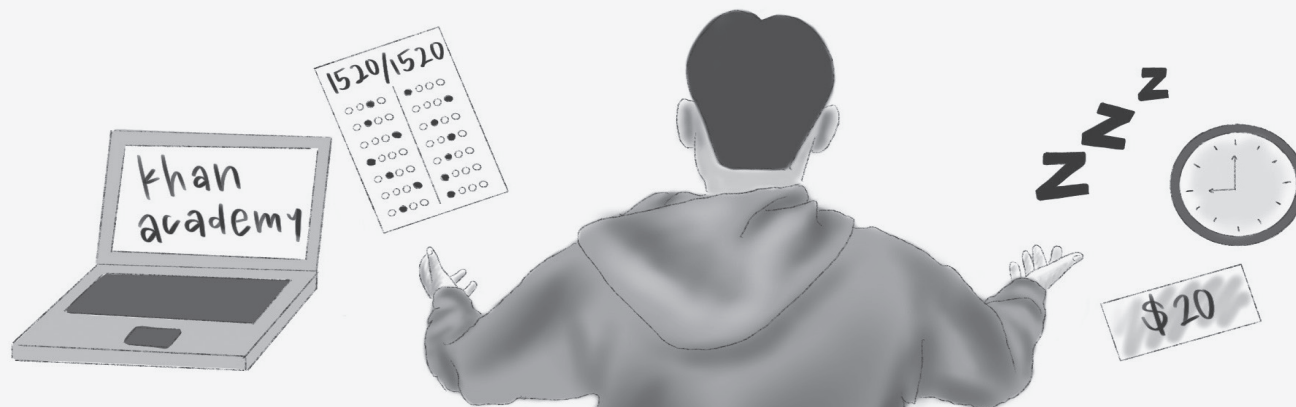
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TO TAKE OR NOT TO TAKE THE PSAT 10

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PROS

It's worth the practice



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Asst. Copy Editor

The "SAT season" -- the time when high school students must start

studying for the College Board's exam -- technically does not begin until junior year for most. However, sophomore year does bring about another form of the standardized test: the PSAT 10.

I decided to take the PSAT 10 in March, even though I took the SAT by mid-sophomore year, and I definitely did not regret my decision.

Not only did the practice exam prepare me for the SAT and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test [NMQT] in 11th grade, but it also connected me to the College Board's Student

Search Service, a "free, voluntary service that connects students with information from colleges and universities, scholarship providers, and other educational programs," according to the College Board.

Since then, I have received information for dozens of universities, summer programs and scholarship opportunities I would have never encountered so soon in my high school career.

Moreover, students can connect their PSAT score to the official SAT practice on Khan Academy so they receive personalized practice questions that include their most commonly missed problems. This gives students a chance to learn from their mistakes.

Of course, paying \$20 to take a test that starts at 7 in the morning seems like a waste of time and energy, but I promise you -- as someone who has already taken this test -- the long-term benefits far outweigh the temporary discomfort.

ONLINE POLL

How valuable is the PSAT exam?

Very valuable:
23%

Not valuable:
28%

I don't know:
49%

Source: shhsaccolade.com
(based on 100 responses as of 6 p.m. Thursday)



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CONS

I won't spend \$20 on it



danielKong
Staff Reporter

In the vast list of things I want to do while in high school, taking the PSAT 10 is definitely

money to take a practice test that would not count for anything, but I would also have to miss some of my academic classes on that March Late Start day to take it.

The PSAT 10 also isn't equivalent to the SAT in the total number of questions. The preliminary exam only offers 139 questions, while the SAT offers 15 more questions at 154.

If the College Board were to provide a practice test that resembles the SAT experience difficulty-wise and environment-wise, I would be the first in line to pay my \$20.

And with no preliminary test version of the ACT -- the other standardized test students can take for college admissions -- it just gives me the sense that the PSAT 10 is a money grab for the College Board.

So while some of my peers will be stuck in the gym for up to three hours, I'm going to spend \$20 on my Soy Wax Candle collection.

not one of them.

Spending \$20 on this exam seems like a tremendous waste of money, especially when I can take more helpful practice tests for free at home.

That's exactly what my private math tutor told me when I asked him for a second opinion on my decision to not take the PSAT next month.

For \$20, he told me I could buy an SAT study book filled with four full-length practice tests with access to two more full-length tests online.

Not only would I be paying

Letters to the editor

I found the article on page 7 called "Food fads worth the bite" very interesting. I think the first food trend mentioned is rather bland and did not deserve as much popularity as it did.

However, I am a big fan of the Korean BBQ and boba trend. I think it improves Asian representation in areas.

— Elain Chu, sophomore

I enjoyed reviewing the fashion trends on page 9 in the article, "Fashion Sense." Now in 2020, we have lived through a whole decade of trends, and we can reminisce on the fashion of the 2010s along with decades like the 1950s, 1990s and 2000s.

Being enamored with fashion myself, these trends have set a milestone for our generation, and I am excited for what this future decade holds.

— Jonah Alagao, sophomore

The article, "School renovations span decade," on page 4 really got my attention, especially the part where it talks about the swimming pool modernization a few years ago.

As a swimmer, I really enjoyed our new swimming pool. When we had games outside in other schools, I compared their pools to ours, and I can say this with confidence: ours is the best among all.

— Lucas Zhuang, sophomore

I love the descriptions that are presented in the article, "Nintendo Switch, AirPods; can't wait for new gadgets this decade," on page 5.

Through the reporter's descriptions, I was able to remember all of the technological advancements that were made during the past decade. I especially liked the staff reporter's description of the Nin-

tendo Switch.

— Daniel Lee, freshman

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the page 2 article, "Here's my list of last decade's mementos," as it reflected the past decade's memes from Vines to the modern TikTok. However, I would have appreciated an image or two to help the reader visualize and identify with the memes better.

Some students choose not to sign up for any social media to stay focused on their studies. These students might have a hard time picturing memes in their mind, and they might also fail to understand the function and purpose of memes.

— Grace Koo, freshman

The Accolade welcomes signed letters to the editor with full name and grade level emailed to theaccoladeshhs@gmail.com.

The staff reserves the right to edit.

For the record

The Accolade regrets the following errors from the Nov. 15 issue:

In a page 12 Feature article titled, "ALL HANDS ON DECK," a paraphrased statement attributed to counseling technician Evelyn Casillas, who heads the College and Career Counseling Center, should have stated that teenagers having a part-time job at this age is a good starting point, but that particular job would not necessarily plan their future after high school. Casillas also does not actually sit down and help students compose their job applications.

In a page 13 Feature article titled, "A local chef's success story," the latkes that Fullerton cookbook author and Orange County Register contributing writer Judy Bart Kancigor mentions are not sweet; Kancigor's book, *Melting Pot Memories*, was published in 1999. An expanded version of that cookbook, *Cooking Jewish*, was published in 2007.



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Sports editor appreciates SH athletics



andrew Ngo
Sports Editor

As I prepare for my third season in the Sunny Hills tennis program and second as a varsity starter, I find myself reflecting on the past two years. High school athletics

— whether I am playing or covering a game as *The Accolade's* sports co-editor — has profoundly affected my academic experience at Sunny Hills.

It all started in my freshman year when doubles partner junior Isaac Choi and I took home the Freeway League Junior Varsity Doubles title after an undefeated Freeway League season and 22-match win streak. My year dominating the JV circuit instilled a sense of confidence in me and more importantly, a sense of discipline.

Maintaining and performing at a high level of play meant that I had to force myself to get enough sleep, eat healthy and keep my body in shape for the next match. After a careless first semester of my freshman year in which I breezed through my classes, I had to manage my time wisely and juggle school and tennis season in the spring.

The following year, the rigor of my classes increased, and once again, the beginning of the tennis season sharpened my discipline. Despite adding a full, two-hour practice after school to my schedule, I started working more efficiently and eliminating distractions, thus finishing my school work sooner and getting a consistent eight hours of sleep every night by sleeping before 11 p.m.

Playing sports hasn't been the only way high school athletics have become a part of my identity. Since becoming a co-sports editor for *The Accolade*, SH athletics and I have become uniquely intertwined. Over the past five months, I have traveled across Southern and Central California covering games, interacting with players, coaches and fans and spending an ungodly amount of time scouring maxpreps.com. Since the beginning of the school year, I've developed a real passion for sports journalism — something that I would have never considered a few years ago, because I had once envisioned myself as a savvy businessman or lawyer. As for a future career path, I remain undecided on whether it will include sports journalism, but it is clear to me that the SH administrators and coaches have made it possible for me to explore new opportunities.

I don't know where high school athletics will take me next, especially since I'm just a junior and have one more year left on the newspaper staff, but whatever happens, I'm ready to see how it'll change me as a student. In the meantime, you can find me on the sidelines with my clipboard in one hand and my Twitter page open in the other.

What's the cheapest sport for SH students?

HANNAH KIM

Staff Reporter

As students who plan to return to Sunny Hills decide which classes to take for the 2020-2021 school year, some will consider signing up for a sport for the first time.

But when it comes down to concerns over having to buy a racket for tennis or a bat for baseball, athletics director Jon Caffrey wants to ensure all students facing financial hardships that anything needed to play a sport, Sunny Hills will provide.

"We don't ever want anyone to feel that they cannot be a part of sports at Sunny Hills because it's too expensive, so if anyone says they can't play because they can't afford it, I'd say that's not an issue," Caffrey said. "If you want to play baseball, let's play baseball."

Caffrey said he will even reach out to other friends and ask them to donate funds to cover gear and uniform expenses so students can play.

"Athletics is wide open, and we want you to be a part of it," he said. "With some programs, you're going to have to fundraise to help us support the whole vision of this, but not having the finances can never be the reason not to do it."

Caffrey's philosophy is based on an American Civil Liberties Union settlement with California public schools which states that staff cannot legally charge students to participate in educational activities, and many believe this benefits all students, no

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- ☐ Coming April 3 - Sunny Hills athletes with custom gear

matter their background.

"I feel like it's great for the school to aid other students who are less fortunate, and it's great that they support them and let them do what they love," freshman Chloe Lee said.

But what if students want to buy the same tennis racket as Serena Williams or pay \$200 for Nike Vaporfly shoes? Which sport on campus would cost them the least amount of money?

Of all the SH sports available on campus from football to tennis to swim, cross country is reportedly the most affordable out of the given options.

However, most runners don't even take into account the cost of their sport — they're more interested in the race.

"I just love racing and competing because this is the type of sport where you can really push yourself to the limit and have others to compete against who do the same," sophomore Zachary Gomez said.

Lee agrees with Gomez, saying the price is often not considered by most of the runners when choosing a sport.

"People join track and cross country because they have a passion, just

like any other sport, and I feel like most of the students don't pay attention to the cost of them," she said.

Though many runners don't think of their sport's price, most understand why it is one of the least expensive sports. Unlike other sports like baseball and tennis, cross country only requires a uniform and shoes to race, making it cheaper.

Track and field can also compete for the title of most affordable sport on campus, but track events can vary in price depending on what events a student participates in whereas cross country costs stay consistent.

Overall, students believe it is beneficial for some sports to be more affordable for families who take funds into consideration, so more students can participate.

"Sometimes sports can be really expensive, so it's nice to find one that's cheaper," junior Peyton Rushing said. "It'd be a good sport for others to join who can't afford some of the more expensive sports."

CHEAPEST SPORTS AT SUNNY HILLS

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2. Track & Field \$150-300
3. Swim \$175-300
4. Water Polo \$200-325
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78th minute goal pushes boys soccer into CIF quarterfinals

GIANNE VELUZ

Staff Reporter

In a tense match between Sunny Hills and Laguna Hills, the Lancer boys soccer team emerged victorious 2-1 in its CIF-Southern Section Division 2 first round matchup Feb. 12 at the Sunny Hills field.

"That was a tough one, we did it the hard way. We were at a one-to-nothing lead from a great goal early on by [forward junior Gabriel] Diaz," head coach Mike Schade said. "We had to let them tie it up and put some pressure on us but a pretty goal over all, we just lost some rhythm at times."

Defender junior Zachary Miramontes's header off of midfielder sophomore Kevin Meza's corner kick in the 78th minute of play put the Lancers (13-5-4, 7-3 Freeway League) ahead for good after the Hawks' (9-12-2, 4-4 Sea View League) forward senior Marcus Daniel tied up the game at one just eight minutes prior.

"Getting to score felt good because we went up ahead and into the second round," Miramontes said. "This could have been the



WEAVING: Midfielder senior Brandon Toledo (center) dribbles through a pair of Laguna Hills defenders during Sunny Hills' 2-1 first round victory over the Hawks Feb. 12 at the Sunny Hills field.

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last game for the seniors on the team, so it felt good to be able to play on."

Diaz's right-footed shot in the 27th minute put Sunny Hills up 1-0.

The win advances the Lancers to the CIF-SS quarterfinals

as they chase a CIF title, which would be their first since 2016.

"We're confident going into the next round," midfielder junior Dominic Mancina said. "I think there's a fine line between arrogance and confidence, but I think we're riding the line of confi-

dence, so we're just going to train hard and bring our A-Game."

The Lancers now turn their attention to the quarterfinals, where they will hit the road to play Saddleback (9-7-5, 5-3-2 Orange Coast League) at Saddleback High School field today.

FIRST WEEK OF WINTER CIF-SS PLAYOFFS

Wednesday:

- Boys Soccer defeated Laguna Hills 2-1 (Division 2)
- Girls Water Polo defeated Dana Hills 8-3 (Division 3)

Thursday:

- Girls Soccer lost 2-0 to Harvard-Westlake (Division 1)
- No. 18 Girls Basketball lost 42-32 to No. 10 Tesoro (Division 2A)

Friday:

- Boys Wrestling Divisional Championships (Individuals) - all day @ Brea Olinda
- Boys Soccer @ Saddleback - 3:00

Saturday:

- Boys Wrestling Divisional Championships (Individuals) - all day @ Brea Olinda
- Girls Wrestling Championships (Individuals) - all day @ El Toro
- Girls Water Polo @ Santa Monica - 12:00

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