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ASB plans upcoming events for rest of the year

EUREE KIM

Cub Reporter

Though uncertain with the current trends of the virus, Associated Student Body [ASB] plans to bring back the International Food Fair [IFF] and Lancer Love week, which aims to spread love and kindness during the week of Valentine's day, in February.

Nearly a month before the start of the 2021-2022 school year, the ASB had planned events up until Red Ribbon Week at the end of October.

Before the pandemic, the ASB would usually have planned all school events until May.

"Usually, we make plans after Halloween, but there aren't many events after Thanksgiving," Parent Teacher Student Association [PTSA] commissioner senior Tara Kim said. "November is when we take a break because October is a heavy month, with busy planning for winter assemblies events."

However, as COVID-19 rates began to decline in Orange County over the school year, the ASB decided to schedule traditional activities for the rest of the year.

"I'm really excited about it and also anxious hoping that we can do it like normal," ASB co-adviser Mike Paris said. "Hopefully we can do the whole food [fair] and assembly."

With IFF, the ASB also plans to host

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- International Food Fair
- Prom
- Lancer Love Week
- Winter assembly
- Stag dance



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BLING BLING: Frankie Alvarez, the 2016-2017 prom queen, accepts her crown at the Cerritos Performing Arts Center on April 22, 2017.

Quad decorations scheduled to return

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Cub Reporter

For the first time since 2019, the Associated Student Body [ASB] will resume its annual tradition of decorating the quad for the holidays on Dec. 13, which has garnered positive reactions from Sunny Hills students.

"We're all really excited because this is our first quad decoration in two years, so we're just really excited to have that Christmas tree back on campus," senior class president Jasmine Lee said. "I think

Quad decorations

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HOLLY JOLLY: ASB student decorates the quad Christmas tree to celebrate the 2016 winter holiday.

prom for both juniors and seniors.

"Even though I didn't have [IFF] my junior year, I'm still really thankful that we get to have one this year, because I can't imagine not having it two years in a row," Kim said.

The ASB will continue with the triple assembly schedule for the winter assembly; however, they hope to return to a double assembly schedule next year.

As a result of the California Department of Education mandate, in which indoor events have a maximum capacity of 1,000 attendees, the ASB postponed stag dances to second semester.

"I am disappointed to see stag get canceled, but I trust our admin to make the best and safest decisions for our school," said PTSA commissioner senior David Burn, who plans on attending the stag dance.

Students such as Burn rest assured that the ASB will plan an eventful year upon returning from hybrid learning.

Along with the IFF, the ASB plans to host prom for the graduating classes of 2021 and 2022.

The ASB still plans on taking precautions during this event, such as having masks optional to wear throughout this activity at school if vaccinated.

"I feel that as long as everybody is wearing masks, it should be fine," ASB senior Tara Kim said. "These events are not much different from a normal school day."

School spirit weeks with a variety of themes during break will happen more often throughout the school year.

"School is more than just classes, so I think it's really necessary to [also watch, perform and eat]," Paris said. "Just the whole idea and experience with school."

Level Up Tutoring offers students free aid in all school subjects

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Cub Reporter

A new after school, peer tutoring program that offers help in all subject areas has served more than 30 students since its inception earlier this month, school officials said.

"We recognized that tutoring can be really effective, and it's another opportunity we have to help students learn and get the help they need," said English Department chairman Scott Rosenkranz, coordinator of the pilot program known as "Level Up Tutoring."

Level Up Tutoring, which began Nov. 8, is held in Room 66 from 3-4 p.m. with the first 30 minutes of the session mainly for tutoring by students from either the Algebra Center or the California Scholarship Federation clubs. The second half is a study hall in which students can finish and focus on their assignments from any subject.

For a personalized and productive session, students who come for help are required to sign up for what they want to work on, write goals for the day and end with a feedback form on their way out each day.

To ensure safety and make sure that students are on-task, adult teachers are paid to supervise the sessions each day.

"It's a great way [for students] to take advantage of the half an hour and get help on homework, or clarify certain concepts that you might not understand," Spanish teacher Veronica Deutsch, one of the adult supervisors, said.

Rosenkranz said Level Up is a reboot of a program that started during the 2019-2020 school year, but that student outreach opportunity got abruptly cut short because of the COVID-19 pandemic in March.

"I liked the name Level Up because it is a relatable term, drawn from pop culture, specifically video gaming," he said.

And grown it has. The program, which first saw only six students on its first day, has now attracted a total of 30 with five students attending on average based on attendance calculations this week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

"We emailed the students and their families just to say [that the tutoring is] available. But if any student needed help and was referred to us, we'd want to accommodate



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SMARTY PANTS: Junior Saahil Kakaria tutors junior Dennise Cruz in chemistry on Thursday in Room 66 for the new Level Up Tutoring program.

them," Rosenkranz said.

Sophomore Adrian Ramirez was among those who got the email, and was recommended by his parents to attend.

Ramirez started showing up to Room 66 the first day tutoring started, and now he attends three days a week to get help with English.

"It's been helping me understand a lot of the topics more easily, so I don't struggle as much whenever I'm doing work," he said.

Unlike the first iteration of Level Up

Rosenkranz decided to seek help from the California Scholastic Federation [CSF] and newly established Algebra Center clubs.

To be a tutor, CSF members can sign up by submitting an application Google form, which is sent through both Google Classroom and Remind a week prior.

"There's no better way than challenging your abilities by helping somebody out, so it's a great opportunity for students who are already academically successful to test themselves," CSF adviser Hera Kwon said.

PAC to hold Dancing With the Staff Dec. 9-10

AIDEN PARK

Cub Reporter

After a two-year absence from having the traditional Dancing With the Staff [DWTS] in the Performing Arts Center [PAC], the event will return to the newly renovated building for its 10-year anniversary celebration Dec. 9-10.

"I feel excited because we were supposed to have our spring concert in 2020, but that obviously got canceled [because of the coronavirus pandemic], and the year before, we did our Dancing With the Staff in the gym," Dance Department director Leiana Volen said.

DWTS will be held from 7-9 p.m. both days, during which students and staff can gather for a friendly competition and watch the performances Dance Production [DP] and Dance 3 have been preparing, Volen said.

Unlike past years, the indoor mask mandate will apply to all performers and guests as a part of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District's COVID-19 safety regulations.

Starting Dec. 2, tickets will go on sale, each costing \$10 with a Gold Card and \$12 without, Volen said. Students will need to go to Room 130 during break and



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TURN IT UP: Dance Production senior David Burn (left) practices his choreography Monday after school in Room 130 with math teacher Cristian Bueno and junior Amber Reuter to prepare for the Dancing With the Staff. Tickets for the Dec. 9-10 event will go on sale Dec. 2.

lunch to purchase them, in which they accept card and cash.

For each performance date, the PAC can only fit 285 people.

"I think this concert is important for all of the performers and attendees because they can finally get to feel some live energy," the dance director said.

DP captain senior Jessica Choi

said DWTS is worth the admission price since it was prerecorded last year and shown for audiences as a drive-in event.

"It is our first show back in person, so it would be a great way to get involved in the school, especially for underclassmen who have not experienced it yet," said Choi, who will be dancing with

math teacher Cameron Tong — her statistics teacher last year.

"My group and I are really excited to work with him as he is really enthusiastic and open to try new things," she said.

Only eight staff participants are confirmed to perform, Volen said. They are assistant principal Melissa Stinson, math teach-

er Cristian Bueno, math teacher Mariam Tan, math teacher Cameron Tong, theater teacher Christian Panuelas, dance department director Leiana Volen, Spanish teacher Vanessa Lara and athletic director Paul Jones.

"We have not got to do it for the past year, so I definitely think that some of the teachers have forgotten how much fun it is," Volen said.

Since the beginning of November, the dancers practiced a minimum of twice a week after school with their selected faculty member, Choi said.

"The best part about [DWTS] is getting to know my students better because I can see them in another light, and they are actually teaching me," said math teacher Mariam Tan.

DP member senior David Burn said he will be performing with Bueno.

"With our circumstances, we put together an incredible show [last year]," said Burn, referring to the drive-in event.

Senior Arianna Amirthiah is looking forward to seeing her peers and teachers strut their stuff.

"The PAC has also been remodeled since then, so I think it is going to be better than ever," Amirthiah said. "I am looking forward to seeing Mrs. Volen's performances since I had her for two years."

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Eco-friendly solar panels to be installed

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Cub Reporter

It all started with the solar-powered light pole in front of the roundhouse that was installed in 2017.

Then four years later came the solar shade structures in the Performing Arts Center parking lot.

And now, school officials are looking into expanding their use of the sun's energy by potentially installing 10 solar shade umbrellas throughout the Sunny Hills campus.

"We need more shade," said Principal Allen Whitten, who came up with the idea a few years ago when he saw a similar product at California State University, Fullerton. "If we [can] provide shade and also, at the same time, provide an opportunity for kids to charge their cell



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SUN POWER: The solar panels inspired the installation of solar umbrellas.

phones and their Chromebooks, that's what I think would be awesome."

Whitten said after doing some online research, he found a product called Aurora Solar Canopy produced by Michigan-based Enerfusion Inc.

According to its online web-

site, the cost for one canopy ranges from as low as nearly \$3,600 to as high as \$6,350 with no tables included.

But before district officials make the final purchase, Whitten said they need to do more research about the product.

"We do not [want to] waste our dollars on something that looks good online but is not going to be the best thing, so it is really important that we vet these things out and talk to references," Whitten said. "It can be a slow process, but it is important to do that."

Students are responding positively to the planned installment of these umbrellas.

"I am super excited for the installation of solar umbrellas, especially the charging stations!" junior Joya Blaho said. "I think it will be a great addition to the Sunny Hills campus."

Link Crew prepares Cocoa and Cram for freshmen

SCARLETT CHANG

Cub Reporter

For the first time since 2019, Link Crew leaders said they plan to organize a Dec. 13 event for freshmen to socialize and prepare for their final exams.

"I'm excited to continue this event after COVID-19, which we've held for the past five years," Link Crew adviser Lindsay Safe said. "Freshmen should definitely take advantage of this opportunity and Link Crew's knowledge."

Traditionally billed as Cocoa and Cram, the 3-5 p.m. event will be held in the cafeteria, where freshmen will be treated to a warm beverage and can spend time studying for their final exams, Safe said.

No information is available as of Thursday for how Link Crew will inform ninth-graders about the event besides the past methods of morning announcements. Nevertheless, several Link

Crew members are excited about the opportunity to help out with this for the first time since last year the event was not held because of COVID-19, which forced school officials to switch to a hybrid learning format in which only a small portion of students chose to come to the campus for designated days of the week.

Through this event, Link Crew leader junior Katey Tran said she hopes to ease freshmen into their first finals week, especially since their academic workload in middle school may not have been as rigorous last year.

"I hope to be a role model for them. Link Crew is all about being there for freshmen," Tran said.

For freshman Lucas Saab, who previously had no knowledge of this event as well, he's not certain if he will take advantage of this opportunity.

"I don't know if I'll go to Cocoa and Cram yet because I feel like I'll study best at home," Saab said. "[But], it does sound fun."



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BANG FOR YOUR BUCK: Math teacher Kari Morita collects senior Sharon Choi's spare change for the Minute of Hope fundraiser held by the Associated Student Body on Wednesday.

Minute of Hope exceeds ASB expectations, breaks over \$1600

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The Associated Student Body [ASB] partnered with the Parent Teacher Student Association [PTSA] and raised over \$1,600 in their annual Minute of Hope fundraiser on Nov. 17, exceeding their goal of \$1,000.

"We're excited about it, and it shows how the school is really caring and giving as a community," ASB co-adviser Mike Paris said. "Students try to do whatever they can, whenever they can [to help the community.]"

The ASB will transfer the collected funds over to the PTSA, which delivers it to the Orange County-based charity organization Pathways of Hope.

This fundraiser mirrored that of the Oct. 1 Miracle Minute fundraiser where the ASB gave students one minute to drop their donations into an envelope distributed to all second period classes.

Although he estimated a total of \$1,000 in donations, Paris did not doubt the student body's ability to exceed his expectations.

"It's a nice increase, and I know Pathways of Hope appreciates it," Paris said.

With a total of almost \$80 raised, English teacher Jennifer Kim's second period class won the title of highest donations made in a single class for the second year in a row. Students in this class have funded up to \$50, but even collecting a couple dollars was a big change for some aided by Pathways of Hope.

"I felt we had done something good, just by donating spare change or money we were able to help people in need," said freshmen Zoey Matthews, one of the students in Kim's second period class.

The PTSA distributes the funds to the Pathways of Hope headquarters, and they use the monetary donations to provide for the needs of homeless people and low-income families within the Fullerton Joint Union High School District.

Students typically celebrate the holiday season with feasts and family gatherings, but for the less fortunate, a single meal will prove sufficient.

"I was happy to be able to give to those in need and less fortunate, especially during Thanksgiving," ASB community affairs

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QUAD DECORATIONS

The holiday tradition was canceled last year because of the coronavirus pandemic, which forced Sunny Hills to open for hybrid learning, and not many students chose to come back to school then.

That meant only upperclassmen like senior Natalija Glavy have experienced this festive environment before.

"It makes me feel like I am in a school that is involved," Glavy said. "When finals are near, the decorations make me feel like I'm not alone, and I feel supported."

Junior Joel Lopez also fondly remembers the costume an administrator wore in his freshman year.

"My favorite part of the holiday week and its decorations was the time when Mr. Morris dressed up as the Elf on the Shelf, and he was on the roof," Lopez said.

This tradition began in 2017 when the ASB replaced its class decorating in which some students from each grade level would band together and choose a place on campus to decorate it; their work would be judged by a panel of teachers and staff. The competition ended because of low student participation.

Lee said next month, the ASB plans to display such decorations as fake snow, fake gifts, an inflatable snowman and a Christmas tree. ASB students will come to the quad Dec. 13 at 6:15 a.m. to start their work.

As of Wednesday, ASB co-adviser Mike Paris said it is still undecided whether all students will be allowed to help decorate. But once that decision is made, and students can help out, they would spread the word via morning announcements and social media posts.

Meanwhile, Paris said he's just happy to see things returning to pre-COVID-19 conditions again.

"It's really nice just to be able to do [events] again," he said. "I think just having people on campus again is good, [no matter what] we do, whether it's assemblies, quad decorations, school dances, club meetings or even *The Accolade* coming out live."

Sunny Hills culture clubs verified to perform in second semester shows

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Cub Reporter

After clubs were restricted from hosting cultural performances in the Performing Arts Center [PAC] because of the coronavirus pandemic, organizers for events like Korean Culture Night [KCN] and Pilipino Culture Night [PCN] have been given the green light to return next semester so long as positive COVID-19 cases remain low.

"Clubs are given a sheet to sign up on, then about a month later we hold tryouts to see how ready the clubs are," Associated Student Body co-adviser Mike Paris said.

The Korean Culture and Bayanihan clubs will have their

2022 CLUB CULTURE NIGHT DATES

● Korean Culture Night: Thursday, March 3

● Pilipino Culture Night: Saturday, April 23

performances scheduled in the PAC on March 3 and April 23, respectively, Paris said. Following COVID-19 regulations, all guests, backstage performers and on-

stage performers will need to wear masks.

Some members of the Korean Culture Club [KCC] started their practices a month ago.

"The performances will show new and old aspects of our club," co-president senior Sharon Lim said. "We have many performances prepared this year, and [we] hope many people can come to embrace Korean culture."

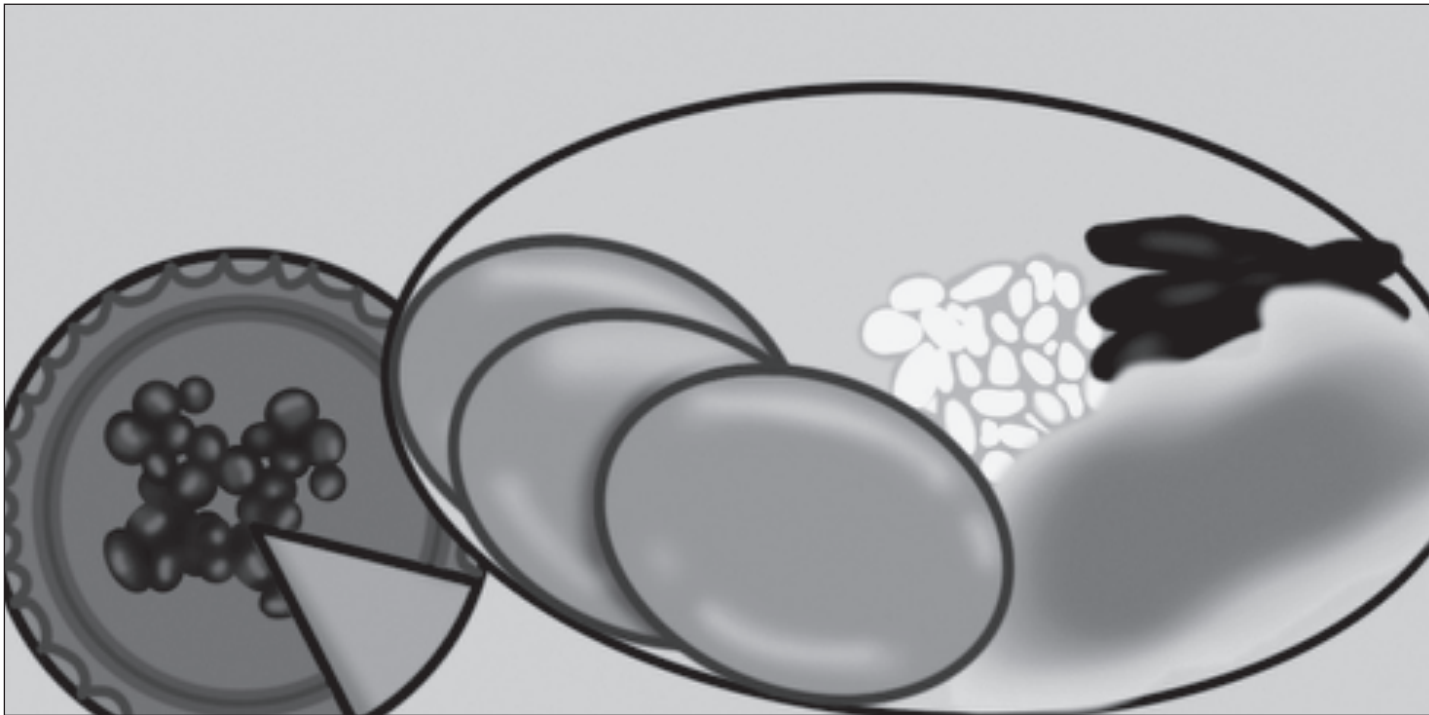
This would be sophomore Karen Kim's first KCN.

"[Ever] since sixth grade, I wanted to join Nanta (Korean traditional drumming), but [because of] COVID-19, I had no chances," Kim said. "Now that I'm actually involved in nanta, I'm very excited to perform, and Nanta is what I



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DANCE WITH US: Junior Chearriez Alvarez (left) and senior Jonah Alagao practice Pasigín on Tuesday in the quad.



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THE STANDARD: Turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy with a side of pumpkin pie for dessert represents the American Thanksgiving meal. Some will have a more varied option next week.

MEAL REVEALS: *Students from other cultural backgrounds share what they will eat Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving*

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This Thanksgiving on Nov. 25, many Sunny Hills students of various ethnicities plan on eating the traditional American turkey, mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce.

The difference for some would be the dessert, while for others from Korean and Indian cultures, they would have celebrated their own form of the holiday before Nov. 25.

For freshman Sarah Patino, she and her family will forgo the traditional pumpkin pie for the dessert this coming Thanksgiving. Instead, the sweets that will be offered at the table will reflect her Mexican heritage.

“My favorite is sweet rice pudding called *arroz con leche* because I grew up eating it, and I have great memories of making it with my grandpa,” Patino says.

While senior Louis Lee also plans to

have a regular American Thanksgiving dinner like Patino, what makes this holiday different is that Lee and his family already celebrated something similar to it on Sept. 21 called Chuseok, the three-day South Korean festival.

Throughout the celebration, Lee says he and his family make special foods like a sweet rice cake dessert called *songpyeon*, braised beef short ribs called *galbijim* and stir-fried starch noodles called *japchae*. Before their meal, they express gratitude through gift exchanges with friends and family.

“This past celebration, we bowed down to our elders, had a family dinner and ate rice cake,” he says. “It is important for me because it is a way to pay my respects.”

Similarly, junior Krisi Patel says she and her family participated in Diwali, a five-day long Hindu festival that commenced on Nov. 4.

Hindus celebrate this holiday by lighting lamps representing the triumph of light

over darkness, Patel says. In addition to lighting lamps, people visit their relatives and friends, bringing platters of sweets.

“This year, we placed the lights outside, prayed and called my relatives from all over the country to give thanks and receive blessings from my elders,” she recalls.

One of the outliers is junior Ryan Evalle, whose Filipino culture changes several of the traditional food items on the table.

Lechon, a roasted baby pig, replaces the traditional turkey, Evalle says.

“I think *lechon* is important to my culture because the roasted pig is big enough to share with the whole family,” he says. “Sharing is a big thing for us.”

Despite the many ways each culture celebrates or celebrated the notion of thankfulness, many students still enjoy the chance for a one-week break from school.

“It doesn’t matter how it is celebrated, Thanksgiving is all about being with friends and family,” Evalle said. “I’m just glad to be able to give thanks [for that].”

What are your plans for next week?



“I’m planning on going to Stoddard Wells on the outskirts of Barstow with my family and friends for a couple days to ride dirt bikes.”

— **Jared Dye, 9**



“I’m planning on having a “friends-giving” for my friend’s birthday on Saturday, and my family is coming over for Thanksgiving.”

— **Christopher Arredondo, 10**



“I’m planning on going to the BTS ‘Permission to Dance On Stage’ concert on Nov. 27 at Sofi Stadium with my friend.”

— **Stacy Kim, 11**



“I’m planning on traveling to Cancún with my family to relax and spend time with them while eating good food.”

— **Katie Yun, 12**

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Health tips to avoid sickness

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Cub Reporter

The Kaiser Family foundation recently reported a 68.4% rise in vaccinations from COVID-19.

But students who plan to travel during Thanksgiving or winter break should still take precautions.

After spending the entirety of his last fall break quarantining, sophomore Dylan Kim said he jumped on the opportunity to travel with his family to Las Vegas.

“My family and I go to Vegas about 3-4 times a year,” Kim said. “I am concerned about cases increasing, but constantly washing and sanitizing my hands while trying to stay outdoors are basic precautions I will take.”

Although most students are comfortable

with going away from home, some such as senior Mackenzie Causey are not yet ready.

“I am not going anywhere this break,” Causey said. “I plan to binge-watch ‘The Vampire Diaries’ and play with my dog.”

She also plans to go on nature walks for exercise with her twin sister while maintaining social distancing protocols.

Staying away from COVID-19, flu and cold during the break remains a serious concern as getting sick remains a possibility.

Randa Shammaa, a registered nurse at Glendale Adventist Medical Center, advises people to take the extra step to protect themselves and others.

“The best tips to prevent getting sick are to constantly wash our hands and wear a mask when in public,” Shammaa said. “The use of our elbows to cough or sneeze lowers the risk of spreading germs.



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READY TO TRAVEL: Health experts recommend including certain medical products to pack if traveling.

Preventing hugging and kissing will also lower risks of spreading COVID-19 virus.”

Vitamins are also something worth packing to fight off colds or flu, she said.

“Eating a well-balanced diet is a great start in boosting our energy. Drinking water is another way to hydrate our body, which in turn boosts our immunity,” Shammaa said.

Sophomore paves way to a clean campus

ALEXXA BERUMEN

Cub Reporter

Earbuds blasting music and a bucket full of trash in hand, sophomore Adrian Ramirez often gets mistaken for a student in after school detention.

He has taken a household chore to another level by helping declutter the Sunny Hills campus.



Adrian Ramirez

"As I was picking up trash while listening to music, I would see someone I recognize kinda staring at me

with their mouth moving, then I realized they were talking to me," Ramirez said. "I stop my music, and they say, 'You're doing community service? What is this?'"

Almost every Tuesday and Thursday since the beginning of October, the sophomore picks up trash around campus in hopes of making the custodial staff's jobs a little easier and the campus cleaner.

With viral trends becoming a bad influence for students, like the TikTok devious lick challenge that gained nationwide momentum in October, Ramirez was motivated to better the school instead.

"I felt like it occupied a part of



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CLEANING CAMPUS: With a trash picker in his right hand and a trash container in the other, sophomore Adrian Ramirez demonstrates on Tuesday how he helps out after school.

my head that I just needed to do this," he said. "It could seem like I'm trying to set a good example, but I just wanted to do my part."

After speaking to assistant principal Hilda Arredondo and getting her approval to help, he learned the steps to become an on-campus volunteer.

"It was great to see a student that was taking interest in the cleanliness of our campus, espe-

cially since we started our school year with the devious lick TikTok [challenge]," Arredondo said. "So when Adrian came by, it was really heartwarming that he [wanted to] help the custodians."

Head custodian Daniel Rodriguez shared Arredondo's sentiment, as Ramirez was the first student Rodriguez is aware of to offer help to his staff.

"He seemed like a really good,

honest and genuine kid, and our relationship has flourished into something more than just a traditional custodial to student because you can appreciate someone like Adrian who gives to the community," Rodriguez said.

Ramirez starts his duties after school and heads to Room 6 to pick up his bucket, but if it's not there, he meets with Rodriguez.

Usually volunteering for two

hours, the sophomore scans the outdoor sections of the campus, clearing through the hallways and quad, picking up neglected debris along the way.

"I have always disliked littering, and I thought most people were against it, but seeing how people just leave trash everywhere instead of picking it up makes me feel like they don't actually care," he said.

Once he's done, Ramirez returns his bucket and stick grabber to the side of the locker room by the gym and proceeds home.

With hygiene being a priority during a COVID-19 pandemic-ridden school year, the sophomore's assistance has relieved the growing workload of the staff.

"Especially now with COVID, we have a huge demand for cleaning protocols that we must follow, so that's added a lot to our custodians," Arredondo said.

As students returned back to campus, custodial staff were strapped, and Rodriguez appreciates how the cleanliness of the campus was preserved with Ramirez's help.

"We don't have enough manpower, so when we get someone like Adrian who says, 'Hey, I don't mind picking up trash,' to us, that's like a true treasure because it's one less thing we have to worry about, and we can focus on other important things," Rodriguez said.

Football games get DJ flavor

BLESS SANDHIR

Cub Reporter

While most students are set to watch a Sunny Hills football game at the Buena Park High School stadium, sophomore Bhajneek Singh Anand stands in front of the home bleachers.

Anand sets up his table with what he needs to do, which is playing music at various points of the game to pump up the crowd.

"Football games are way more hyped with music, so when [athletic director Paul Jones] ... invited me to play at a home football game, I couldn't refuse the offer," Anand said.

DJing at the Sunny Hills vs. La Habra home football game on Oct. 1 was Anand's first official experience performing in front of a large audience. But his journey to this point began in sixth grade when his interest in music was piqued by YouTube videos.

Soon after, he said he learned that his uncle, who goes by DJ

Sukh, owns a DJ company.

"Without him, I wouldn't have any role models to look up to," Anand said.

Whether it is mixing sound or matching beats, the sophomore took every challenge willingly and continues to be supported by his family.

"My dad saw the most potential in me even though my mom wasn't ready to trust me with the expensive DJ gear," he said.

After developing his own music skills, Anand said he wanted to share his passion with the Sunny Hills community by applying to start his own club, DJ & Beats, as a freshman in 2020.

"It took me about two weeks to get [it] approved and to get members," he said. "Most of my club members were my friends who wanted to support my club."

Using student recommendations from their Instagram account (@shhsdjbeats), the club compiles song lists and plans future events during meetings every Monday at lunch.

Jones and the DJ & Beats club work to showcase successful future events.

"It's like a partnership between the DJ & Beats and I," Jones said. "We work together and plan for our home games and future plans, and I think the club is doing well, so now we plan on DJing in our home basketball game."

Sophomore Sebastian Rojas, a club member, loves the music his crew plays at home games.

"We mostly play trendy and clean songs to make them school appropriate," Rojas said. "We also pass around the mic to cheerleaders and some of the ASB [Associated Student Body] members for them to make any announcements."

Before home games, the crew arrives an hour before kick-off to assemble speaker stands and connect wires. With the help of another of Anand's uncles, who goes by DJ Jas, each speaker is connected to a main controller, allowing them access to the technology through a laptop.

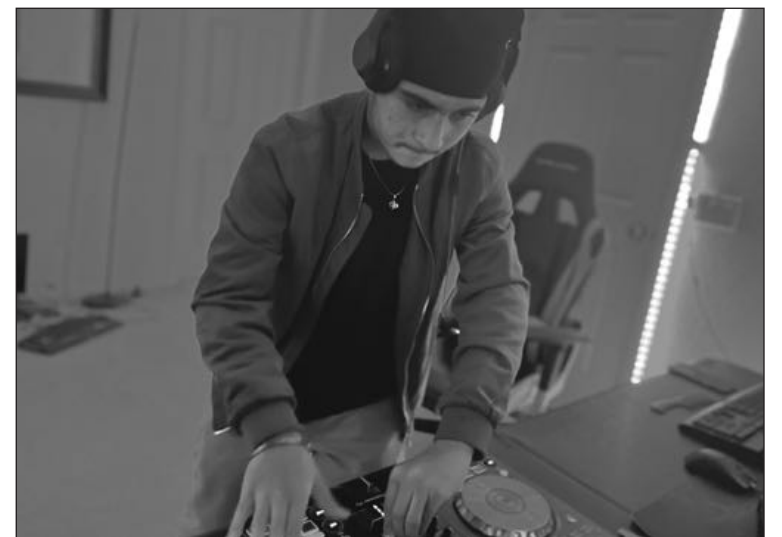


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MIX THE MUSIC: Sophomore Bhajneek Singh Anand uses his DJ controller Tuesday to practice in his room.

"After assembling the gear, we warm up by mixing music and re-check everything to make sure that the equipment works," Anand said.

Sophomore Nakul Bhatt is another member who enjoys the efforts to play music at home games.

"It's a great experience overall to DJ in football games because music is a great way to escape

from our worries," Bhatt said. "Football games and music are a perfect combination to watch for the attendees and also for us to experience."

Anand and his DJ & Beats plan on performing today during the 4:30 p.m. home basketball game in the Sunny Hills gym.

"I'm going to try to replicate the ambiance of a professional basketball game," he said.

USC among few offering spring admits

CHRISTOPHER LEE

Cub Reporter

Sunny Hills Class of 2018 alumnus Daniel Briones recalled how he encountered a surprise after opening his status update on his USC portal back when he was a senior.

It was an acceptance letter decorated with falling confetti, but it was not a normal one.

Briones said he was offered the opportunity to attend USC — not in the fall semester like some of his peers, but in the spring.

“I was happy that I got in, but I was a little disappointed that I had to wait another semester to start,” he said.

However, his disappointment soon faded when his cousin helped him notice some advantages, such as saving money while earning general education credits from attending Fullerton College and spending some time to himself.

“Everyone was happy because

my family had two cousins that went to USC, so I was just like the next person in the family that got in,” he said.

Briones said he was able to get the general information he needed from Fullerton College classes to thrive at USC while earning enough transfer credits to still graduate on time with those who started in the fall semester of 2018.

USC's student development programs director Jessica Nielson said the Land of Troy is among only a few campuses nationwide (the other one she knows of is Tulane University) that offers such a deal to their undergraduate applicants.

SH counselors said University of California or Cal State campuses don't offer such a deal.

Nielson said since USC has no waitlist option for applicants, about 300-350 seniors usually get offered this spring semester admission option yearly if the fall classes are full.



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ROAMING THE STREETS: Class of 2020 alumnus Tyler Pak walks to class in Rome on Wednesday. Pak was among those who accepted a spring semester admission offer by USC.

“There is no difference in academic performance,” Nielsen said. “USC created this program in the 1990s to admit more students who the school wants to offer admission to.”

Similar to Briones, Class of

2020 alumnus Tyler Pak also had his admission deferred to spring for USC.

“As I looked into it, I realized there were more opportunities as a spring admit,” said Pak, who traveled to Italy for a study

abroad program through John Cabot University.

If any SH students ever get offered this same deal, Nielson offers this advice: “Take time to think critically before coming to USC.”

What are you doing in my class?

Shortage in substitute teachers has led to an increase in SH instructors showing up in other subject area classes

BLAKE TALBOT

Cub Reporter

As students returned to in-person learning this school year, among the changes they have noticed concern substitute teachers.

Whereas in the past, they would see adults whom they have never met before, many are getting visits by regular SH teachers.

Sophomore Stacy Kim, for example, recalls recently stepping into her fifth period Advanced Placement [AP] Psychology class expecting to see her teacher, Greg Abbott.

Instead, she was met with math teacher Cristian Bueno substituting for Abbott.

“I personally did not have [Bueno as my teacher before], but my friends were always praising her for being so nice, so I knew she would be lenient and allow us to do our own thing,” Kim said.

Like with the supply chain shortage that has affected consumers worldwide, school districts like the Fullerton Joint Union High School District has faced a lack of substitute teachers this school year.

Principal Allen Whitten said

the sub pay scale has also increased to \$180 a day from a previous high of \$140, but SH teachers are still being recruited to cover for their co-workers during the instructors' conference period.

Whitten attributed the substitute shortage to a combination of factors ranging from government paychecks for unemployment to the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to school closures and not as much need for subs.

“So a lot of people that have been subbing for us for years ... found other jobs,” he said.



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HELPING HAND: Math teacher Cristian Bueno helps freshman Fernie Garcia while substituting for Algebra 1 in Room 72.

From the teachers' perspective, they have found it a positive experience.

“It was really nice to be able

to see [my former students],” said English teacher Jennifer Kim, who substituted for Abbott's AP U.S. History class.

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RUNNING ON EMPTY EMPTY EMPTY

SH teachers 'supply' opinions on crisis

NEVYA PATEL

News Editor

The supply chain: the process through which goods arrive to the consumer, according to Investopedia.

An Oct. 21 *Business Insider* online article was among the first in the media to spot a break in this worldwide system for delivery goods to consumers. It attributed the damage during the coronavirus pandemic to a shortage in the labor force and reduced availability of storage spaces for imported products.

Then on Oct. 21, President Joseph Biden's press secretary Jen Psaki made her now famous reaction to the supply chain shortage, calling it "the tragedy of the treadmill."

A reporter commented on the lack of improvement in the supply chain and the late deliveries for applications such as treadmills, and Psaki replied — suggesting that Americans should start shopping for holiday gifts earlier this year and scolding those who are spoiled and always expect to get what they want.

Biden has since addressed the issue himself, mandating ports, such as the Port of Los Angeles, to be open 24/7, though his administration has not made any announcements about the increasing gas prices.

Despite media reports and political responses, surprisingly, an online poll from The Accolade found that a majority of respondents do not feel affected by the supply chain, while the second-highest majority of voters, 19% of students from the poll, claimed to not have even known about a supply chain shortage at all.

That apparent ignorance has not stopped many teachers in the social science department from sharing their assessment on the matter with seniors in Government or Econom-

ics classes.

"Because of COVID-19, there were limitations on how many people could work at one point," said Greg Del Crog-nale, who teaches three Advanced Placement [AP] U.S. Government and Politics classes and two regular American Government classes. "There's so much stuff and nowhere to store it while they wait for it to get on trucks and trains. There are also not enough truck drivers, and that's what I think the problem is."

Del Crog-nale's assessment relates to a Oct. 25 American Trucking Associations 2021 Driver Shortage Report, which found a 45.45% increase in job openings for truckers now (80,000) compared to 2020 (55,000).

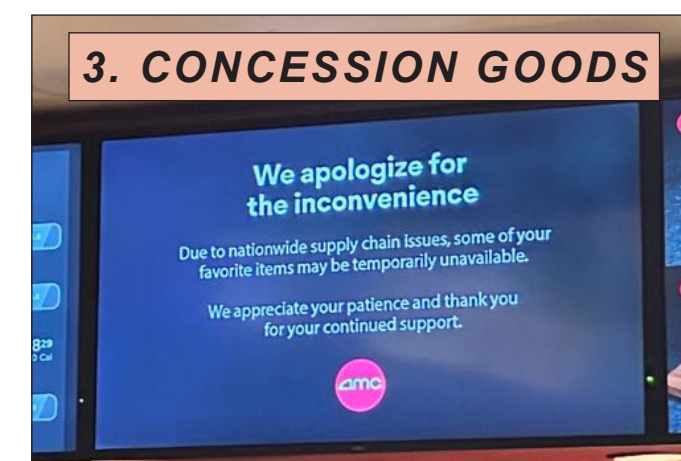
The social science teacher, who also teaches AP Macroeconomics in the spring semester, described how the nation currently suffers from demand-pull inflation, which happens when demand exceeds supply.

Social science teacher Robert Bradburn believes that the problem lies in rebuilding the supply chain, and repairing the labor shortage.

"Workers may have been laid off, so more workers have to be interviewed and hired, which is a slow process," Bradburn said. "Sometimes, the facilities themselves have been re-purposed or sold. To reacquire the property and the equipment is just very slow."

However, economics teacher Keith Nighswonger claims that the root of the nation's inflation is the country's greener approach toward solving the climate change crisis.

"Energy is a big part of this inflation that we're going through right now," Nighswonger said. "Here's the thing: everybody is for a clean environment, so there's no way you're gonna find one person that doesn't want a clean environment. But are you willing to pay \$5 for a gallon of gasoline?"



HOW THE SUPPLY CHAIN SHORTAGE IS AFFECTING FULLERTON

1) With the upcoming holiday season, empty toy shelves will make gift giving difficult, especially for parents with young children.

2) Popular, affordable makeup products, like eyeliner and blush, are in

short supply at the Target in Amridge Heights Town Center.

3) Food shortages affected the Fullerton AMC, who's concession stands no longer offer fan-favorite snacks like nachos.

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Is this affecting me and my family?

The Accolade online polled students about the following: How has the supply chain shortage affected you or your family members?

11% have experienced product delivery delays.

70% were unaffected by it.

19% never heard of this issue.

*From 130 responses
Compiled by Grace Min

GEARING UP FOR TOP CHALLENGES THIS WINTER



JACQUELINE CHANG AND MICAIAH GIRMA | theaccolade

OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF STOCK: Shortages hit Fullerton

MICHELLE SHEEN

Editor-in-Chief

Stepping into the makeup section of CVS in Fullerton, senior Melissa Macedo scanned the shelves.

Some were barren of the products she normally sees — her usual e.l.f. "Expert Liquid Liner" in jet black. Midnight and charcoal — but no jet black.

Disappointed, Macedo said she headed to Target in Fullerton's Town Center instead in hopes of buying one there, only to find that they also ran out of the same color.

Sunny Hills students like Macedo recognized the effects of the supply chain shortage and struggled to find the products they desire.

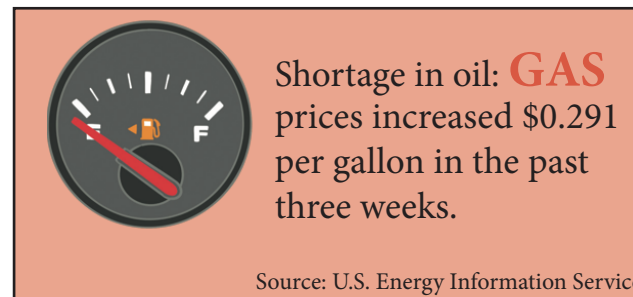
In fact, Oct. 15 polling from Morning Consult — a global data intelligence company gathering statistics on market research — revealed that 72% of young consumers faced products being out of stock as compared to the 40% of older adults who couldn't find their necessary items.

Like Macedo, freshman Andrew Kwon's purchase of Nike Air Force 1 sneakers was delayed because they were out of stock at the Nike store located in Cabazon Outlets when he went to buy a pair.

"[Not seeing them in stock] made me feel frustrated and slightly disappointed," said Kwon, who visited the store in September but ended up finding the shoes in early November.

Though he feels the shortage won't affect him personally this season, Kwon sees it becoming an issue for parents shopping for the holidays as he frequently sees the children's toy aisles empty.

Sophomore Charlotte Liu also faced similar problems while browsing the Brandy Melville website for a pair of Tammy Cargo Pants that she was unable to purchase because she couldn't find one in her size.



"If [a clothing item] is out of stock, I'm just not going to try anymore because it's probably not going to be in stock for a long time," said Liu, who now buys most of her clothes from web stores since the start of the pandemic.

However, unlike Macedo and Kwon, Liu doesn't feel that the current situation will become a problem when buying presents for loved ones, reflecting the 70% of students who answered that they were unaffected by the supply chain shortage out of 130 responses.

In the perspective of producers and sellers, senior Angel Carmona, who has been working as a courtesy clerk at Albertsons since Sept. 19, 2020, said that stores suffered the effects of the shortage with certain, more popular goods being unavailable for weeks at a time.

One such instance was when the store ran out of the Star-

bucks Iced Coffee drink for almost a month in July.

"People would ask us for the coffee, but we would have tell them that we don't have any because of the supply chain shortage," Carmona said.

Besides this instance, Carmona said the only other shortage of products was when they ran out of paper towels and hand sanitizer on the eve of the pandemic.

As of now, the shortage isn't a major impediment on the business.

Along with shortages, the supply chain shortage brought with it another inconvenience for student drivers — inflated gas prices.

Senior Ryan Axe, who started driving after getting his license in February, expressed his disappointment in the new cost, which started increasing as people slowly started moving back to their pre-pandemic lives.

"I first started driving during the pandemic, and I remember [gas prices] were \$3.10, maybe even \$2.95," Axe said. "Now I'm lucky to get it for \$4.10 — a whole additional \$1.19. [That's] an additional \$214 per year."

Aside from students' personal experiences, schools across the Fullerton Joint Union High School District [FJUHSD] — specifically Sunny Hills — have been dealing with the effects of the shortage, with the cafeteria being a major one.

"[The cafeteria food] has impacted the district tremendously because of the items we order," said Edgar Manolo, FJUHSD director of purchasing, contracts, warehouse and food services. "... Ever since the beginning of the school year, we have had shortages of different ingredients or different menu [items], so more times than not, our cafeteria managers will purchase more than they need."

Food items ordered weeks prior from Gold Star Foods, a corporation that supplies food for schools, faced delays throughout the school year.

Especially because of the new state mandate, which orders schools to provide meals for all students, the task of ensuring the cafeteria is supplied with the right produce becomes an issue.

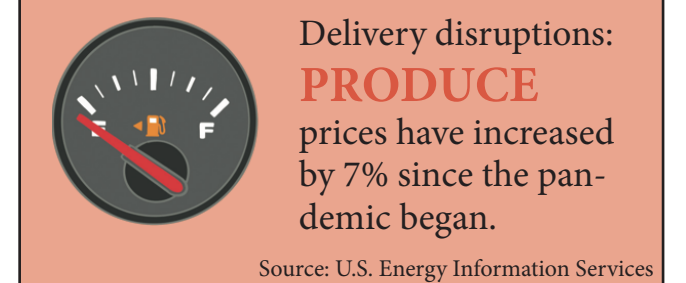
Because of this, the cafeteria staff has had to improvise and switch meal plans for certain days, Manolo said.

The number of employees at Sunny Hills and other FJUHSD schools also took a blow as a result of the pandemic, and the district is still working on dealing with its effects.

However, he and the district are working on negotiating to increase salaries for needed positions and coming up with more innovative recruitment strategies to attract potential staff members.

"In order for us to get back to normal, we need to put all the different pieces together," Manolo said. "My message is:

"We've got to be patient; things will come back together as long as we have all the safety protocols in place."



STAFF EDITORIAL



LOGAN WOOLLEY | theaccolade

CHA-CHING!: *When it comes to holiday gift-giving, go ahead and splurge and support the economy by buying presents*

The Accolade editorial board vote count: 14 consider store-bought merchandise to serve as better gifts than handmade items, 4 do not.

With the winter holiday season coming up, it's time to address a more lighter issue.

Gift giving.

Those making such decisions should put their faith in store-bought products over their own handmade presents.

We don't mean to be a Scrooge about this.

When buying presents, friends and family make the huge decision of either picking out a meaningful store-bought product or making a personal item by hand. However, purchasing goods offer conveniences and discounts among other benefits; whereas, handmade gifts only provide sentimental value.

When making gifts by hand, the steps of finding a practical

idea, gathering materials and carrying out the construction are enough to question whether such a task is even worth the effort.

Especially without the craft and skill of an expert, handmade objects are often of lower quality than retail items.

But when shopping for gifts at stores, the steps are simple: Come up with an idea and choose to either buy the item in person (seeing items and confirming the quality) or seal the deal online (easily comparing prices from different establishments and ordering from the comfort of home).

While some argue that purchased goods lack the sentimentality of handmade presents, they fill the recipient with equal delight.

Store-bought presents allow the bestower to choose from a wide range of useful options.

In contrast, handmade items limit these choices.

We understand that some avoid relying on store-bought presents because of unsustainable practices.

Stores nationwide have had supply chain shortages, causing in-demand gifts to remain out of stock for extended periods.

One solution to this is to look into companies that cater to personalized goods, such as Etsy or small local businesses.

Instead of the consumer making the gift, why not utilize the services of others to customize handmade items from professionals?

Let's also not forget Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Who can resist the opportunity to snag that 40%-50% slashed items? Go ahead and indulge in heading off to the mall on Black Friday or internet deal hunting on Cyber Monday.

All in all, the importance of a gift is to please the receiver.

Yes, Santa and his elves are notorious for making all the gifts in "Santa's workshop" at the North Pole. But in the capitalistic land of the free, it's better that we support the economy by going on that shopping spree next week and beyond.

While handmade and store-bought presents can fulfill expectations for the holiday season, retail goods are the way to go.

Believe it or not, they, too, can provide sentimental value. Five years from now, will you be looking at that home-stitched sweater or admiring your new Apple watch?

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Come next month, I'll be free to travel on my own to Colorado to see my friend

Having parents who enjoy traveling, it was no surprise that I, too, grew to enjoy exploring new places.

However, with its restrictions and safety issues, the coronavirus pandemic made traveling nearly impossible, and it was no longer a viable option for me and my family. Nearly two summers ago, I was sailing across the Aegean Sea near Greece, and now I'm always sitting at home, stuck in my room.

My days and nights were merging together, and everything seemed so dull.

Thankfully, with more and more people, including myself, getting vaccinated from COVID-19, traveling gradually became more common again.

Although I am a little worried about traveling during a pandemic, reuniting with one of my oldest friends in Colorado will make

the two-hour plane ride worthwhile.

Elana Yim and I have been friends for 17 years; our parents were friends before we were born, so we naturally grew up together. Sadly, we were separated when she moved to Colorado at age 7.

Since we now have a long-distance friendship, I am only able to see her once every couple of years in Las Vegas. Wanting to surprise Elana, I decided to book a flight to visit her this upcoming holiday season next month.

Though this won't be my first time in Colorado since my family and I spent Christmas together in 2016, it will still be a brand-new experience for me because my family won't be with me — only I will be responsible for myself.

Even now, I am overwhelmed with fear and excitement for my approaching journey. But of course, taking COVID-19 seriously and staying as safe as possible is the most critical matter this break.



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BACK TOGETHER: Senior Lianore Louise (center) plans to see her friend, Elana Yim (left), when she travels to Colorado in December for winter break.

My biggest concern revolves around my health and safety. To take extra precautions, I plan to double-mask and also carry sanitation wipes with me at all times.

Constantly worrying about my belongings, rushing to be on time, avoiding close contact with people and navigating my way around a huge airport is bound to burden me with stress and anxiety.

But in the end, the long-awaited reunion with my childhood friend will all be worth it.

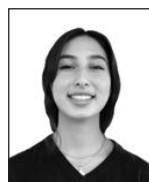
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Lianore Louise
Cub Reporter

Plastic trees pollute the holiday season

A forest green pine tree decked head-to-toe in luminous lights.



Kate Yang
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Such a scene encapsulates my impression of the much anticipated holiday season next month.

For the past 15 years, my family and I took pleasure in revising our annual Christmas itinerary by including new activities to fully embrace the weeks leading up to Dec. 25, but our visit to the Sonshine Christmas Tree farm in La Habra was one that never left the list.

From my family and I opening presents seated around the glowing center piece to my mom topping it with the star, the real Yuletide staple alone evokes a chest of hidden memories, yet something about mindlessly wandering around the farm alongside my parents and younger brother remains an irreplaceable tradition.

An artificial plastic tree may be the more convenient route for a family of working parents who find the journey to purchasing the perfect, authentic log bothersome; however my past experiences prove the trip to be worth it.

The tree — with its natural woody musk and scent of freshly trimmed pine — brings with it a tradition that will forever remain in the recollection I hold of the winter season, and for that, I believe doling out the \$50 for the real deal will turn out in everyone's favor.



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HEAD TO HEAD

REAL DEAL or FAKE STAKE?

The Accolade weighs in on this holiday debate to help those still trying to figure out what type of holiday tree to buy

Dead branches stick and poke at Xmas fun

Nothing represents the holiday season more than watching the garbage truck haul away the decaying, “memory-filled” Christmas tree.



Irene Sheen
Social
Media
Manager

Nearly 15 million of these plants wind up in the landfill annually, according to the National Environmental Education Foundation.

As a dedicated plant mom, my family's first and only real tree, purchased the previous year, convinced me of the drawbacks of caring for a leeching organism that dehydrates our water bills.

While for the typical American family, shopping for such a Yuletide log has become a spirited ritual if not the highlight of the season, I don't mind that my family's tradition is rooted in our annual dig into our garage where our \$40 white stubby 4-foot purchase awaits its debut back into our cramped living room.

Although the idea of a pine-scented grandiose tree sounds tempting, my family prioritizes environmental consciousness over superficial decorations.

A yearly purchase of a real, 7-foot towering monstrosity is one that the Sheen family will never willingly add onto our measly holiday budget; buy one fake guy, and we're good for another 10 years.

So this holiday, go plastic and save not only family expenses, but also warm the hearts of my fellow plant enthusiasts.

What type of holiday tree would you want?



“I like real trees because you get to experience the nature that comes with it.”

— **Ashley Arcila, 9**



“We should use plastic trees because they're better for the environment.”

— **Jahir Cardenas Reatiga, 10**



“I prefer fake trees because it's less of a mess in my opinion.”

— **Jaden Michel, 11**



“I like real trees because they vary yearly whereas fake trees are always the same.”

— **Brandon Parra, 12**

Compiled by Accolade editors and cub reporter Destinee Gonzalez

Letters to the editor

One subject that spiked my interest was the Spotlight section with stories about therapy and the different types.

I found out very new intriguing facts about taking these sessions, and it has influenced me to start taking them myself.

— Raylene Estrada, sophomore

When I read the “No more snoozing out on sleep” Opinion article, I agreed with the points the writer was making. I like how she mentioned that depression can develop from lack of sleep.

To my knowledge, there are students that also stay up late because they procrastinate and stay on electronic devices as time passes by. This makes students stress out and stay up late because of studying.

In conclusion, I do agree with this article and the points it's trying to make, although there are other things that should be taken into account for the writer and students to realize.

— Alyssa Brencius, freshman

As an athlete myself, Rachel

Yun's Sports column, “We finally finish as No. 1 team,” was really inspirational to me.

Her perspective as a senior looking back on her journey gave me insight toward her struggles.

With my own team finishing up our season, seeing the girls tennis team succeed for the first time in many years gave me hope for the future.

— Kastuv Aryal, freshman

I think that Susie Kim did a great job of showing the students of Sunny Hills that Saturday

School is coming back.

This article is prominent because I see that a large number of students are showing up tardy in my first period class, and I find it unfair that just because of COVID-19, there are no consequences given to these students.

— Lucas Saab, freshman

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For the record

The Accolade regrets the following error from the Oct. 22 issue:

In a page 5 News article titled, “Free online driver's ed course spots fill up,” it should have been reported that in 2015, guidance technician Evelyn Casillas took over responsibility as the Sunny Hills site coordinator for this program — started in 2012 — that offers lessons to students.

THE NEXT ASIAN SENSATION?

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Restaurant ducks red flavor to town center

DOMINIQUE CHANG

Asst. Business Manager

Quack! Quack! Quack! That's how many quacks out of five that Red Duck in Fullerton's Amerige Town Center deserves.

The restaurant, which opened last month, offers Korean and Chinese food that's often found among street vendors in Asian regions like South Korea and China.

When seated, customers receive a menu and a separate order sheet to mark off their orders. The laminated paper lists the food items – divided into appetizers, bao buns and main dishes – and displays images for some of them.

During one visit Nov. 8, the pork belly bao was purchased. It consists of a fluffy bao bun stuffed with steamed pork belly, topped with pickled jalapeños and onions. The ratio of bun to meat tastes perfect, and the pork feels tender in the mouth. However, the sauce on top of the pork belly tastes very sweet and overpowers the whole dish.

The rose spicy rice cake costs \$14.45 and comes in a medium-sized dish. The rose flavor fuses the regular spicy rice cake sauce with cream or milk to fashion a sweet yet savory flavor. The bland



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SAVOR THE FLAVOR: The rose flavored rice cake is among the many menu items served at Red Duck.

rose flavor present in the dish, however, fails to complement the thick, chewy rice cakes, which end up saving the dish from its heavily diluted taste.

Overall, it's great that a new Asian street food restaurant opened at a location accessible to many Sunny Hills students.

Despite the fact that Red Duck serves as a great place for a casual dine-out with friends, the food is on the pricier side since it falls under the category of street food.



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CAFE REVIEW

Katsubo Tea presents tas'tea' boba drinks

HENRY LEE

Asst. Sports Editor

On each cup comes a printed face of a traditional samurai.

The word samurai comes from the Japanese verb saburau, which means "to serve," thus Katsubo Tea's slogan: "With every drink we brew, we SERVE and HONOR you."

And the new boba house in Amerige Heights Town Center does indeed serve customers with their refreshing drinks.

Celebrating its second franchise opening on Oct. 29, Katsubo Tea joins in on Amerige Heights' drink store competition alongside Starbucks and Jamba Juice, with the store hours being from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Customers can order online through the website or go in person where a single kiosk takes all customer orders and payments. However, one kiosk in a small space may be a problem when it is crowded, so having more than one kiosk would be convenient.

The menu divides the drinks into seven categories — "Signature Beverages," "Fruit Tea," "Katsubo Brown Sugar Boba Milk," "Cheese Tea," "Milk Tea," "Cafe" and "Traditional Tea."

A fusion of sweet milk and caramel-



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DRINKS ARE SERVED: Worker at Katsubo Tea brings out boba drinks for customers.

ized brown sugar, the \$5.25 Katsubo Sugar tastes similar to the popular drink Tiger Sugar Milk but gives off a sweeter aftertaste compared to the ones at other boba shops, making this a recommended drink for the first-timers at Katsubo Tea.

Only a 15-minute walk from Sunny Hills, students should visit the shop and give the drinks there a try as it will now be an alternative instead of the mainstays there like Starbucks and Jamba Juice.



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Netflix drops first set of games

MINJEONG KIM

Co-Feature Editor

Senior Jeannie Lee is a big fan of the Netflix sci-fi horror drama series, Stranger Things.

"I started loving the show from the beginning of quarantine," Lee said. "I just decided to watch it because I was bored and wanted to binge on shows, but Stranger Things was actually so fun that I finished all seasons in just three days."

But she, like many of her peers, was taken aback when she learned earlier this week that the streaming service – most popular among Gen Z folks like Lee – has ventured into the mobile gaming industry.

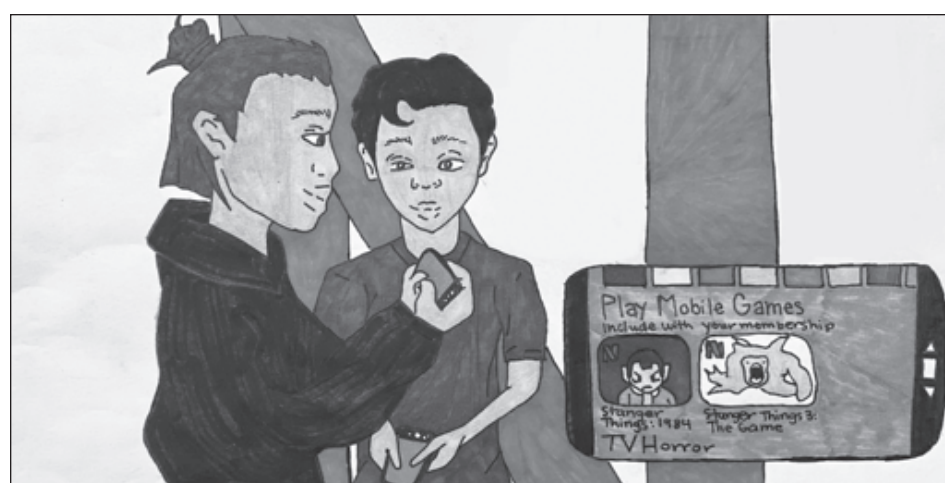
Its first two releases include Stranger Things 3: The Game and Stranger Things: 1984.

"I played Stranger Things: 1984, and it was all right," Tapia said. "The game be-

came fun with the harder puzzles, so I'm planning on playing it offline on long car rides since it's pretty fun trying to solve it.

Besides the two Stranger Things-themed titles released Nov. 2 exclusively to Android users who have a Netflix subscription, the streaming service launched three other mobile games on Nov. 3 for Android users: Shooting Hoops (a basketball shooting game by firing darts), Card Blast (puzzle card game similar to poker) and Teeter Up (working a platform to score a ball into a hole), Stranger Things: 1984 and Stranger Things 3: The Game.

To access their games, users must log into their Netflix profile where a catalog of games to choose from will appear. Upon selecting each game, the App Store will automatically open for users to download the individual game with the language from their profiles synced, allowing them to play on different devices from their per-



ELISA ARIAS | theaccolade

MOBILE GAMING ON NETFLIX?: Players move characters around on their phone screen as they strive to complete a set of missions.

sonal accounts.

"I hope Netflix will create a game based on Legacies," said senior Yurie Jeong, who played Shooting Hoops for the first time Nov. 14. "It would be really fun to play a game where characters such as vampire,

witch, werewolf defeats against monsters using their own special abilities."



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With anxious fingers hovered over her computer and unblinking eyes fixated on the clock, senior Faith Choi only had one thing on her mind: BTS concert tickets.

Although Choi failed to secure any seats during the extremely competitive general admission sales, her aunt and uncle had luckily bought five suite room tickets, each costing \$1,000, for her as a birthday gift.

"I wanted to attend because I haven't been a fan long enough to go to their other concerts, so I was waiting for this day to come," said Choi, who plans to attend the "Permission to Dance on Stage" concert on Nov. 27. "I'm most excited to hear and see them all sing, rap and dance live."

The concert will be held Nov. 27-28 and Dec. 1-2 in Los Angeles at SoFi Stadium. Tickets rapidly sold out during the presale on Oct. 26, leaving many fans unable to get a chance to see BTS.



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'ARMY,' ASSEMBLE!: *BTS members sing and dance on stage in front of their fans at a September 2018 concert at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. The band returns to L.A. this month.*

'PERMISSION TO DANCE'

With COVID-19 positive cases dropping, BTS fans will get a chance to see their K-pop band live in L.A. concert

By Faith Jung, *cub reporter*

Unlike Choi, this concert will not be junior Olenka Camacho's first, for she attended the "Love Yourself: Speak Yourself" tour in 2019, marking the "Permission to

Dance on Stage" tour to be her second time seeing the boy group.

"I feel like the energy that BTS gives throughout the whole concert is truly an experience that you

just can't miss," Camacho said. "I was just starstruck when I first saw them, and it was an experience I really want to relive again."

To prevent the spread of the

coronavirus, fans must keep masks on throughout the entire concert and provide either proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test from within a 72 hour interval before the event.

"I am a bit concerned about going to the concert because it's not like the COVID-19 situation is getting better, and there's going to be a lot of people there," said senior Meghan Lee, who also plans to attend the concert. "The seats I'm sitting in are in a private booth, so I'm hoping that it will be a little bit safer."

Despite harboring slight worries for her health, Lee looks forward to real interaction with BTS after only being able to connect via social media platforms such as Twitter, Weverse and V Live.

"BTS coming here will bring lots of people happiness since they haven't performed in a long time," Choi said. "It's nice that they get to finally perform live after a while."



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THE NEXT PICASSO?: *Drawing and Painting teacher Vashtty Lemus on Tuesday points to one of the student art pieces showcased in the Performing Arts Center lobby. For the full story, go to shhsaccolade.com/ae/.*

My adventures in Wonderland as Alice

Settling on the living room couch, I take a book and open it with a smile — the perfect way to spend my fifth-grade summer break.

For the rest of that warm afternoon, I sit there in a trance,

head swarming with images of talking rabbits, tea parties, and furious queens, as I read what would become my favorite novel: "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" by



Chloe Chun
Cub
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Lewis Carroll.

I never expected that five years later, I would be playing the lead role in my high school's production of the series.

Being able to act on camera with friends like sophomore Ari Chan, freshman Samuel Cavendar and sophomore Lara Martinez encouraged me to be the best Alice I could be.

The virtual play goes public to stream at an unrevealed website Dec. 3-5, and tickets come with secret gifts to be used in parts of our interactive show.

My friend in the Conservatory of Fine Arts told me about a nonexclusive opportunity on Nov. 29 to join a play. Immediately going to the PAC for information, I received a script and rehearsed the rest of the night under the amused gaze of



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DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE: *Sophomore Chloe Chun (left) poses next to sophomore Jerika Mae D. Tabuada and senior Zion Mejia backstage during the production of 'Alice.'*

my mom and my cat.

After the audition the next day, I rushed over on Oct. 1 to theatre teacher Christian Penuelas's room to find that I had been casted as Alice.

The rehearsals — the highlights of the weeks — were full of life and warmth. On the day we practiced a dance, the whole room erupted with laughter upon learning that sophomore Phoenix Jarman — the actor of Humpty Dumpty — would not have arms in his costume, leading him to wiggle in place for the entire dance!

After learning that we would have an authentic makeup artist for the production, my friends and I let out gasps of joy, which quickly turned into jumping and

hooting in the school halls after rehearsal.

After a month, our practices in Penuelas's room soon came to an end as filming week rolled around.

With the costumes on, makeup finished and hours of practice behind us, the cast stepped forward into the light of the camera.

What once was a childhood fantasy is now recorded for all to see, bringing the amazement and wonder that a little girl in her living room years ago had felt to people all across the school.

Thankfully, the audience doesn't even have to fall down a rabbit hole to see Wonderland. We're just a click away now.

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Water polo senior splashes in the leaderboard

NATHAN LEE

Cub Reporter

7-10: Lancers down in the second quarter against the Sept. 22 La Habra Highlanders.

With four back-to-back 5-meter penalty shots coming from utility player Nathan Kim, the team regained control of the game, concluding the quarter 11-10.



Nathan Kim

"I served as a threat to La Habra," Kim said. "They never really had a good plan to stop me,

so I ended up performing well against them."

The three year varsity starter established a total goal count of 123 at the end of the 2021 season, putting him top 5 for Sunny Hills scorers.

"[His performance] was expected, but it was obviously great to see," boys water polo head coach Jordan Jaime said. "For him to break 100 and even more is incredible."

As a child, Kim was introduced to a variety of sports such as basketball and tennis. After trying out multiple, he initially stuck to swimming. The repetitive sport was not fit for his energetic nature, so he quickly shifted to water polo, Kim said.

He swam in two facilities,



JUST KEEP TREADING: Utility player senior Nathan Kim tries to swim past a Buena Park defender with the ball in his hand during an Oct. 28 away game at the Buena Park pool. Kim placed top five on the SH leaderboard for most scored goals in a single season.

Splash and YMCA, then joined Shquatics, an aquatics facility directed by coach David Farkas, and played competitive water polo. Kim stopped playing at Shaquatics at the beginning of his high school freshman year to play in the Sunny Hills junior varsity water polo team.

"Freshman year was actually very intimidating at the time since Sunny Hills had a really good boys water polo team with a lot of big guys," Kim said. "[Nighswonger] was like 'let's put this freshman on varsity during practice and let's see how

he does.'"

Now as a senior, he stepped up to become the team captain to get the team back into shape and became the lead scorer in the Freeway League. From previous years, Kim arguably defines what it is like to be a perfect team captain, pushing everyone to work beyond the normal standards.

"Nathan was a shining example of what we want our water polo players to be," head boys coach Jordan Jaime said. "He always gave 100% and we always felt like the games that we played between then and now he

was leaving everything out there. He was instrumental in creating a more positive team culture, a hardworking team culture."

Though this feat was individually completed by Kim, the athlete attributes his achievements to his coaches and the older players who contributed in building his mental attitude toward the game.

"In hard times when I felt like quitting the sport, the older players stepped in and told me that I should continue to play, because in the end, it's going to be worth it," Kim said.

Utility player sophomore

NATHAN KIM 2021 STATS

123 goals

47 assists

69 caused ejections

8 personal fouls

97 steals



compiled by Jiwoo Han

Brandon Koh praises Nathan for his leadership in and out of the pool.

"He was a great leader and definitely pushed me to improve," Koh said. "He was able to keep his composure and score goals when others couldn't."

After being on the team for four years, Nathan reminisces about his experience and what he will miss about the program.

"The intensity of the game, the bond with teammates, the lectures and plays from coach...all of it was amazing and I will miss it for a long time," Kim said.

"Whenever I see someone playing a sport, I will think of the times in water polo and I will really miss it."

Cross country runner qualifies for CIF finals

RACHEL YUN

Sports Editor

Finishing sixth out of 107 other student athletes, cross country runner senior Zachary Gomez qualified for the CIF finals — the first time for Sunny Hills since 2018 — at the CIF preliminaries held at Mt. Sac Antonio College on Oct 23.

"You actually find out immediately if you qualify, so it wasn't much of a sudden revelation at the very end of the race," Gomez said. "Rather, I kept watching others in front of me while pushing myself where I could to get ahead to keep myself in a somewhat consistent pace throughout the race."

Apart from Gomez, seven other runners qualified for the CIF preliminaries.

These students were senior Noah Flores, junior Sergio Perez,

freshman Zach Cardona, junior David Perez, senior Justin Kim, sophomore Silas Procaccini and sophomore Esther Kim.

However, Gomez was the lone runner who qualified for finals, meeting the requirement of placing Top 8 with a time of 16:11 on a three-mile race.

"The compiled times show me as 16th [place], with a gap of 16 seconds between me and 8th place," Gomez said. "So what I hope for is that I can push myself harder at every possible place to close that gap."

Head boys and girls cross country coach Jacob Holloway highlights Gomez's work ethic as a key factor to his achievements, even after suffering shin splints last season.

"His work ethic is off the charts — he's [continuously] pushing himself [and] gotten the results from the effort that he's put in throughout the years,"

Holloway said. "For him, it's just about refining and getting things to where they were before."

With a few days before the finals, Gomez is working on maintaining his athletic ability at home, where he keeps to a simple routine of four to seven miles with a pace of 6:00 to 6:45 minutes.

"In cross country, you can't shove a month's worth of improvement into a single week," Gomez said.

"At this moment, this last week is all about keeping myself moving and ready for the race."

The CIF finals will be held Saturday at Mt. Sac Antonio College, 9:45 a.m.

"I just want to push myself as far and as fast as I can," the athlete said. "I hope that, with everything I've been working towards this year, I want to put my best performance out there on the course."



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BLAST OFF: Cross country senior Zachary Gomez competes at the Lancer Invitational on Sept. 11 at La Serna High School.

First Super Smash team prevails 6-1 in CIF

SAMUEL KIM

Cub Reporter

Being the second eSports team to compete on campus, the Sunny Hills Super Smash team smashed into its season with its current 6-1 record after its most recent win against Benjamin Senior High School on Wednesday.

Having competition experience since the release of the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate game in December 2018, head coach Alexander Hua decided to build a team after receiving an offer from eSports adviser Myra Deister.

"Many of my students were telling me that he's a great Super Smash player, and I thought, 'Oh perfect,'" Deister said.

Hua organized a campus-held tournament in the Sunny Hills Lyceum on Sept. 20 with player recruitment as the goal in mind. He recruited the top three participants: senior Andres Gonzalez, senior Jacob Kim, and sophomore JD Talag.

Each Super Smash team consists of three players, and Hua does not plan on recruiting more players, besides a substitute, at the moment.

Presently, the team is working on establishing more game experience to help the team members

prepare for any match up they will come across. Additionally, Hua hopes to solidify the team's mental mindset for upcoming games.

"I think learning matchups is really important in this game... learning how to fight against characters that they may have never seen before is probably the best thing they can do," Hua said. "And just [by] keeping their minds sharp, they can practice online more to get used to the input lag that we experience."

Apart from this, the Lancers are tackling the problem of technology lags during online matches, which creates delays between controller inputs and the current situation of the game.

"Due to input lag, it feels like a very different game compared to offline," Hua said. "I plan on giving my players 'Smash Homework' over Thanksgiving break to help them improve."

Hua attributes the team's successful results to the players' dedication and their synergy.

"I coach, but I seldom give them a lot of advice, just small things that I noticed," Hua said. "I definitely think my previous experience probably gives them a slight edge over other schools."

The team practices daily every break and lunch in Hua's class-



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SMASH ON: The Super Smash team plays against each other Wednesday practice to warm-up for the upcoming game on the same day. The team is currently 6-1 in the CIF season.

room, as well as an hour before its matches, which are held Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

Min Min, Hua's most played character in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, is a defensive fighter that makes her opponent stay at a distance through her 'dragon laser' ability, which covers most of the stage with the use of lasers.

"We play with Mr. Hua, who has a very good Min Min, and I don't think there is one teacher in SoCal and even in California that can beat him," Gonzalez said.

With victories behind them, the Lancers will compete at the Top 64 playoffs on Monday, Nov. 29 at 4 p.m. in Hua's classroom.

"I think my main goal is once

to succeed and to just show that these kids work hard, and they should be rewarded for their hard work, even if it's a video game," Hua said. "Just to show people that you know eSports is something that these kids can be proud of... [that] video games and fighting games aren't just a waste of time."

As Thanksgiving nears, *The Accolade* would like to show its gratitude to the following families who have donated food and/or money in support of the production of our issues:

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Football head coach set to lead the North OC in Classic All-Star game

ALICE SHIN

Managing Editor

With the 2021-2022 Lancers football season over in the first round of CIF playoffs, head coach Peter Karavedas can now focus his gridiron attention on prepping for Feb. 5.



Peter Karavedas
Football Coach

That's when he will lead the North Orange County team to play against the South, directed by San Juan Hills High School (1-2) football coach Robert Frith, in the All-Star Classic football game at Orange Coast College's Lebard Stadium in Costa Mesa at 7 p.m., according to the Sept. 29 OC Register article.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for a really honorable staff because people need to understand that in football, more than any other sport, coaching is about your entire staff," said Karavedas, who was originally tapped

to coach the North in 2020 but was unable to because the rise in coronavirus cases then led to the all-star matchup to get canceled.

Along with Karavedas, his entire coaching staff will join him

“It's a tremendous opportunity for a really honorable staff because in football, more than any other sport, coaching is about your entire staff.”

— football coach
Peter Karavedas

in the event as he attributes this opportunity to his entire team.

"They [the people responsible for the OC All-Star game] asked if I still wanted to coach [this year], and I said yes because it's a great opportunity," he said.

The nomination of players for the All-Star OC team will not be released until the first week of December. In the meantime, Karavedas and his eight coaching staff members plan to use a spreadsheet with a compilation of potential North OC players' names, schools, positions, heights, weights, films and notes taken to form the offensive and defensive squads, he said.

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps football commit running back senior Nick Wilde is among other athletes nominated for the North OC players.

"It made me super happy and proud that my own coach was chosen because it shows how much respect we have earned over the past decade," Wilde said.

Once the team is finalized, Karavedas said he plans to integrate different techniques to strengthen the team and even incorporate some past strategies.

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