

The Lariat

Chino High School



Chino Cheer performing at their Drake routine at the Disney-inspired rally. This was the same routine that they performed at the basketball game featured on page 6.

A Wonderful Day at Disneyland

By Alyssa Candelaria

On January 26th, Disneyland and California Adventure took over the Chino High gym to celebrate winter sports in its third rally of the year.

This rally's theme was a day at the happiest place on earth that was filled with lots of Disney cheer!

Boys and Girls Basketball, Cheer, Girls Water Polo, Boys and

Girls Wrestling, Boys and Girls Soccer, Band, Folklorio and Theatre finally had their senior spotlight video that highlighted the different seniors within the groups.

With every rally there comes many different games and performances from Cheer, Band, Folklorio, Theatre, and Dance. The games were Disney

Trivia and a trip through Disneyland where the teachers spin and must walk around the course with water trying not to spill it.

Sophomore ASB member Anebelle McManama said, "The Rallies are the most stressful but fun part of ASB. I love seeing the kids enjoy our hard work."

Disney's Magic Comes to CHS

By Elena Alvarado, Dominic Jimenez

From January 22, 2024- January 26, 2024, Chino High hosted its Spirit week. Throughout the whole week each day is a different Disney inspired theme, for "The Happiest Place on Earth, Disneyland!!!" rally.

mal to school. Throughout the school day students brought plushie toys to school.

1/24 Wednesday: Sleeping Beauty. Wear your Pjs to school. Some teachers are strict when it comes to stu-

friends to have some fun and dress up. The most popular Disney duo was Remy and Linguini from Ratatouille. Rudy Rocha (12) says, "Disney duo was my favorite day because my twin and I were fitted up."

1/26 Friday: A Day at Disney. Wear a Disney hat, ears, or headband. This day is Rally Day and the Rally's theme is Disney headwear. Students can mix and match Mickey ears, Mickey and friends' headwear, and any other character's headpieces.

During this week, ASB hosted games during lunch for anyone willing to participate, dressed in the spirit day's theme. These activities lead up to the rally that's at the end of the week.



Group of Chino High students together at lunch enjoying the lunchtime game on Wednesdays pajama spirit day.

1/22 Monday: Monster University. Staff and students wore college attire. CHS is big on giving students the opportunity to explore colleges they might be interested in. This day allowed students to wear their favorite college football team, the college they will be attending, or even a college they support.

1/23 Tuesday: Sidekick Day. Bring your favorite stuffed ani-

mal to school. Throughout the school day students brought plushie toys to school. This spirit day is student favorite with a large turnout in participation.

1/25 Thursday: Disney Duos. Dress as your favorite Disney Duo with a partner. This day allowed CHS students to use their creativity with their



Students playing lunchtime games to celebrate the spirit week.

The AVID San Diego Trip

By Samantha Sandoval

On January 29th and 30th, AVID took Sophomore and Junior AVID students to an overnight trip to visit San Diego colleges.

The first school visited was UC San Marcos where students were taken on tour by UC San Marcos students and learned about the advantages and benefits that the school has to offer.

The next college on the itinerary was San Diego State University. Although this visit was short, students got to see campus life and the environment. They also had lunch at one of the school dining halls.

The final college that AVID students visited on the first day was UC San Diego. Throughout the tour, students learned about the history and interesting facts

about the campus itself. They also walked through one of the seven colleges and got helpful information about the campus for when AVID students apply in the future.

After this tour, students stayed overnight in a hotel near UC San Diego and had the opportunity to end the day while watching the sunset.

On the way back to Chino High, students stopped at Cal State Long Beach. Students were guided around by Long Beach students while also seeing the various activities going on in the campus that day.

One of the events happening that day was a “Club Rush” where sorority and fraternity members were promoting and

getting new members. While looking at these sororities and fraternities, AVID students ran into a fellow Chino High alumnus of the class of 2023, Maya King.

After Cal State Long Beach, AVID went to the last college of the trip, UC Irvine. While at Irvine, students had the chance to see and sit in on a college class.

AVID Junior, Liliana Sandoval, said, “My favorite college campus was Cal State Long Beach because I liked the environment and how involved the school was with their students. I also liked learning the significance of the history of the college campus art.”



AVID students visiting UC San Diego on their 2 day college tour.

Dads on the rise to their kid's success

By: Dominic Jimenez

The All-Pro Dads is an event to give the opportunity to Chino High School students to spend quality time with their fathers. Hosted by a CHS parent, Tony Flores. This event will be hosted every month in the MPR.

Some fathers are not involved with their children or even care about their education. This can affect a student's school life and their grades. It can cause truancy and poor academic performances as well as students dropping out.

On Friday January 12 Mr. Flores gave a presentation, where many attended. They were welcomed with breakfast and coffee and a greeting from principal Mr. Miller. During this presentation Mr. Flores asked the fathers to talk about why they are proud of their children.

The purpose of this event is to strengthen the relationship between fathers and their children. While restoring the connection between the two.

After talking with Mr. Flores he explained that this program helped him as a dad to communicate better with his children. This gives them the opportunity to help the community with the same problem he had with his children.

Tony Flores says, "With his position of responsibility, to help other dads and guardians become more involved in their children's education and school activities".

Calling all Cowboys!!!

By Evan Gray

The first ever annual Cowboy Corral will be held on February 21st from 5-7 at Chino High school.

This event will highlight sports, clubs, and AP classes offered at Chino High for incoming freshman as well as current Chino High students.

The Cowboy Corral is a combination of AP/Elective night, freshman fair, and freshman counselling night. It will include booths from clubs, electives, athletics, and performing arts.

Chino High School

STUDENT PARKING PERMIT

SCAN NOW TO APPLY

Permit is FREE and required for all students that drive and park on campus

Chino High parking permit flyer posted on the school website. Due date to get parking permit is January 22nd 2024.

Parking Permit for Student Drivers

By Samantha Sandoval

The new semester has arrived at Chino High School bringing in new rules. On January 3rd, Chino High School started to require students who drive a car to now obtain a parking permit to be able to park their car in the student parking lot.

Students who own a car will need to fill out a form to apply to get a parking permit. The deadline to fill this out ended in January 22. If students do not get a parking permit, by this time they will be warned and fined.

Once students have successfully completed the application form, they will need to bring in

their driver's license, vehicle registration, and current insurance card to get a physical permit from the counseling office.

One Chino High driver, Francisco Mora (11), says "I think that the parking permit is good, but it's different than just parking and going into school. Now I have to make sure that I put the parking permit on my car."

This parking permit is free to all students at Chino High, but it is a privilege to have this. Drivers must follow rules to keep their parking permit and park on school grounds.

Senior Activities Coming Closer

By Valerie Jimenez

Chino High recently held an assembly announcing its senior activities and their prices. The assembly was held on Wednesday January 10th, and went over basic event information along with ordering cap and gowns. Seniors were given flyers with more information and prices for events, orders, as well as extra items, such as senior rings or hoodies.

Graduation will be held May 21st at the Toyota Center. The assembly discussed how graduation will be earlier than usual, and we are given two free tickets for family. Ticket prices are yet to be determined.

Upcoming events will be pricey, prom tickets are 110\$ and Universal will be 165\$. Other prices, such as the Six Flags field trip, are still being determined. Other dates for events can be found in the senior packet, or on the Chino High School website.



Seniors Final Whistle on the field

By Melanie Plascencia and Austin Gonzalez

As the soccer season comes to an end it can be hard for the seniors who have dedicated their time and efforts to the sport to finally have their last high school game.

The Lariat asked Isaac Quiroz how he feels about his final season of high school soccer, and he responded, "I feel sad that it is my last season of high school because I can never get this experience again, but I am also happy because I get to play soccer with my friends."

After asking him about his team's future, he said "I feel like we are going to make the CIF playoffs this year because we have been on a roll. I am



Boys Soccer team taking group picture celebrating win over opponent.

confident we will make it far in the playoffs."

Quiroz also shared his goals for this season which were: "This season I want to score 10 goals and 10 assists by the end of the season, and I also want to win a ring with the team."

Overall, Chino is looking incredibly good this season with 12 wins, 3 ties, and 2 losses. The one loss came from the game against Montclair who are in division 1. Quiroz said, "This past year they've gotten many transfers that made their team stronger, and we lost to them already this season."

Chino's varsity soccer team has a current record of 12-2-3.



Cowboys Take Part in All-Star Football Game

By Rylie Alarcon and Mirage Ballesteros

The All-Star Game was on January 13th, at 2pm. It was Team East vs. West and was held at Yucaipa High School.

Yucaipa High's Justin Prince coached the East team. This team had 19 schools represented. "The dividing line is the 15 freeway,"

Prince said, "We have a roster that will be representing 19 schools." Team West included Chino players. There were many other players from different schools that also played. After a hard

fought game Team East took the win with a final score of 48-12.

The Chino players for Team West were quarterback Diego Ogata, offensive linemen Sawyer Bradley, Nick Bergiadis, Matt Bergiadis, and Brody Quinzon.

The game gave Chino players a final chance to highlight their abilities. Starting Quarterback Ogata and starting Offensive Lineman/ Center Bradley were recognized in the All Star football rankings.



Girls Flag Football Coming to Chino

By Kirra Finneran

Girls Flag football is ready to kick off this year with a new and exciting season. A brand-new sport to Chino High School is finally coming, beginning this month with a hopeful outcome.

It started off with just a interest survey of the sport with over 70 responses, but now it has become a serious sport with the help of the coaches; Michael Blackburn, Jennifer Lang, Jim Baty, Joseph LaRosa, and Ashley Covarrbias.

They are hopeful to create and build a team of numbers and experience with these girls that will measure to the same excel-

lence and standards of the other sports. They are also excited about the rare opportunities this new sport has created, like possibly winning a district title.

To give the girls a heads up for flag football, the coaches held an informational meeting on the 17th to go over the basics and gimmicks of the sport. They are also planning to have the tryouts for only two days, the 29th and 30th of January.

First Annual Milkcan Classic

By Alyssa Candelaria

On January 24th, girls' and boys' basketball had the first ever Milkcan classic against Don Lugo.

This matchup was held at the Toyota Arena.

Girls Basketball played first against the Lugo and won 62-16, which gave them their 17th win of the season.

Unfortunately, the Boys team lost against the conquistadors losing 47-66.

Lyndsey Valverde, Calise Gibson, and Tess Oldenberg all scored 15 points on Don Lugo.

Shawn Jamison Jr. put up 29 points against Lugo.

The Road to the Super Bowl LVIII: Mahomes vs Purdy

By Alyssa Candelaria

The National Football League will hold the 58th Super Bowl on February 11th. Teams from the American Football Conference and the National Football Conference go head-to-head to battle for the Vince Lombardi trophy.

Teams who were up for a chance of winning the Superbowl include Cleveland Browns, Houston Texans, Pittsburgh Steelers and the Buffalo Bills in the AFC, and the Green Bay Packers, Dallas Cowboys, Los Angeles Rams, Detroit Lions, Philadelphia Ea-

gles, and Tampa Bay Buccaneers in NFC.

Super Wild Card weekend was Saturday January 13 through Monday January 15.

The winners of the wild card round were the Houston Texans, Kansas City Chiefs, and Buffalo Bills for the AFC and NFC winners were the Green Bay Packers, Detroit Lions, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. These teams played in the divisional round

The winners of these games were the Chiefs and Ravens from the AFC and the Lions and 49ers from the NFC.

These teams went to the AFC and NFC Championship games where the Chiefs beat the ravens to advance to the Superbowl as well as the 49ers coming back at halftime to beat the Lions.

These teams will battle it out on February 11th at Allegiance stadium for the second time 4 years ago, where the Chiefs beat the 49ers 31-20.

Girls Wrestling TAKES DOWN the Competition

By Evan Gray

Girl's wrestling is off to an amazing start this year with an overall duel meet record of 3-1 in their league. The team is led by team captains Lina Rodriguez, a senior with an undefeated record in league, and Tilly Kakuk, a junior who is also undefeated in league this season.

The cowboys started off the season by defeating Chaffey in a blow-out victory where all teams, male and female, gave up little to no points against the tigers. They followed the performance up a week later by defeating the cross-town rivals, Don Lugo.

They lost to Montclair, but they only had lost one of the

many matches that night, so the cowboys kept their heads high going into the final stretch of league where they were able to



Tilly Kakuk, 11th grade team captain and defending CIF Individual Champion, during match with Dana Hills High School competitor.

beat out the Ontario Jaguars.

Rodriguez and Kakuk are both incredible wrestlers who have earned themselves a spot on the CIF rankings this year with Rodriguez ranked sixth in the southern section and Kakuk

ranked fourth. Both have proven themselves this season not only in duel matches, but also in tournaments where they continue to

find themselves among the top placers.

Another newly added threat from the cowboys' roster is Natalie Blanco, a freshman who is also currently undefeated in league. Blanco is a first-year wrestler who has competed at high-level varsity tournaments and consistently placed at nearly every tournament.

Blanco told the Lariat, "I've been able to find

success through a strong mindset and staying coachable. In practice I started to buy into what is being taught which has helped me get better technique in practice and in competition."

Recapping the Girls 23/24' Soccer Season

By Lizette Ruelas

The Varsity girls' soccer team has been having quite an exciting season so far, with an overall record of 6 wins, 2 ties, and 2 losses and a league record of 3 wins and 2 losses.

They kicked off their season on December 1st and recently celebrated a 6-0 victory on January 16th against Baldwin Park High School.

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Junior outside back #10 Camryn Layton has been playing on varsity for 2 years now and she says the team's devotion this year has been greater than the last. "There's no cliques or drama this year, we are a lot closer and work better together than the previous year."

The Junior Varsity girls have also had a fantastic season with a league record of 3-0-2 and an overall record of 8-1-1.

When asked how this season has compared to previous years, JV girls' soccer coach Jessica Parrell reported that over half of the team are freshmen. "It's almost like starting over. We're building the chemistry. We've been winning the majority of our games and scoring and the [teams] performances have been really good so it's evident that it's been building."

The JV teams' victories keep accumulating and they have won most of their games at least 3 goals ahead of their opponents.

Left wing Jr. athlete #16, Julissa Navarro says having fresh players has not been an issue and the team embraces it. "I have some different teammates this year, but we have fun. We learn about each other's strengths and weaknesses

New Year New Trends: The Inside of 2024 in Trends

By Evelyn Alva

With every new year there comes more trends. While some trends make their comebacks, some trends people would have never expect whatever they are have occurred on.

Joseph Juarez, junior, said "Trends from ten years ago always seem to come back, so I feel like that will happen this year."

Trends are constantly coming back. For example, many people are dressing in baggier clothing, which was also immensely popular in the 90s, but this year it is very

possible that trends from 10 years ago will return.

Not only do trends in clothing come back but so do music, art, and certain slang which has been seen a lot in the past years.

"I think that rock music will be big this year" Brianna Rivas, a senior stated. Trends in music are always changing, especially with new artists from all over the world gaining an audience and making new and different music, so it is not too unlikely that there will be more acknowledgement over rock music in 2024.

What's Next for Seniors after High School?

By Elena Alvarado

As the 2023-2024 school year ends, seniors have about 4 months left of school till they become adults and start a new chapter in their life. This can be challenging for some students because they do not know what to do next.

Some may want to attend college, get a full-time job, or even just take a break from school. After all they have been attending school for the past 11 years and it is not easy. At

Chino High School, the counselors influence students to go to college at a university or local college.

Since elementary school, the most common question teacher's ask students is, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Most the answers may be silly, but some kids want to be police officers, firefighters, doctors, etc. You cannot just wish

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for this to happen; you must work for it.

With these jobs you have to get a high school diploma and go to school to get your degree on what you want to be. That can take up to 4-6 more years of school. Though classes can be taken online now, the number of years of containing your education may vary.

The Struggle of Misogyny in Film

By Presley Penman and Mia Cardin

A rather controversial topic to discuss, but yes, Misogyny is very present in the film industry. Misogyny is defined in the dictionary as a “dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women.” It is common in many areas of the world, more so than not.

However, in such a competitive form or work such as acting or film, misogyny can be a harmful. Misogyny in film dates all the way back to 1910, and fairly popular in the bright ages of old Hollywood. It has been known that women were highly limited of popularity in any field. Getting a job was even hard enough in such a male dominated world. Therefore, the acting business

Should Martin Luther King Day be Celebrated more?

By Shawn Nelms

As we all continue to wake up from winter break, the second semester continues to persist with a chilly start. With the beginning of the second semester comes the arrival of more holidays. Having just been crossed from our calendars, one of the most prominent holidays in January is Martin Luther King Day. Many often see the holiday as just a day off without much thought into its significance. I firmly believe that Martin Luther King Day is an important holi-

day that should be celebrated more in the U.S.

Martin Luther King Jr. headed a variety of protests, boycotts, and marches. All of these were done using nonviolent means, as King’s motives were not to cause harm for change but to implement change through peaceful means to inspire it. The cumulative efforts of King and the many who stood alongside him brought major strides to the Civil Rights Movement and contributed to the eventual termination of segregation and racially biased.

was like walking on eggshells for women at the time.

Roughly 40% of casting was of women made up in that period, and one main reason behind that was due to the blunt belief that women were not capable of being the great actors that men could. Since then, it’s only continued to decline in the percentage. As of 2023, only 38.6% of women were found to be lead actresses in movies, estimating around the same for supporting characters or extras.

However, casting is not necessarily the big picture with this issue. It’s the way

men respond when presented with a film that brings a bigger picture on women or women in film. Take for instance the recent event at the 81st Golden Globe awards. The Golden Globe awards are similar to the Oscars or Emmys in a way, however focusing more on film-based standards.

While comparing two popular films presented in the awards, “Oppenheimer” directed by Christopher Nolan, and “Barbie” directed by Greta Gerwig; Jo made a highly blind sighted comment when speaking on the themes of each movie.

Beauty and the Beast Schedule Challenges Thespians

By Presley Penman and Mia Cardin

It is show time! Theatre is now back at it with another Disney production for the spring season. Announced on January 10th, the first set of auditions will soon begin to take place. New upcoming members have begun to join the cast, having a rather unexpected time with Director Frank Smouse's new casting technique.

As in the recent past with auditions for musicals, it would be a rather simple three days, however as of now; auditions have been extended for almost a week. The auditions consist of a solid two or more hours of either singing, dancing, or scene work.

Each student is placed in a scene between three separate groups (A, B, or C). Once they are settled into the group, they are required to act and sing out from that scene to the audience where the Director is seated. These rehearsals start from 4pm after school to 6pm and have been consistent throughout the week, now including Saturdays.

Smouse had discussed with the students that Beauty and the

Beast Jr. is a difficult show to perform. Rather than what most of the veteran theatre students are used to, the musical takes a more operatic approach with its songs. Let alone, the musical numbers in the show are far larger and

has also worked on other theatre projects here, choreographing for Lion King Jr., Frozen Jr., and the 2023 rally performance.

Students have begun to exclaim that this new schedule for theater has been exhausting, along with the fear that arises about the upcoming cast list. Kayla Brown, a senior veteran in theatre states that "Auditions are a very stressful time for us all."

Another student gave high hopes toward the theatre department itself, "I think if the play happened today, we would surely have a great cast" says Jensen Sampley, another senior veteran in theatre.

Students are continuing to work incredibly hard in order

to provide an enjoyable show to their audiences. As the season continues, surely be on the lookout as more announcements arrive for the Theatre company here on Campus.



(image courtesy of clker.com)

harder to choreograph/perform.

Smouse has recently had the help of his daughter Katerina, a professional dancer, to set in characters for casting and create the choreography for the show itself. Katerina

Oppenheimer Sweeps the Golden Globes

By Landen Doyle

On January 7th, one of the biggest films released in 2023 joined an exclusive group of films in Golden Globe history. The 81st Golden Globes ceremony presented awards for the best of the best in film for the past year. The Golden Globes is an annual award cer-

famed director Christopher Nolan (The Dark Knight, Interstellar, Inception) Released "Oppenheimer," A biopic about J. Robert Oppenheimer, The father of the atomic bomb during World War II. For the first time since 1982, Oppenheimer won a total of

“one of the most prestigious award ceremonies to win”

emony that recognizes the best work in film all around the world and is one of the most prestigious award ceremonies to win.

Last year was a momentous year for film. It saw the release of blockbusters like "Barbie", "Killers of The Flower Moon", "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse", and many more. It also saw an influx of horror films, such as "Scream VI", "Evil Dead Rise", and "Talk to Me." We also saw a rise of unexpectedly well performed films, including "Skinamarink", "Smile", and "Saltburn"

But this year's Golden Globes saw one film that dominated the event. This year,

five Golden Globes

The awards given include the following; Best Motion Picture - Drama, Best Performance by a Male Actor in a Motion Picture - Drama (Cillian Murphy), Best Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role in any Motion Picture (Robert Downey Jr), Best Director (Christopher Nolan), and Best Original Score. Oppenheimer is officially one of only 10 films with 5 golden globes.

Other films included in this year's golden globes include; "Barbie", "The Holdovers", "Poor Things", and "The Boy and the Heron."



The Prestigious Golden Globe Award

The Blonde Wave: The Significance of Bleached Hair in Sports

By Evan Gray

Unique hair styles/ colors and sports have been inseparable in recent history. With athletes like Odell Beckham Jr. and Lionell Messi, further popularizing the trend, it is easy to see how this trend can spread even down to the high school level.



Chino High varsity wrestling team winning the schools very first wrestling CIF championship while displaying their bleach blonde hair.

Most often when an athlete bleaches their hair, the whole team is involved in doing it. This act helps build team chemistry and gives teammates a sense of comradery that is like no other.

When a team collectively decides to bleach their hair, no member usually feels singled out for having a sudden change in hairstyle.

This bond is seen commonly in the sports of Soccer/Football and Wrestling. This trend is also not uncommon in American

football as well; however, it is not likely to be a whole team activity.

There is also the sense of swagger that can come with a unique hairstyle or color, it can cause some players to be more confident because they are

used to the attention that the hairstyle brings. The hairstyle also lets athletes express themselves in a creative and expressive way.

At Chino High some sports teams have done this in the past, most notably the boys' wrestling team. For the past few years, the boys' team has followed the trend of bleaching their hair for the CIF playoffs. Last year they took home a CIF Championship with almost all the team bleaching their hair.

These trends have been seeing increases with sports such as American football, soccer, and wrestling growing rapidly in recent history. With the increase in youth/high school athletes, some players start to want to individualize through hairstyle.

History of California Earthquakes

By Anette Vega and Deja Hernandez

Two-thirds of our nation's earthquakes happen in California. Earthquakes occur because tectonic plates are always slowly moving until they get stuck at the edges due to friction which causes an energy that releases in waves through the earth's crust. This results in movement that we call earthquakes. One of the largest earthquakes ever recorded in California was the Fort Tejon Earthquake with a magnitude of 7.9. It occurred on January 9th, 1857, at 8:20 a.m. Pacific. Fort Tejon left a 220-mile surface rupture and killed two people. One of the people was a woman at Reeds Ranch, which was near Fort Tejon, who was killed by the collapse of an adobe house.

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Another was an elderly man who fell dead in a Los Angeles Plaza. Due to Fort Tejon, new springs were formed as well as many rivers affected. For example, Tulare Lake's waters were thrown above its shores which caused the fish to be left stranded miles away from the original lakebed.

Another heavily impactful earthquake that has hit the state of California was along the southern end of the San Andreas Fault. The Southern San Andreas earthquake, nicknamed The Big One, occurred in 1680 with a magnitude of 7.8. There have been many earthquakes along the 810-mile San Andreas Fault line with the last one being in 1857. It is said that an earthquake along the fault line will happen every 150 years, yet we are more than 330 years overdue!

On the occasion that an earthquake does happen please stay indoors since debris and falling objects may fall on you and seriously injure or kill you. If you are in school get under a desk, protect your neck, and hold onto your desk until the shaking stops. If you find yourself outdoors, move away from any wires, buildings, or anything that can fall and injure you.

The Makings of the CHS Yearbook

By Samantha Sandoval

We have all seen Chino High yearbooks, and each year is a new and different theme, but what goes on behind the makings of each year's yearbook?

Yearbook advisor Ms. Lerma has been teaching this course for 10 years now and says, "I am probably never going to give it up."

The bright minds to creating the yearbook comes from the students themselves. "I love the ones that come in and want to learn, do photography, and go to events...they hold a special place in my heart." says advisor Ms. Lerma.

Inside the yearbook, there are many different staff roles which include two editors in chief, photographers, copy editors, photo editors, etc. One of the editors in chief, Precilla Sanchez (12) says, "Keeping the class in task and being there for everyone" is the hardest thing to do in the yearbook.

Although being in the yearbook is a great responsibility and commitment, each student is gaining a new experience with different positions that they hold.

A typical workday for students of yearbook is filled with students completing their own tasks, meeting certain deadlines. This can include students conducting interviews, taking pictures, and students working on their pages.

Even when some workdays can be "sometimes mostly hectic", says Sanchez (12), there are also some favorite things to get out of these days.

One of the photographers of yearbook, Alyssa Hampton (9), whose photos were used in a recent issue of The Lariat, says "This is my first year in the yearbook and I like learning the

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Breanne Lerma CHS Yearbook Advisor

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different parts about how the cameras work and adjusting it to the lighting. All the different parts are really cool.”

A second editor in chief, Phoenix Guiza (12), says “My favorite thing to do would be to help my Yers. I like to answer their questions, I enjoy participating in what they're doing to see how they're doing and helping them. I think it's very creative. And a good time to use creative writing.”

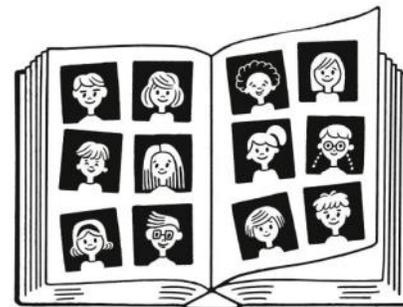
When stepping inside the classroom, each student is passionate about what they are doing, and all have a bond within one another.

“My favorite memory would be my junior year when I was a baby ad editor. When we went on our yearly Disneyland trip. Being able to be in this fun, no work environment with my fellow peers was very enjoyable. We went on many rides, and it was a great experience to have, especially since you make great bonds with these people, since you're with them every day.” says Guiza (12).

Not only are their memories outside of the classroom, but inside the classroom too. “My favorite thing about working in yearbook is that I get to be with a lot of people I know, that have the same thing in common as

me. We all like to do photography and work together as a team.” says Sanchez (12).

Although the yearbook crew has busy days, the student's commitment and enthusiasm for getting this year's 2023-2024 yearbook done and perfect is what counts.



Why Movie Awards Continue to Neglect Horror Films

By Landen Doyle

2023 saw a wave of incredibly well performed horror films of all sorts, including art films, suspense films, and remakes of popular franchises. But what do all these films have in common? Not even one of them was nominated for awards during the Golden Globes and Academy Awards.

This is nothing new to Horror fans, as award shows have been neglecting horror films for years, despite some of them being one of the best performing in the yearly box office. One of the most famous movie awards in the world is The Academy Awards, also known as The Oscars. The Academy Awards were created in 1929, and within its run, only 18 films won Oscars, with only six of them being nomi-

nated for the “Best Picture” category, and only one of those six won, that film being “The Silence of the Lambs”

Horror films are just as much of an art form as every other film presented at these award shows. If anything, one can argue that they are even more complicated than the average film. Horror filmmakers need to create such an environment to invoke such an emotional reaction to the viewer that your typical Marvel film never does.

Surely these film awards know this right? Well apparently, not, as horror films are seen as inferior to the typical “normal” films released throughout the year. These “normal” films that are talked of

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are typically big budget corporate films with no soul behind it and are solely created for money. These films include commercial films, like “Barbie” And “The Super Mario Bros Movie” or big franchise Marvel films.

Horror films are typically seen as “not proper” by whatever vague definition the award show gives it. Horror is typically seen as just gore and killing, whereas films that are seen as “proper” are typically mainstream films, or films that focus on a completely different emotional impact, such as comedy.

But do any horror films deserve to win any awards? The answer would be more than a yes. In 2018, the horror film “Hereditary” saw an incredible performance by actress Toni Collette, who was not offered a single award for her performance, let alone a single award for the film itself. Another example would be the 2022 film “Pearl”. Not only was it an amazing performance by actress Mia Goth, but it was also one of the greatest modern examples of elevated horror. The film fo-

cuses mostly on having amazing dialogue that grips the audience, including an ambitious single shot that lasts over a minute, and was still a hit.

So, to wrap up my point, Horror movies are more than deserving of recognition from these big award shows, and for all horror fans looking for the recognition of their favorite movies of the year, I would recommend “The Horror Hall of Fame” awards and the “Dead Meat Horror Awards”.

What's Your New Year's Resolution?

By Addison Ortiz and Jezzari Burgarian



Natalie Sanchez (9th grade)
“My New Years resolution is to get better grades and to be more social.”



Stefany Reyes (9th grade)
“My New Years resolution is to practice more to get better at soccer, get good grades, and to be happy.”



Mr. Miller (biology teacher)
“My New Years resolution is going to the gym more to get my muscles stronger and get buff.”