

# The Lariat

CHINO HIGH SCHOOL

## Senior Homecoming Queen and King Winners Shining at Homecoming Game and Dance

By Samantha Sandoval

At this year's homecoming game, the class of 2025 senior Homecoming Queen and King were announced! This year's winners are Bridget Moore and Daniel Murphey.

Bridget Moore, who is president of Chino High's Ivy League Club, says "It was really shocking, and I was

really surprised then happy when I won because I am part of the school, and everyone cared enough to vote for me."

When leading up to the week of Homecoming nominations, royalty court, and the Homecoming game where the winners were announced, Moore said that she had a feeling that she was either going to win or lose, but was really excited that if she did win, her best friend Sienna Ruiz, senior class of 2024 Homecoming Queen, would be the one crowning her.

Winning is an honor, but it is also a great memory that will stay for many years when looking back later in life. "It will be one of my favorite memories because my whole family, friends, and boyfriend were there which was sweet. Also, it was shocking when opening my box and seeing the bal-

loons with the winning colors." said Moore.

Homecoming King Daniel Murphey, who is a part of ASB, says "I feel really excited and joyful that I was able to win Homecoming King. I feel like it's a good testament of the impact that I have on this school."

Murphey also says that on top of all the good memories he has made here at Chino, winning Homecoming King will be his favorite memory.

When leading up to Homecoming Week towards the game where court was announced as well as winners, Murphey said, "When I first got announced on court, I didn't really feel any stress, but as the days progressed after voting on Thursday and Friday, I got stressed out, but it paid off."

As it did pay off indeed, Murphey lastly said that upon opening the box to reveal the winners, his initial reaction was "I didn't know that I was going to win because I was going against the varsity quarterback and two popular students." He also goes on to say, "I was just praying the whole time, asking God if this is your will, then let it be, so when I first opened the box, I didn't know that the red color was the winning color, and when I realized, that when I started to celebrate."



Bridget Moore and Daniel Murphey celebrate winning Queen and King during halftime at the Homecoming Game. Photo courtesy of Isaiah Cardenas.

# Spooktacular Was an Epic Halloween Bash

By Evelyn Alva

On October 30th at Chino High, students, parents, and community members gathered for a thrilling evening of games, prizes, and spooky delights. From 5pm to 8pm, attendees enjoyed uninterrupted fun, winning a great amount of candy. People of all ages showed up in costume bringing their Halloween cheers to the event.

There was music, food trucks, dancing, and amazing performances by some of the clubs. The Folklorico club captivated the crowd with their dance to the iconic music from Disney's "Coco" in the school plaza. Senior Arely Torres said, "one of my favorite parts of the night was when the Folklorico club performed their dance, it was really cool to see them dancing in Dia De Los Muertos makeup."

The evening featured additional

thrills, including a scary performance crafted by the theater company during the haunted ghost tours, located in the theater room. Senior Annalise Ortega said, "Being able to perform at this event was a dream come true. It was an honor for the theatre company to scare the community and dance our hearts out. We all put everything into this performance". The theater performance was clearly a hit as people waited in a lengthy line to get in.

The highly anticipated event displayed the creative talents of our school clubs. The school clubs designed an array of games for younger kids to win sweet treats and prizes. Senior Alejandro Davilla from Spanish club said "Our club's game was

building a friend, and it was inspired by Forky from Toy Story. It was wonderful experience, and it was nice to see people of all ages use their creativity to make something of their very own".

The Spooktacular was an overall successful community gathering event, that allowed clubs to have a creative project to work on and students to have a fun time. Senior Katerina Delgado said,

"I had a really good time at this event especially because I really enjoy Hallow-



een, I hope they keep doing this event in the next school years". Many wish that this festive event is not only a onetime thing, but that it becomes tradition here at Chino.



Class of 2027's Minion themed booth at the Spooktacular.

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## AVID College Fair Opens Eyes on College Choices

By Samantha Sandoval

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, AVID held its annual College Fair in the plaza during lunch to inform students about the possible colleges that they might be interested in. This year, AVID sophomores created booths of a college to share information and details about what that college has to offer.

To get students excited about the college fair, AVID began the week with a College Kickoff Week. Buildings A, B, and C were full of posters that AVID students made of various colleges throughout the hall. Students were also encouraged to fill out a bingo sheet that they would be able to turn in to get a prize during the fair and a chance to be raffled to win an In-N-Out gift card.

AVID Advisor Mrs. Nelson says, "I think that this college fair is important for all students to be aware

that college is an option after high school and to get them thinking about what they are going to do and where they are going to go after high school as well. It gives them (students) the opportunity to look and see the options of colleges that they can go too."

Sophomore AVID students Daisy Jara and Ashley Chaves who did their college booth on Cal State Long Beach said, "A lot of people were interested with the housing opportunities that this school offers and the possibility of Cal State Long Beach as one of their college choices."

Many students and teachers enjoyed going out to support AVID students in what they are doing, such as asking them questions, going up to different booths, and even participating in activities that AVID students ran.



One of the college posters, UC Santa Barbara, that was presented at the college fair.

## Celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month And Survivors

By Sarah Olguin

Throughout October every year, the nation celebrates the survivors of breast cancer and spread awareness about it. Our community celebrates this exciting month with various events such as sports like the football teams pink out game on October 11<sup>th</sup> where students showed their support with dressing in all pink.

Studies say by 2022, over 2.3 million women were diagnosed with breast cancer, 670 thousand died.

Kelly Quintana, a freshman tennis player said, "I think it increases the awareness and helps us prevent it from happening to regular people

if we know the facts and statistics entering breast cancer awareness month. I think the people that are doing breast cancer awareness events should acknowledge and educate themselves."

Breast cancer is mostly found in women over 50 years old, the youngest case being Chrissy Turner, an 8-year-old.

Audrey Mendez, a freshman said, "Not many people take it seriously when it's an actual deep topic when people are dying due to breast cancer, and I think it's good to spread awareness."

Breast cancer awareness month is something that our com-

munity takes very seriously, due to the sad yet common nature of breast cancer our community will continue to fight for transparency on the matter and are excited to see what will come of the next few years on the matter.



## Helene and Milton, The Disastrous Hurricane Duo

By Bellissima Becerra

There have been recent reports about two major tropical storms that hit Florida in both the southern and northern areas within a whole month. Both have been reported as life threatening and dangerous. Many of the residents in Florida were asked to evacuate, many did, many didn't.

The first hurricane to hit Florida was Tropical Storm Helene (or Hurricane Helene), which first arrived on Tuesday, September 24th, 2024. It was reported to be a category three storm, which meant that there would be structural damage to some small buildings, and that any mobile homes in the area would be destroyed by the force of the wind and rain.

It was reported that Hurricane Helene had destroyed many homes in the area and forced many people in the area to move. Many people had also been reported missing or dead. The missing people now have search parties currently out for them, leaving families and friends worried and heartbroken at their losses.

The second tropical storm to hit Florida was Tropical Storm Milton (or Hurricane Milton), which made landfall on October 9th, 2024. It was the worst of the two hurricanes, being a Category five hurricane. Over 16 deaths were confirmed after the Hurricane dissipated October 12th, and over two million residents (about the population of Nebraska) were left without power.

Hurricane Milton had also left disastrous amounts of damage to many buildings and homes in the area. The damage costs would range up to over millions of dollars, and it would take a while for many

of the buildings to be repaired or rebuilt due to the massive amount of damage that took place from the wind and heavy rain.

Hurricane Milton is said to be a historical storm by many reporters, as it not only spawned the tropical storm, but also a tornado within the span of Milton passing through before dissipating.

People have lost many lives during the two hurricanes, and many are still out there searching for their family and loved ones, hoping to find them unharmed after the two storms. We put all our thoughts and prayers toward Florida, wishing a speedy recovery from the tragedies.

## Saying Goodbye to a Retiring Cowboy

By Samantha Sandoval and Evelyn Alva

After 25 years of helping to manage the library, Library/Media Assistant Ms. Kris Salazar is retiring.

"I will definitely miss the interactions with the kids and helping them with textbooks, computers, and just interacting with the students and feeling like I am helping them in a way," said Salazar.

Ms. Salazar has seen everything that Chino has offered, even experiencing many changes from transitioning to a new campus, and even seeing many students graduate through many years.

She said, "The environment here at Chino has changed a lot over the years, especially since moving to the new school just over two years ago. It was quite an experience, but it was worth it. Another thing that has changed through my time here has been COVID and how everything has adjusted since then. It was a learning curve that we have been good at now."

Looking back on her time working at our school's library, Salazar values the experience of assisting young minds with expand-

ing their knowledge of literature, encouraging them to grow as readers.

"One of my favorite memories from being here all these years would be helping kids find a library book and introducing them to the love of reading. I enjoy helping the kids in all different ways."



Library/Media Assistant Kris Salazar ends her 25 year career at Chino High.

## Chino High School Senior Girl Volleyball Nights

By **Rachelle Alvarez**

The Chino High School Girls volleyball senior night have become a fun night to go to with friends and to support your volleyball team. This year's team has been doing well as they are winning most of their games. With support from their teammates and school they have gotten more motivation. "We have been doing really well this year because of our hard work and dedication." Aniyah Moore

The girls' volleyball senior night was against Diamond Ranch, Chino pulled off the victory 3-1. "It felt so good to win the game against Diamond Ranch on senior night, the schools cheers just made it better and made us feel more motivated to win." Amari Harris

The girls' volleyball team has been doing a lot better than last year, last year they were 9-1 in the league and now they have overcome that, and the team is now 8-2 in the league, which is a much better improvement.



Girl's Volleyball senior students at their Senior Night game against Diamond Ranch, where they won their game.

## Congressional Interns Network with Speaker Johnson

By **Lizette Ruelas**

As the 2024 election quickly approaches, political officials are rushing and propelling their teams and volunteers for their greatest efforts in campaigning to secure their running position. California's 41<sup>st</sup> District representative, Ken Calvert, is one of the few congressmen who has reached out to high school students to give them an opportunity to receive firsthand experience in the campaigning and electoral process.

High school students who are enrolled in an AP Government class from all surrounding school districts around the city of Corona were presented with the chance to take part in the "Calvert for Congress" campaign with the incentives of acquiring volunteer and community service hours, the chance to network with high profile elected individuals, and a letter of recommendation from the campaign leader or Mr. Calvert himself.

The campaign was launched mid last year and has been ongoing since but was only presented to Chino students in September. Since then, "Calvert for Congress" has hosted intern socials where all high school volunteers could get together to debrief about their experience so far but to also get to know each other outside of their usual professional setting and have some fun!

Along with these amusing get togethers, interns have also been able to participate in rally's hosted at the main office in Corona where elected politicians and county officials like: assemblyman Bill Essayli, Chairperson of the republican party Jessica Millan Patterson, Sherrif-Coroner of riverside county Chad Bianco and most impres-

sively the U.S's speaker of the house Mike Johnson, all go to the office to speak and encourage voters and volunteers to continue to get involved.

From door launching to survey residents about their stances on their county's politics, to calling registered voters and harvesting



Speaker of the House Mike Johnson visits Corona to endorse Congressman Ken Calvert.

ballots, more than 25 students have taken advantage of this exceptional opportunity to fulfill civic duties before being able to cast their own official first vote.

Election day is on November 5<sup>th</sup> and with District 41 being a swing district that will determine the political party majority of the House of Representatives, all campaigning volunteers were eager to keep pushing to get Mr. Calvert re-elected for another term. But as "Calvert for Congress" surpasses the national average for survey rates, and calling, and door-to-door responses, there is no doubt in his team's mind that Ken Calvert will secure and serve his county for another notable two years.

# Fall Sport's Finish Strong

By Jose Meza

Fall sports has wrapped up and many teams have successful seasons.

The Girls flag football team has had the best start of the season overall and being undefeated champions throw out their seasons with strong players in the team. They have an overall score of 13-8, league 4-0, NAT rank 312, and CA rank 190 so it is no wonder they did not lose.

The boys' water polo had a rough start to their season. They were 1-6 and a CA rank of 545, but slowly started splashing their way to the top.

Girls' golf league were off to a bad season this year, not having enough players to take part in the team matches for solos. They did well and they still played but did not make it to CIF with an overall record of 0-8. "The girls got better



Photo courtesy of Isaiah Cardenas

but we're still not at the level where we can beat Ontario Chaffey, next year I think we can as long as we keep playing," said coach CJ Colinco.

Girls' tennis had a rebuilding year with most of it's key players graduating leaving inexperienced players in their shoes. However, they were committed landing the varsity team to qualify for CIF Team playoffs with nine players on the varsity team also qualified for Individual League Prelim's. "The girls were committed and worked extremely hard throughout summer camp and into the season," said Athletic Director Michael Hinkle.

Volleyball started with a losing streak, but during the middle, they started taking off. Near the end of their season they won their last game and entered CIF with a score of 12-10. They have an overall score of 12-10, league 8-2(2nd), and CA rank 652.

Cross country originally started off in the summer with new people, but as the school year started, more people joined. As the season went on and as the end came, they needed to get serious. "Were wrapping up miles right now and trying to get ready for our league meet number 3, so were Relly trying to wrap things up trying to get more serious," said coach John Wachowski.

The football team originally started off rough but as their season was reaching mid-way, their points began to increase and now, they have been getting win after win. They have an overall score of 3-5, league 3-0(1st), and a CA rank of 467.

# Chino Football Recognizes the Women with Breast Cancer

By Marc Hernandez

Chino football played against Los Altos at Chino on October 11th. This game was the Pink Out game, and it was played for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



All football players wearing pink for the annual Pink Out game for awareness of breast cancer.

It was a very respectful, entertaining game to witness. Chino football played their best with a winning score of 20-14. Not only did Chino football win, but they showed their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"It felt good because my mom had breast cancer so I felt I was able to really honor her and I go out there and I do my best" said senior Pablo Valdez. It was an amazing feeling for Valdez to play in the Pink Out game, being able to play for his mom, and others that had to struggle with breast cancer.

"I think we're playing for a good cause and it shows support to the breast cancer awareness" said sophomore Grant Vasquez. Vasquez felt honored to play in

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such an important game that ended up being close.

"We should have more games like that" said Senior Janelle Lemus. We shouldn't just stop at supporting the women with breast cancer, Lemus believes we should

support other people that struggle with other things to show our support.

With all the spirit and support going into the game, Chino football was able to get the win while showing the awareness for

breast cancer. This is only the beginning, there are many other people that need our support, and Chino will definitely show it.

## Flag Football Fights Way to CIF

By Vanneil Borders



Photo courtesy of Isaiah Cardenas.

The Chino High School Girls flag football team has become a beacon of school spirit and athletic excellence. This year's team have shown their best show of talent, teamwork, and dedication to winning their games. Currently they are 4-0 in the league, from the first game of the season it was clear that this year's team was something special. London Gibbs Grade 12 "It's a great environment and fun to be around girls I know and grow with on my last year"

One of the main key factors of a team is training and this team does plenty of it. The coaches have made a key focus program that not only focuses on physical conditioning but also on strategy and teamwork. It has paid off because the players have developed a powerful sense of game awareness that has allowed them to overcome teams and win.

The team offense has been impressive with quick and agile players, who execute the play right. Another significant thing is the support that they have from students

and parents and the school community have shown spirit towards the team.

This year the flag football team is more developed and more poised to become the best in the league. The achievements that the girls have and the progress that they have proven that they work hard and show inspiration for the next upcoming girls.

Their success is a testament to the challenging work of the players and coaches and the community's support. There are now in CIF playoffs there is no doubt that this team will continue to their winning streak and leave a last 2025 print on the team.

Chino girls flag football had their first CIF playoff game against Etiwanda. The score was 13-12, Chino sadly lost. Even though they lost they put their heart and soul into every play they really showed what it means to be a part of a Chino flag football team.

## Recap on MLB 24 Postseason

By Anthony Alvarado

The 2024 Postseason for the MLB was a huge hit for baseball fans this season, so many ups and downs for each fan base and many teams getting eliminated and advancing to see who will win it all in the world series.

In total 12 teams played in the 2024 MLB postseason. Those 12 teams were the Los Angeles Dodgers, The San Diego Padres, The New York Mets, The Philadelphia Phillies, The Milwaukee Brewers, and The Atlanta Braves. These teams represented the National league division, The other 6 teams were the New York Yankees, The Baltimore Orioles, The Kansas City Royals, The Detroit Tigers, The Cleveland Guardians and the Houston Astro's. These teams represent the American league division.

The MLB postseason is where teams get eliminated or advance to try to win it all in the world series. The wildcard series is best out of 5 games to see who advances where the divisions games are best out of 7 games to see who wins and advances to the League Championship series. The Championships series determine who makes it to the World Series and the winning

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of their divisions.

To start off the 2024 MLB post-season for the American League Division, the Kansas City Royals beat Baltimore 2-1 in the wild card to advance while the, Detroit Tigers eliminated the Houston Astros 2-1 in the wild card.

In the division series the Cleveland Guardians beat the Detroit Tigers 3-2. The New York Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals 3-1. In the League championship series between the Yankees and Guardians, the Yankees came out on top beating the Guardians 4-1, now the Yankees advance to the world Series.

In the National League Division, The New York Mets beat the Milwaukee Brewers 3-1 in the wild-card. The San Diego Padres beating the Atlanta Braves 3-1 in the wild-card and the New York Mets came out on top over the Philadelphia Phillies winning the series 3-1. The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Diego Padres 3-2. Then beat the New York Mets 4-2 to win the National League Division and now move on to play the Yankees in the World Series.

The MLB Postseason took place all over the United States from the west coast all the way to the east coast. You could watch the post-season in the comfort of your own home. Fox, FS1, TBS, ESPN, and MLB Network were all channels carrying the MLB Postseason.

As of October 30th, the Los Angeles Dodgers won the 2024 World Series against the New York Yankees with a close score of 7-6 in New York, and with a 3-1 lead.

## Annual Breast Cancer Pink Out Girls Tennis Game



Girl's Tennis team played their annual Pink Out Breast Cancer Awareness game against Ontario High School. The Cowgirls took the match 14-4. Photo courtesy of Alejandro Davila



## What Are You Going to be For Halloween?

By Nikayli Watts

A number of students took a poll on what they were going to be for Halloween. Where they were asked What their costume is, what couple costumes they expected to see, and *why* they chose their costume.

When asked what they are going to be 14.3% of students said they were going to be Ghostface for Halloween, while the other 78.1% of students had their own unique costume ideas for Halloween.

Another 50% of students said they were not going to do any couple costumes for Halloween, 35.7% of students however said they were doing a couple costume, while the other 14.3% said they might do a couple costume for Halloween this year.

Students expected to see several different couple costumes on

Halloween, the most popular one being Morticia and Gomez Addams. Some different students expected to see Mr. and Mrs. Incredible on Halloween. More students said they expected to see Jack and Sally on Halloween. Some other students said they expected to see Beetlejuice and Lydia on Halloween. Other students had other unique couple costumes they expected to see on Halloween.

Some students are even going to do group costumes. Most students that are doing group costumes are doing them separately from their personal costumes, like a few students that are going to be pirates during the day at school to celebrate. Other students are only doing group costumes, like students that are doing a group costume consisting of only Ghostface.

Students had many reasons for choosing their costumes, most being because they really liked the character or franchise they are in. Some chose their costumes because they wanted to match their friends or significant other, while others don't know the reason they chose their costumes.

Students that took the poll had some really good ideas on what they wanted to be next Halloween, some examples of these ideas are the Powerpuff Girls, Coraline, the Other Mother, a Wendigo, a Banshee, or even Beetlejuice. Some of these costumes may not be mainstream, but they are fantastic and unique ideas that other people probably never would have thought of. Many students are looking forward to trying these costumes next year.

## Students Against New 10-Minute Lunch Rule

By Sarah Olguin

As students as well as staff settle into the new school year, new rules start to be enforced. The newest one is the 10-minute lunch rule, announced and enforced on October 9th. Students will have 10 minutes to make it to their classroom for lunch before doors are locked, and students must stay in their designated classrooms, or they will receive detention if seen walking in the halls.

Detectives Club president and junior, Aztez Barba says "So far, I've had to walk out and pause my lecture/teaching to let members in. It's been taking time out of my club to teach the things I want to teach them."



**Detectives Club president Aztez Barba speaking out on the new 10-Minute Lunch Rule**

In addition to Barba's claim, Connor Downing, a freshman claims, "I think it can effect a student's grade if they aren't allowing students to finish or retake a quiz in that class during lunch."

Due to the backlash on the matter, it is unclear whether the rule will stick. From the overview of how students are reacting to it, it won't be long before the rules will be altered.

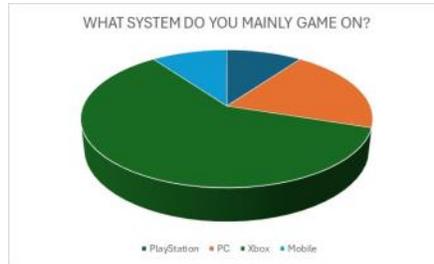
# PS5 Pro: Future of Gaming or Expensive Upgrade?

By CorDea Hamilton

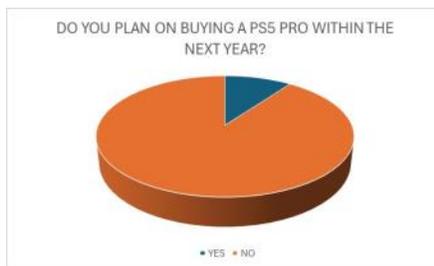
Gaming giant Sony recently announced the long-awaited upgrade to the PS5, aptly named the PS5 Pro, and is expected to be released on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They promise to bring several upgrades, however, the price tag is making several gamers reconsider.

According to Sony, the PS5 Pro vows to be the most visually impressive console of this generation. They list three major upgrades to their system: first being an "Upgraded GPU" for making gameplay smoother, second being advanced "Ray Tracing" for more dynamic lighting, and third being an "AI-Driven Upscaling" to provide sharper images and details. Nevertheless, gamers are apprehensive about purchasing the console due to its steep price of \$699.99. The PS5 Pro will be a 'Digital Only' console, meaning that it will cost an extra \$80 for the disc drive. For many gamers this has killed the hype of the gaming system and while it is the highest selling console currently on Amazon, it is not selling out like the PS5 did back in 2020. Additionally, back when the PS4 Pro launched in the Fall of 2016, it only cost \$400 and the price of the original PS4 was reduced to \$200. Meanwhile, the original PS5 that is now a 4-year-old console still costs \$500.

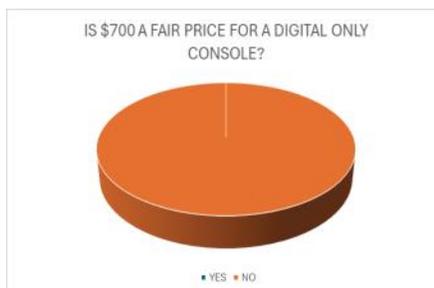
Students were asked around campus what they thought. They were asked what console they mainly play games on. Results showed that 60% of the sample group were Xbox gamers, while only 10% played on PlayStation. The remaining 30% were PC and mobile phone gamers.



They were then asked if they planned on buying a PS5 Pro within the next year. Results from the polls showed overwhelmingly 90% 'No'. Most of the subjects preferred to continue with their current systems and did not see any reason to upgrade.



When being asked if they thought \$699.99 was a fair price for a 'Digital Only' console. The results showed that 100% of the subjects thought that the PS5 Pro was too expensive and not a fair price. They were then asked what they thought a fair price would be, with a majority answering between the \$400 to \$500 dollar range.



While Sony intends to move forward with the release of the PS5 Pro, it seemingly does not look like it will be the next must have gaming system anytime soon. The release of the PS5 Pro marks a half-way point for this generation of game systems, yet many intend to skip and wait for the PS6.

## New California Law Takes Away Phones in Classrooms

By Jasmine Garavito

School districts around the world have started to discuss whether to start locking phones while students are on campus. California legislators recently passed a bill that enforces schools to ban or restrict phones from students on campus. The Chino Valley School District is scheduled to enforce this bill starting during 2026-2027 school year. This bill can have positive and negative effects on not only the students but also the teachers.

In 2018, French schools started to ban cellphone use in classrooms, ever since then they have been recording student overall performance in school because of this new law. The bill positively affected the students because it increased the concentration levels and increased academic performance in schools and a decrease of stress in students. The schools also saw an

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increase in social development and social interactions among the students because of the new phone protocols.

There is no doubt that the new protocol is going to help Chino students academically, but the worry is whether it will help the students socially. Mr. Baty a gym teacher and coach, has been a teacher at Chino High School for the last 26 years. He thinks that phones are an

addiction within students, and he has seen the change of kids' social skills because of cell phones.

Baty believes that cell phones are a distraction, especially when he is looking for participation in his PE classes. He said there have been countless students who would rather stay on their phone than participate in gym. When they do participate, they cannot put down their phone

resulting in their phones getting smashed. Baty said, "100 percent, every human on this earth is addicted to their phones."

Baty believes that cell phones are bringing more problems not only in classrooms but also in life. Students nowadays are more susceptible to the toxicity on the internet and negatively that comes with being addicted to their phones. This new bill is overall going to be a good thing for the students to increase participation, and social skills with students at school. The research has shown to have more pros than cons that help improve student overall wellbeing.



## The Whosovers Kill the Noise Tour at Chino

By Marc Hernandez

The Whosovers came to Chino high on October 24th during lunch in the gym during lunch. They talked to everyone about themselves and what they do.

It was a very relatable and soothing talk The Whosovers gave Chino. The Whosovers collabed with the Christian Club and shared with Chino their intentions for traveling to every school they can on their tour. They talked about their backstories, and how each student on campus matters and has a purpose for living on.

With the time The Whosovers were given, they really got through the minds of most students and opened their eyes in just thirty minutes. Even now, they are still traveling around to other schools to help and give advice to other students to make their futures brighter.



Chino High Students crowding in the gym where the Whosover tour welcomed with the partnership of Christian Club during lunch.

# Chino Chorale's Fall Concert Truly Rocked America!

By Sophia Jimenez



The Chino Chorale students performing at the Fall Concert singing some of the many 'Rockin' America,' themed songs.

On the night of October 9th, the Chino Chorale had their first concert, and it rocked Chino to its core! The concert consisted of well-known rock songs from many different years, genres, and about five different movements, which made up 'Rockin' America,' a performance truly made to rock anyone in the audience!

Before the start of each movement, announcers came down to give a little insight or history into what the movement will entail! Along with a few soloists towards the end. But how did the Chorale pull it off? Mr. Bowden guided the choir through it all, and four students who came up with the choreography. Those four students were all juniors and members of the color guard, Brianna Ramirez, Rosa Gamino, Janessa Ramirez, and Alexis Robbins. But why rock

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**“Complemented with a stunning performance from the Chorale, giving the audience a taste of what’s to come.”**

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specifically? Mr. Bowden said, “I chose 'Rockin' America' because I think it has a lot of fun music that can really come to life and tell the story of rock and roll.”

The opener, called 'Rockin' America,' contained a few high energy songs. Those songs being "We Will Rock You," "R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A.," and finally "I Love Rock 'n' Roll." Complemented with a stunning performance from the Chorale, giving the audience a taste of what's to come.

The second movement, titled

'Rock 'N' Roll Revolution,' contained a few titles such as "Rock Around the Clock," "Puppy Love," and "Land of a Thousand Dances." From medium, to slow, to fast paced, this lineup was keen on keeping the audience guessing!

'Rock 'n' Roll Revolution' was the third movement of the show, and the biggest one by far! It had about seven different songs, all of which were unique in subject matter. It was the first movement to have a solo for the song "Dust in the Wind," sung by senior Ashley Moreno. 'Rock 'n' Roll Revolution' happened to be a favorite of choreographer, Janessa Ramirez. "I love the music and choreo, it just makes me feel really happy," said Ramirez.

'Crazy Little Thing Called Love' was the fourth movement of the fall concert. It contained four catchy love songs and one powerful breakup song, "Since You've Been Gone." The first song in the movement was sung by senior Hendric Agnote and the final song was sung by junior Brianna Ramirez. "It's the fun one and has my favorite choreography," said Bowden.

The final movement, called 'Rockin' the Stadium,' included three songs: "We Will Rock You," "I Love Rock 'n' Roll," and "(Everything I Do) I Do it For You." A favorite movement of another one of the choreographers "It felt different and powerful," said Brianna Ramirez.

The fall concert went off without a hitch, leaving Chino begging for more! But don't worry, the choir is currently working on some music that will really show their Christmas spirit! Their next on campus performance will be on December 13th for the Holiday Concert.

## Staff Additions Fill the Cowboy Ranks

A number of new additions to the Cowboy staff bring some familiar, as well as new faces to the campus. This issue will continue to introduce four new staff members from last issue.

## Ms. Palacios Looks to Expand New BST Program This Year

By Ivan Pedraza

The Biomedical Science and Technology (BST) Academy proudly welcomes Cindy Palacios to the position of leading the school's new advanced program. Before the position of vice principal, Ms. Palacios worked as a secondary English teacher for 16 years here in the district. She used to deal with lots of BST promotion, but is utterly excited to assist with the BST's opening house.

Palacios has felt that it's been nothing but a great time in the program and that the community of staff and students are completely amazing, exclaiming that you can just feel the Chino pride and the positive bonds that each person has with each other. "Being vice principal of course, I

have seen absolutely phenomenal things happen here within the building and I'm very impressed by the leadership, initiative and desire for excellence from every student in BST," said Palacios.

However, she would like to grow the academy by putting some meaningful clubs in place that could bring more recognition to the BST name and add on to being a positive leader on campus to students who are struggling. Palacios strives to contribute even more as a positive team player to the school, and generally wants to keep on assisting staff and students alike.

When asked to explain why she became principal of the program, she told the Lariat, "I hit a

point in my career where I wanted to serve education in a larger capacity and really just admired my colleagues, but it took me seven years to seriously jump into being an admin and doing what I do here in the district."

Chino applauds Palacios in her new position and wishes her well in leading BST to greater heights.



## Ms. Garcia Embarks on a New Journey

By Evelyn Alva

As we begin a new academic year Ms. Garcia joins Chino's staff of devoted educators. Garcia, a Spanish teacher, brings a wealth of knowledge to our students by helping them develop a deeper understanding of the Spanish language. After dedicating one and a half years to inspiring lan-



guage learners in the Fontana unified school District Ms. Garcia's educational pursuit continues in the Chino district.

Our school recognizes the significance of language learning and cultural awareness. When talking about her first days at Chino Garcia said, "It feels like I will be having a lot of support from my department, assistant principals, and everyone here."

Starting a month late into the school year Garcia appreciated the welcoming staff helping her get settled into her new class-

room and catch up on her lessons. "My colleagues Ms. Mendoza and Ms. Nunez told me not to worry, and that really helps me feel less pressure of coming into the year late." She knows she will be able to succeed by receiving support from staff.

"I am looking forward to not only teaching, but also inspiring students from a new school this year." Ms. Garcia is an excellent addition to our faculty and is sure to enhance student's Spanish speaking abilities.

## Ms. Prieto Comes Back Home as a Cowboy

By Deja Hernandez



Counselors play a significant role in our school whether it is helping us pick our classes, getting us on track to graduate, and even making sure that everything is

okay with our wellbeing. With many students stressing about their schooling and further education, our counselors are always here to help us when needed.

Dorie Prieto was one of our many amazing counselors around ten years ago. Prieto has since come back to the home of the cowboys! While readjusting to our new environment has been challenging, Prieto has done an amazing job at keeping our students happy and on track.

“I miss the buzz of the campus. I miss the energy that the students have, all the ups and downs, the excitement. My first week here was the week of homecoming and I just wanted to get back out there” Prieto states.

An honorary thing to mention is that while Prieto was working here back then, she had started the Folklorico that we have now.

“When we first started, we had two beautiful dancers. I have a lot of pride that it's continued on, I think that it just speaks to the soul and it's beyond words when you have dance. I really look forward to seeing how they perform and see how much they've progressed” says Prieto.

Our staff and students will continue to help Prieto feel welcomed back to the home of the cowboys just as she has helped so many of us!

## Ms. Garcia Finds a Permanent Home at Chino

By Deja Hernandez

Counselors are here to help students stay motivated and on track. Teresa Garcia has done just that. She has been very supportive in lending a helping hand to students who need it while also giving students opportunities to grow and shine in the world.

Garcia has been working for the Chino Valley Unified School District for fifteen years. She worked at Buena Vista helping teen parents stay in school to be on track for graduation.

“I would just like all the students to know that they have support of adults on campus” Garcia states.

While adjusting to this new environment has been hard, Garcia says she loves being able to help

her seniors stay on track for graduation and helping the freshmen transition in and adjust. There are many things that Garcia has had to learn since she came here, and she is doing a great job.

“It starts with the counseling department. There are adult's students can seek out if they need help regarding their academics or some emotional support, or just some encouragement and finding out where they belong” Garcia expressed.

The students and staff at our school will continue to show our support for Garcia, just as she has given us the same.

