

## Homecoming: Dancing Back To The Future

By Tyler Hernandez, Photos/Artist



Hanging out with friends was one of the top reasons to attend the Homecoming Dance. (Photo Credit: Rehansa Kulatilleke)

On September 16th, 2023, in the school's quad, the students of Cypress got a blast from the past with this year's Back to the Future and 80's theme—students dressed in neon, 80's, and Back To The Future clothing. The Homecoming dance had 80's arcade machines, corn dogs, lemonade, and shaved ice. This party was a huge hit with students who enjoyed the retro theme.

ASB president, Aidan Houston described how he and ASB decided on an 80's theme. Since it was Cypress's 50th anniversary ASB

wanted something like Back to the Future but felt having a random movie as the theme would be odd. Houston explained that "we were kind of stuck for the dance theme, ...so we just came up with 80s." This was the right move as not everyone knows about Back to the Future, but everyone knows about the 80s. Even though 80's songs were requested to the DJ, he played more modern-day music. A good move the DJ could have made was to play Johnny B. Good, by Chuck Berry, since it was in Back to the Future and part of the half-time perfor-

mance of the homecoming game as well.

Arcade games like Galaga were popular for their simple concept, but it was far more difficult than it seemed. The highest score was held by someone going by the name SAX who got 51,380 points.

The dance included a free corn dog, a drink, and shaved ice. This dance allowed this generation to connect to the 80s, which is perfect for a homecoming dance during the 50th anniversary

## Students Revel In Tropical Paradise During Senior Luau

By Mifrah Bawany, front page editor

The 2023 Senior Luau occurred on Saturday, October 4th from 6-8:30 pm. Planned by ASB, the luau hosted over 220 seniors in the quad. Each ticket included dinner, a show, and a photo booth where you could make memories with all your friends. The show featured fire dancers and hula dancers in traditional outfits and some unplanned performances by Cypress students who volunteered to get up on stage.

Kennath Kao said the senior luau's best part was the fire show. He said the food was good, including the meatballs and the chicken teriyaki. Kao liked the activities and the photo booth. He would recommend more activities: "I think they should add more activities so that it could be more fun," he said.

Leila Rodriguez said that something she wasn't expecting was the young boy in the dance show, her favorite part. Rodriguez also enjoyed the food, especially the meatballs. She liked the hula dance and the photo

booth, which helped create fun memories. Rodriguez had a great time, "being able to do everything with your friends in your senior year is perfect." Something she would recommend to others is the Spam Musabi, a good Hawaiian food that everyone would love.

A popular tradition of the Senior Luau has been continuing for a good

amount of time. They appoint the same Hawaiian dancers and the same catering every year and now it has become a tradition. There was a young boy who was dancing, was one of the MC's sons. "The Hawaiian family is trying to make their kid grow in their tradition and take over their business," Aidan Houston said

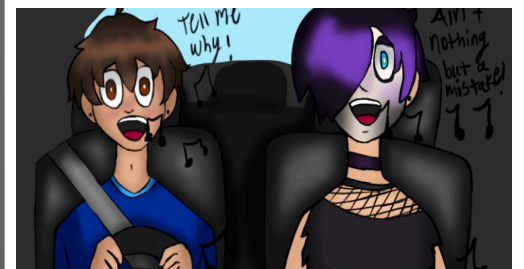


A few lucky seniors participated in the hula dance on stage. (Photo Credit: Dua Faisal)

## How To Get A Drivers Permit

By Anish Ashokkumar, Editor In Chief

Getting a driver's license is a once-in-a-lifetime landmark in many people's lives. It gives you the freedom to travel anywhere you want to go. Either it's work or you want to explore the world. This is a step by step guide on how to get your driver's license. Before starting your process on getting your driving license, you must meet the California requirements for applying. To do so, you must provide proof that you are a Californian



Cartoon of the driving process (Photo Credit: Tyler Hernandez)

resident and provide proof of who you are like your birth certificate. Next you must decide which class car you are driving which is usually a Class C non-commercial driving in high school.

Once that's done, in California, you are required to take a permit test where it tests your knowledge on how road safety works and includes rules of the roads and safe driving practices. After passing the permit test, you can start practicing on the roads. Practice is very important and essential so you are always alert and safe when driving and practice. Spend time behind the wheel with qualified supervisors and applying the rules you learned to the roads. Once you are confident, schedule your DMV test with your local DMV and bring all the necessary documents needed. On the day of the test, arrive on time and show off your confidence. Once you pass the test, you have met all the requirements and will be issued a license. Good luck!

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## Top Five Scary Movies To Watch This Season

By Danica Dizon, Student Activities Editor

Scary movies are enjoyed everywhere during the spooky season of October. From thrillers to mysteries, scary movies have suspense that brings the audience in and then... BOO! An unexpected jumpscare comes out of the blue, drawing the audience in along with the plot and details.

Starting number one is *Scream 2* (1997). The horror movie is a part of the *Scream* franchise along with 4 other movies including *Scream* (1996), *Scream 3* (2000), *Scream 4* (2011), *Scream* (2022), and *Scream 6* (2023). All the *Scream* movies are a horror classic about a manic under a mask, frantically stalking others for more victims only to be revealed in the end. *Scream 2* has a rating of 81% for fresh rotten tomatoes. *Scream* has also gotten an 80% audience score.

Coming in second is *Friday the 13th* (1980). The franchise *Friday the 13th* follows with other horror movie franchises. In the movie, *Friday the 13th* plot starts out at a summer camp in Crystal Lake. The counselors later find out they have been stalked by a killer and

get eliminated struggling to survive the torture of suspense. *Friday the 13th* has gotten 63% of fresh rotten tomatoes and a 60% audience score. Coming in third is *IT* (2017). *IT* is about multiple outcasts that face an entity throughout the summer. The outcasts have to face their fears against the clown also known as Pennywise.

The movie has gotten an 86% of fresh rotten tomatoes and a 84% audience score.

In fourth place is *Get Out* (2017) which was famously directed by Jordan Peele. The movie is about a couple, Chris and Rosie. They are at a point in their relationship where she invites him to meet her parents. As the weekend goes by disturbing instances lead Chris to the truth, leaving the audience in suspense. *Get Out* has received a 98% of fresh rotten tomatoes and a 86% audience score.

Lastly is *The Exorcist*, the film franchise is known for the sequels and prequels. The film overall originated from a horror novel. The franchise consist of *The Exorcist* (1973), *Exorcist II: The Heretic*

(1997), *The Exorcist III* (1990), *Exorcist: The Beginning* (2004), *Dominion: Prequel to the Exorcist* (2005), and *The Exorcist: Believer* (2023). All the movies follow through the years ahead with a girl being demonically possessed. Her mother tries to save her through an exorcism. The movies are based

on slightly actual events. Halloween is the time for spooky scary movies. Scary movies can be enjoyed with anyone and can be in the background while carving pumpkins, baking, watching a scary movie in general, or even while completing a spooky activity.



Halloween means it's time for horror movie viewing! (Photo Credit: Danica Dizon)

## Nightmare Before Christmas Has It's 30th Anniversary

By Cara Karpan, Social Media



Photo taken from WDW Magazine

Thirty years ago on October 13, 1993 *The Nightmare Before Christmas* was given a limited release but had its official release on October 29, 1993. The 30th anniversary of this movie is coming up and a large number of brands are celebrating it such as Boxlunch, Hot Topic, Disney, Target and more. Now 30 years later, Disney has remade this movie so it has higher quality and brands such as Target and Best Buy are selling the new limited edition *Nightmare Before Christmas* 30th anniversary DVD. *The Nightmare Before Christmas*

movie has been called a holiday classic about Jack Skellington, the Halloween town's pumpkin king who stumbles upon a forest that has doors which lead to different holiday worlds. He ends up falling into the Christmas door and finds a whole new Christmas town and is curious and amazed about this new holiday. He goes back to his Halloween town and tries spreading what he learned. Soon after he visits houses like Santa Claus would do but puts his own twist on Christmas which goes seriously wrong. In honor of the 30th anniversary

Disney is showing *The Nightmare Before Christmas* in theaters across the U.S and Canada on October 20th. Disney is also having their Oogie Boogie Bash at Disneyland California Adventure and transforming the Haunted Mansion ride to be *The Nightmare Before Christmas* themed. Even though this holiday film can be debated as either a Halloween or Christmas movie, the audience agrees that this film can fit into both categories and is a holiday classic.

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## Students Set the Stage for Evening of the Arts

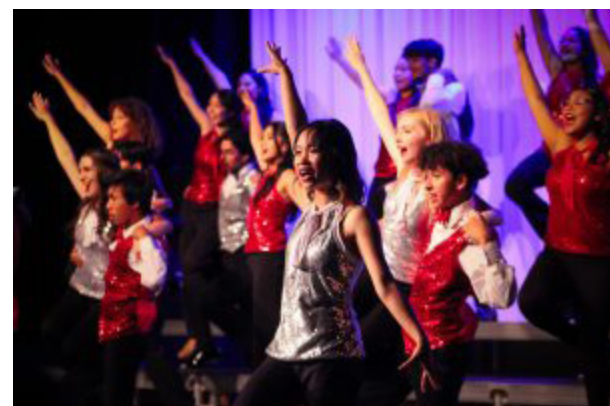
By Rehansa Kulatilleke, Distribution Chief



Pink Thunder performing “So Much Better” from the movie Legally Blonde.

On September 21 and 22nd of 2023, Cypress’ Choir, Band, Theater, Advanced Dance, and Visual Arts gathered on the Centurion Stage at 7 PM for Evening of the Arts. Guests embarked on the evening with the food provided by the culinary students in the Media Center at 5:30 PM. This year’s overall theme was Set the Stage.

The event started with dinner from the culinary classes. Students were given the task of creating bread rolls and pasta to give out to the people attending the show. Junior, Nathaly



High Voltage performing “Start a Fire” from the movie La La Land (photo by Rehansa Kulatilleke)

Granillo said, “Honestly the culinary group in general is actually a lot of fun—I’m pretty sure a lot of groups here in Cypress to are really fun, but for me, it’s just enjoyable—because it’s me socializing with other people that know how to cook or bake.” Once dinner was over, guests made their way to the Centurion Theater where songs from many famous movies and musicals were enacted throughout the show. The concept was brought up years ago when Choir teacher Mrs. Jones constructed the idea of bringing together all

the VAPA classes for one grand show after it being a “talent show” over the past years. In this year’s show, movies, and musicals ranging from Annie to La La Land were performed by High Voltage. One of the many highlights that High Voltage had was their performance of Come Alive from the hit movie The Greatest Showman. Junior, Alto Section Leader and Stage Manager—Megan Na shared, “I like the choreography, I like the song, and I think it’s the most fun,” when being asked about the act.

With an amazing show comes immense rehearsals. Junior, Ronit Patel pointed out “The first time we did a dress rehearsal it was like—kind of all over the place, it helped us figure out what to do for the actual show.” Students would be told to show up from the end of school to 6 PM—just for dress rehearsal with other classes. Although there were times when rehearsal would be tiring, there would be some memorable moments that



came along with the show. Sophomore, Flutist—Vincent Hanafi said,

“It was a thing that choir made up, but basically we had a little chant going, and it said—‘Ain’t no party like a VAPA party cause the VAPA party don’t stop.’”

Apart from the performances given by the school’s choir classes, performances from Advanced Dance were another focal point of the show. Alongside the opening and closing dances with Choir and Advanced Theater—they had one of their own. With one of the most well-acclaimed movies present day—Barbie made its way to the stage. With the amazing performance from Advanced Dance, some would be surprised once they found out that the class’ very own students assisted with the dance itself. Advanced Dance teacher—Mrs. Fenton said, “It was the student choreography—I choreographed just the beginning and the end, and then each group



Sophomore Vincent Hanafi playing his flute for his performance of “How to Train Your Dragon”.. (photo by Rehansa Kulatilleke)

choreographed their own.” For a month, dancers were told to work together to construct a dance that would be performed later in September. Students used their own ideas to compose a unique dance that suited their preferences. Cypress band performances included How to Train Your Dragon, Disney Medley, and Disney Drio,

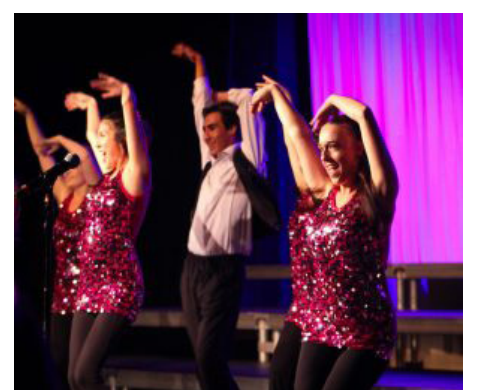
which certainly blew the audience away. The medley for How to Train Your Dragon took about two weeks to learn. Band students who were performing were allowed to practice in class while the rest of the class worked on other pieces at the time.

The rest of the VAPA performances were done by theater. There were monologues ranging from Barbie to Hamilton that were performed throughout the night. With only a month to

prepare for the production, theater students got working on their roles. Auditions were arranged, lines were memorized, and props were made. Sophomore Natalie Uy who played the character Mia in the show’s monologue from the movie La La Land said, “I feel like that monologue was so fitting for VAPA because she (Mia) was talking about pursuing your dreams and going into the arts...it gets frustrating sometimes when you feel like there’s no fruit coming out what you put everything into, and I feel like that really embodies, kind of what VAPA is for—to show kids that they can pursue a career in the arts but it’s not easy, unless you go after it.”

The Arts class had very little input on performances, they had a major impression of the designs in the lobby. Artwork from both Mr. Geerdes, Mr. Meza’s, and Mr. Johnson’s students were placed out in the lobby of the Centurion Theater. Students in Geerdes’ class were given the opportunity to present their artwork in the lobby where audience members entering the theater could view and admire the creative compressions hung up on the wall. VAPA teacher, Mr. Geerdes said, “I think the event is just phenomenal, I like that we could have events where the performing and the visual arts—both theater and dance—everyone gets to be involved in a single event so—I think it’s important to have and any opportunity to showcase student work...”

The show concluded with the three performing classes presenting their final act with You Can’t Stop the Beat from the musical Hairspray where students from all the performing classes came together on stage. Dance’s next performance will be on November 16th in Kennedy High School’s Theater. Theater will have their next performance on November 30th, 2023. Choir’s next performance will be on December 15th, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Centurion Theater.



Advanced dance performing a song from Barbie. (photo by Rehansa Kulatilleke)

## Physics Students Crack the Code 2023 Physics EggDrop

By Rehansa Kulatilleke (Distribution Chief) and Yazeed Albadarin (Sports Editor)

Students taking physics went out to the main gym to see if the contraption they had been working on for a week would save an egg from a 10-foot drop; around 70% of the eggs survived.

The egg drop project revolves around the concept of momentum and impulse in physics, with a focus on reducing the force experienced by an object by increasing the time it takes to bring it to a stop. Like a car crash, the vehicle absorbs and dissipates the impact before affecting the passengers. This project involves both decision-making and enjoyable collaboration aspects, allowing students to experiment with dropping objects off the roof. It's similar to a car crash because the car's structural design and safety features absorb the impact before passengers are affected. Students are tasked with designing contraptions to protect the egg. Physics teacher Mr. Gartner emphasizes that the key to success in this project is thorough testing. He notes, "I can tell exactly when someone will fail, it's because they didn't test it out."

After a week of working on the module everyone was excited to drop and see if their egg survived. Gartner started the day in zero period by hoisting up a large bucket containing all the contraptions that

were made. Unfortunately with the extensive amount of devices left in the box, he ended up dropping the box from the roof all at once. Three eggs were broken in the initial drop, resulting in the broken eggs being switched out with new eggs. Gartner pulled the box up successfully and started dropping people's projects. The first two were broken. Gartner asked which way to drop a student's box and as they mumbled a response, dropped the design. Students rushed to see if it survived—the sound wasn't promising, they opened the box to find the egg left untouched. The sounds of students rejoicing echoed throughout the main gym.

Physics student teacher—Ms. Lizardo shared her experience so far with working with this year's students. Lizardo said, "I did something similar as a student in high school—which did not involve an egg dropping, but it did involve an egg slamming into a brick wall." Apart from Lizardo's own experience, she has noticed that out of all the projects that were made, there's a consistent pattern that is visible. Many students used a contraption that the well-known science YouTuber—Mark Rober shared online. The contraption consists of straws plastered around

the exterior. Once the device is dropped, the straws would act as a type of "padding" that would break the fall, transferring all the tension from the fall to the other end of the straw rather than the egg itself. With the help of outside sources, students were able to produce a design that would work the best. While some students used the internet for some assistance, some made their design completely based on what they think works

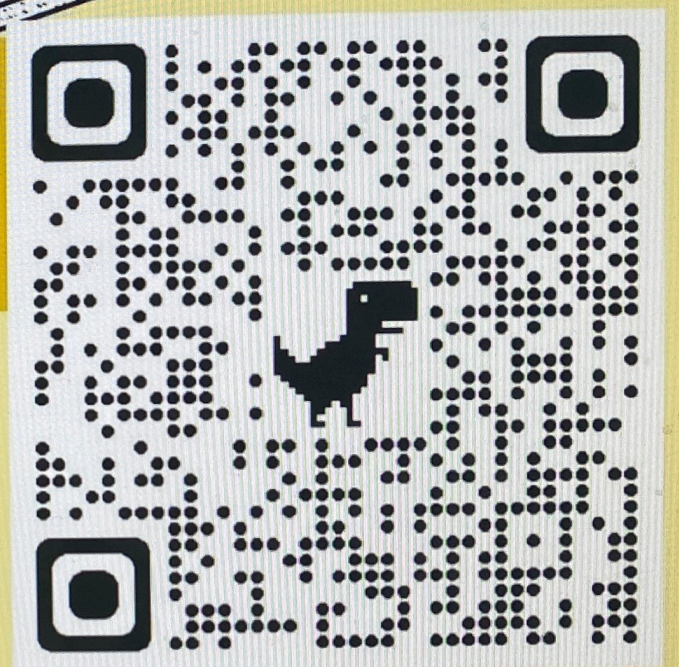
best. Lizardo describes that students who did build their contraption—in this case with the use of a box, had to make sure that the egg was secure enough for the egg to move around but not enough for the egg to move around too much resulting in the egg breaking.

The idea of the infamous physics egg drop has helped physics students in Cypress understand the many complex aspects that are used in the class.



Physics teacher Mr. Gartner pulled up a box consisting of students' contraptions. (Photo Credit: Yazeed Albadarin)

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## Best Shows to Watch During This Fall Season

By Brianna Naranjo, Features Editor and Student Activities



The top five shows to binge-watch during this Fall season. (Photo Credit: Brianna Naranjo)

As the crisp autumn breeze sets in and the leaves start to change their colors, there's nothing quite like snuggling up on the couch and watching some great TV shows. With so many options to choose from, it can be overwhelming to decide what to watch. But, the Centurion Spotlight has created a list of the top five shows that are perfect for the season and will surely make your fall nights more enjoyable.

First on the list is *Gilmore Girls*, a classic American comedy-drama series that is set in the fictional town of Stars Hollow, Connecticut. The show follows the lives of a mother and daughter, Lorelai and Rory Gilmore, as they navigate their relationships, careers, and personal growth. They both encounter many problems involving wealthy parents, first love, and a town that never seems to mind their own business. The show offers

a cozy and warm feeling, with its fall setting and wardrobe, making it a perfect choice for the season. This show can be found on Netflix with a subscription; each episode can be purchased on platforms such as Vudu, Prime Video, or Apple TV. Next up is *Ginny and Georgia*, another American comedy-drama series about a mother and daughter who move to a new town and try to start fresh. Ginny is a 15-year-old girl who struggles with self-harming and constantly is forced to move from town to town. This causes her to have problems making friends. Georgia is a 30-year-old woman who has suffered childhood abuse and became a mother at only 15. Despite her struggles in life, she always does what's best for her children. The show is set in the small town of Wellsbury, Massachusetts, and offers a perfect fall vibe with its setting and decor. The show deals with real-life issues such

as self-harm, moving around, and family problems, making it a relatable and emotional watch. This show like *Gilmore Girls* can be streamed on Netflix.

Third on the list is *Gossip Girl*, a teen drama series set in the Upper East Side of New York. This series is narrated by an anonymous blogger named "Gossip Girl" and follows the lives of privileged teenagers and their drama-filled lives as they navigate their way through high school as their lives get ruined by *Gossip Girl*. These teenagers are Serena van der Woodsen, Blair Waldorf, Dan Humphrey, Nate Archibald, Jenny Humphrey, and Chuck Bass. The show is perfect for fall as it can be easily binge-watched on a lazy autumn day. This show can be

escape the clutches of their greedy guardian, Count Olaf. Through their many misadventures, they discover a secret society that their parents were a part of, and how these connections may be the only way to survive. The show offers a dark and spooky atmosphere, perfect for the Halloween season. This show can be streamed on Netflix. Lastly on the watchlist, there is *Angels of Death*, a psychological horror anime series based on the video game of the same name. The show follows the story of a 13-year-old girl named Rachel who wakes up in an abandoned building and has to fight for survival with the help of a mysterious man named Zack. The show offers a thrilling and scary experience, perfect for getting into the Halloween spirit.



*Gilmore Girls* is the perfect show to watch during the Fall season. (Photo Credit: Brianna Naranjo)

streamed on Max. Another great option is *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, a black comedy-drama series based on the popular book series of the same name written by Lemony Snicket. It follows the life of the Baudelaire children as they encounter misfortune after misfortune and try to

This show can be streamed for free on Funimation. There are plenty of great fall shows to watch, each offering a unique and enjoyable experience. Whether you prefer a cozy and warm feeling or a spooky and thrilling one, there is always something for everyone to enjoy.

## There's A New Social Studies Teacher In Town

By Roberto Cardenas, Staff Writer

Mr. Cini is a first-year teacher here at Cypress High School. He teaches both U.S. History and World History. He has been teaching these subjects for 23 years. He is ecstatic to teach students about the dynamics of history and how history can repeat itself. He mentioned how today's government is fairly similar to the Roman Empire. Before teaching at Cypress High School, he also taught at Kennedy High School teaching the youth about the importance of both U.S.

and World History. Cini expects students to spend only 15 minutes a night, three times per week, so they do not fall behind on the progress of each unit of study. Every quiz taken in class is open, thus they evaluate whether students' homework was completed accurately or not. Cini said while growing up he "never had any interest in history" until his 20s when some of his mentors recommended to him a couple of books, which in his words, "changed my life." He started to teach high

school students so that he could educate them about the past the same way he educated himself. Hopefully, Cini will continue many years here at Cypress and receive a warm welcome as he embarks on his journey at Cypress High School.



New teacher Mr. Cini has actually been teaching for over 20 years. (photo by courtesy of Mr. Cini)

## New Foreign Students Enrolled At Cypress

By Anabelle Paccione, Photo Editor



This year all the foreign exchange students come from all over the world.. (Photo Credit: ana)

This year Cypress welcomes nine foreign exchange students. Each new student brings an extraordinary background. It sets up experiences that enrich our campus. The new arrivals have embarked on their journey of learning American culture.

Velten Eickhoff, a sophomore at the age of 16 came from Germany. He can fluently converse in German, English, and French. His education took a unique turn; he didn't get to choose his school, but he got to choose his classes. In Germany, a schedule or "pattern" shows approximately 15 subjects, each day with a different schedule. Velten embarked on a new chapter when coming to our school. It's his first year at Cypress, but he returns home in December carrying a wealth of experiences and knowledge. He will be returning back after winter break and finishing the school year.

(Si Uy) Timothy Eng, is an 18-year-old senior from Cambodia. He is fluent in Khmer, Mandarin, Teochew, and English. He got to choose Cypress High School and his classes. Making friends was a challenge. It took time to discover the right people for him. Nevertheless, he remains resilient in his pursuit of building meaningful connections. His favorite classes include AP English and Commercial Photo Editing. Timothy notes school life in the US is very different from back home. Here in the U.S. he previously went to a school in Oklahoma. He thinks our school is a social open atmosphere where you're free to do whatever you want. But at home, he attended a private school. They had a dress code that included white long sleeves, black pants, and a red

tie. The teaching was way different and harder. After graduation at Cypress, he wants to stay in the US to continue life and college here. (Ettore) Hector D'Agostini, a 19-year-old senior, came from Italy. He didn't choose our school, but he got to choose his classes. He is fluent in Italian and English with a bit of Spanish. His American educational experience has been quite different from his native Italy, where subjects are approached in a distinctive manner and the emphasis leans more towards studying. Ettore's outgoing personality makes him thrive in social settings. He has never been to another school in the US. He is skilled in culinary arts. Ettore has knowledge of delicious Italian dishes, a talent that adds more flavor to his daily life and interactions.

Lucrezia Conti is a 17-year-old junior coming from Italy. Her decision to study it didn't offer her any academic credits, a priceless experience. The transition to a new place presented her with challenges, primarily adapting to the distinctives American educational system and new daily routines. She has many favorite classes like Advanced Dance, a testament to her passion for the subject, the camaraderie among her classmates and her admiration for the instructor.

(Hengye) Lothia Qian is a 17-year-old senior from China. She had three options on her plate: Oxford, Kennedy, and Cypress and ultimately the charm of Cypress won her over. One of the aspects that piqued her interest was the "5C spirit" of the school that likely embodies qualities of cooperation, communication, and community values that resonate with her

educational aspirations. Lothia faced challenges of speaking English fluently she hadn't been learning for a long time. In China spoken English was practiced, making it a significant challenge. Making friends is a challenge as well as understanding what people are saying. However she found a comfort spot to support her. It's a club at Cypress called the Anime Club, which played a crucial role in her transition. She expresses her gratitude, the club leader/president Tony Krueger who extended his help even in history class. She also appreciates the vice president Daniel Braganza for his support as well. She always has a bright smile and positive attitude creating a great welcoming. Plus she wants to continue after graduation and go to college at UCI.

Lou Pierrevelcin is a 15-year-old 10th grader from France. Her unique charms and talent brought her to Cypress. Lou's passion shines through her love for English class where her dedication and enthusiasm are evident. Her intelligence and talents make her a standout student; she certainly doesn't go unnoticed. She has a natural beauty that radiates within. She can add a touch of elegance and grace the community.

Giulio Ciavolino, a 16-year-old senior from Italy, is fluent in four different languages: Chinese, English, Italian, and Spanish. Among his classes Math holds a special place in her heart. English seems to be a subject that presents the greatest challenge and perhaps a bit of frustration. Giulio is steadily making his way through the first year here. He came across many challenges but still has great opportunities.

Matteo Mascaretti, a 16-year-old senior he fluently speaks Italian, English and German fluently. He got the opportunity to choose his classes but not what school he was placed in. Matteo is markedly different in the US in contrast to his home country Italy, The differences span various aspects from teaching styles to dress codes and the way classes run. Although the studying approach differs somewhat from in Italy. Matteo found people at Cypress very welcoming.

Tania Haring Leon, a senior at the age of 17, came from Spain. She can speak Spanish and English. She brings a unique perspective to the student body. Tania is very focused on excelling in exams as they carry more weight than day-to-day class work, especially in her first year

here. Beyond academics, Tania has a heart for helping others. She finds joy in lending a hand and is a babysitter. Her compassion and willingness to assist others make her a valuable member to Cypress. She will not be returning home after finishing high school. She wanted to continue her career in the U.S.

Mrs. Stewart, loves hosting foreign exchange students in theater, witnessing their unique talents enrich the experience for Cypress students. Hector D'Agostini, in particular, shines with his acting prowess and his ability to inspire others. His performance of a multilingual monologue at Evening of the Arts was a highlight, showcasing his remarkable talents in seamlessly blending languages. Stewart wishes he could stay with

## Dear Betty

By: Tyler Hernandez



## Splashing Into A Successful Season

By Betty Langrine, Staff Writer

Cypress High School's boy's water polo came back with a splash this year, with new coach Julia Reyes to guide them. The team returned more team oriented and more competitive with a drive to win.

The team powered through their first game of the season winning against California High with 13-3. The team continued their winning streak in the next two games against Buena Park High, and Fountain Valley High with the scores 15-14 and 11-5. Unfortunately their winning streak was lost as they went up against Esperanza High and El Toro High, even though the team had some lows, with determination they gained another win against Buena Park High by the score of 16-14.

During the next four games

against Glendale, Pacifica, Sunny Hills, and San Dimas High the team had lost, but took those losses and won the next two games against Centennial 8-7, and Kennedy High 17-7.

Dylan Pham said "the first week is always hard so don't give up." The team is working hard to go all out in school, practice, and games. Coach Reyes said, "even though the team is working hard you could always see the happiness from the team, and their will to learn" and that "the team is looking forward to our last home games and celebrating our seniors."

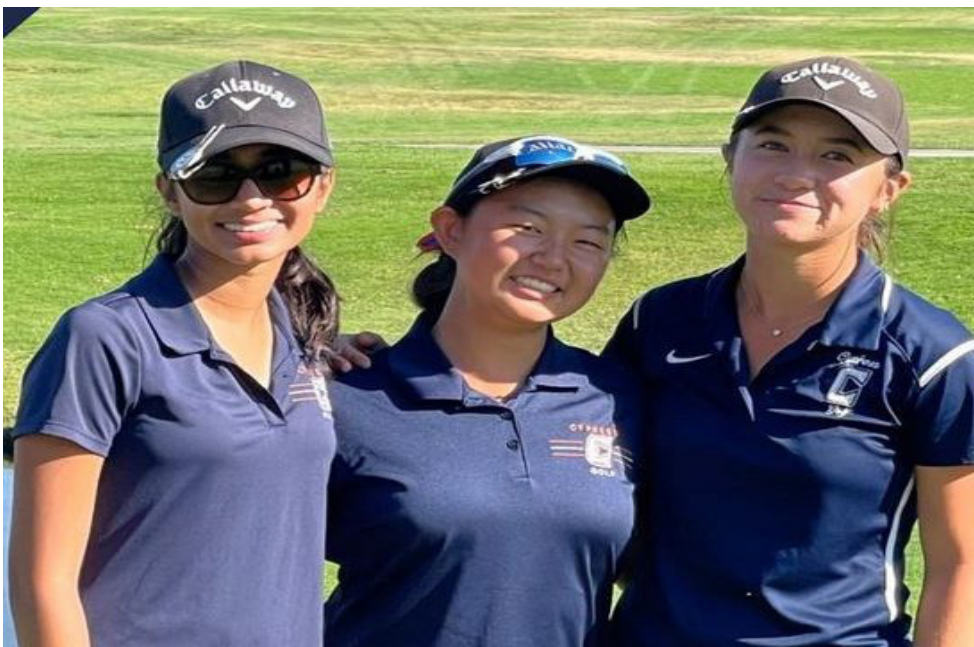
As boy's water polo comes to an end, the water polo team leaves us in awe of their dedication, resilience and unwavering spirit in the pool.



The Cypress High School Boy's JV Water Polo team defeated Tustin High School. (Photo Credit: Coach Reyes)

## Strong Bond Helps Girl's Golf Succeed

By Cassandra Thurmond, Staff Writer



Tanya Maheshwari, Brooke Sato, and Katherine Gerbing (lft. to rt.) all qualified for the CIF Individual Championship. (Photo courtesy of Girl's Golf)

The girl's golf team has had an amazing season this year so far with a record of 15-5. Tanya Maheshwari, Brooke Sato and Katherine Gerbing Advanced to the CIF individual championship. Coach Metry, who has been teaching for 23 years, is a golf coach because she loves the sport and the team aspect in contains. Metry said, "The best thing about being a golf coach is seeing how the kids develop, and how they have grown over the years."

The team captain, Gerbing is a senior for Cypress. She started playing golf at the age of nine. Gerbing said, "I have grown a lot over the years. In the beginning I just did it for fun but as I continued to play, I wanted to compete in tournaments and see where that would take me. Golf has definitely taught me per-

severance, patience, and leadership. Being part of the Cypress High School girls golf team has allowed me to develop my leadership skills and bond with the players." Katherine is very excited she got a scholarship to UCI (University of California, Irvine) because the scholarship will help pay for college and she will get to play the sport that she loves. She says the hardest thing about being on the golf team is how often she misses school, and that it is very stressful to catch up on school work.

Girl's golf makes an impact on the players by the strong bond they make at tournaments, games, and practices. During the week of October 23rd they traveled to Hesperia for CIF individuals. Girl's golf has had an amazing season this year, with many yet to come.

## High Expectations Lead To Success For Girl's Tennis

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As the girls tennis season comes to an end they have gone 13-2 so far. This season the girls tennis team has had the opportunity to compete against many other schools.

Couple weeks ago the girls tennis team won an intense match against Valencia High School. With the coaches undying support, their motivation grew stronger. The girls tennis team coach, Joseph Paul, said that something he says to motivate his players is "...in life you always have to strive to win and you can't just accept to be mediocre. And for that you always have to put in the time and effort to practice." Captain Ifeoma Ibe, said that she doesn't like to put pressure on her

teammates, "At the end of the day, I just remind them that this is just a high school match and just play your best." Ibe said the best thing about this team is "it is really nice how people allow me to make mistakes, and they trust me to guide them and how we never give up."

When Adrienne Baltazar, was asked about how she motivates her teammates as captain she stated, "as captain, I feel like when we are down during our games, I bring all the girls together, I hype them up by giving them little talks before our games and we also do a little cheer to help hype each other up." Baltazar stated that the best thing about being on this team is the people that

she met throughout her four years on this team.

While having fun, the girls tennis team practices really hard to win as many matches as they can. Coach Paul says "...this is just a game, and you should be out there having fun." When asked how he improves his tennis players skills he said by "having high expectations for them."

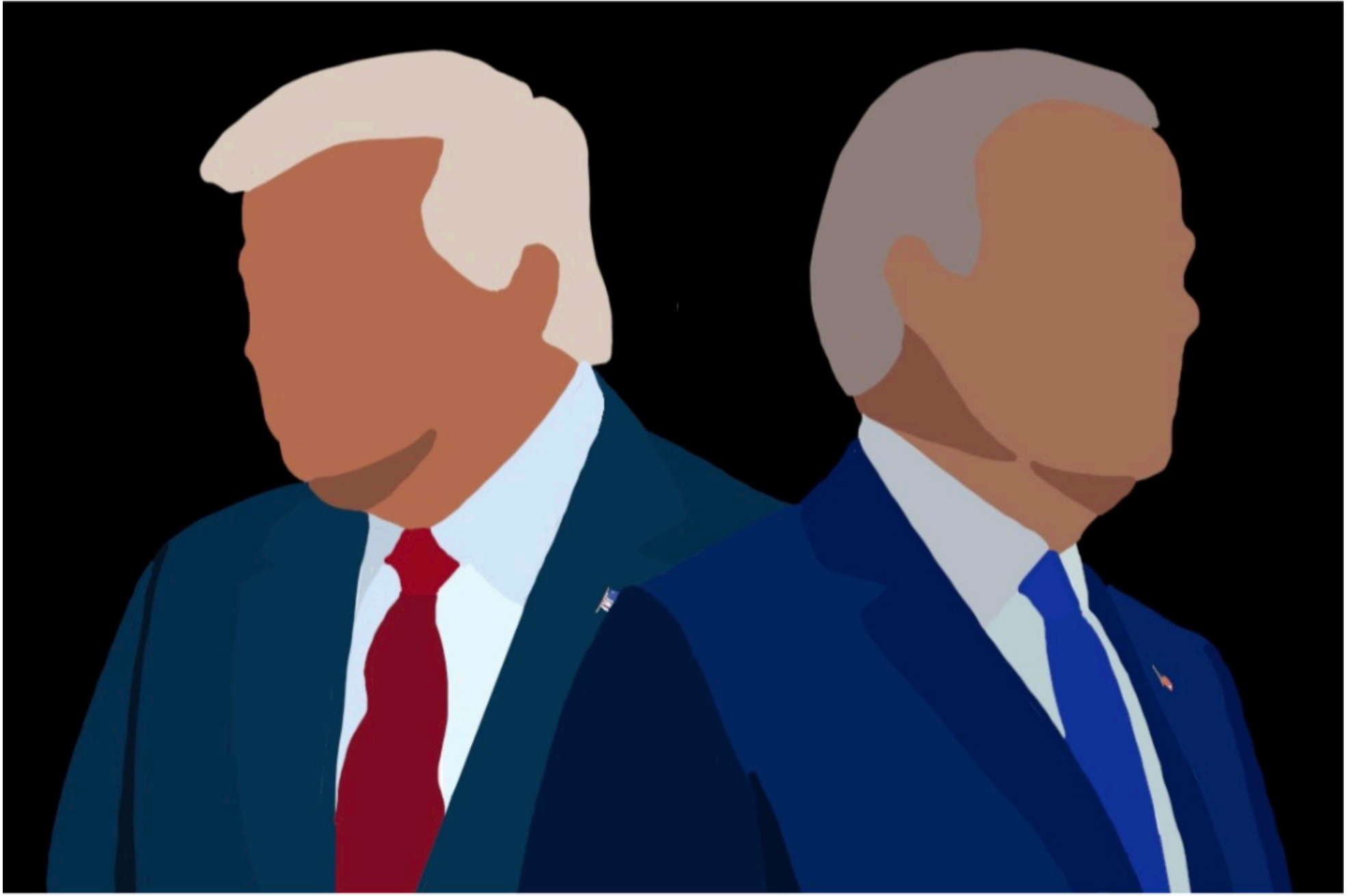
Something that makes the Cypress Girls Tennis Team unique and makes them stand out from other schools is that the students here are competitive and they want to win.



Ifeoma Ibe and Adrienne Baltazar posing for the picture with their Tennis Rackets (photo by cypress\_tennis)

## 2024 Presidential Election Race Begins

By Grace Kim, Layout Editor



Donald Trump and Joe Biden are candidates for the 2024 election, re-running for presidency. (Photo Credit: Grace Kim)

As the presidential election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the candidates running for president include 12 Republicans, three Democrats and two independent candidates, 17 representatives in total are currently running for the presidency in the upcoming election. Along with all the candidates, two probable candidates, Donald J. Trump and Joseph R. Biden, are gaining national attention for re-running for President. Joseph R. Biden, who won the 2020 election is running for re-election after four years of presidency. A member of the Democratic Party, Biden previously won the last election by defeating Trump after winning Pennsylvania's Electoral College votes. For re-running the position is open for those who previously were elected, Presidents are given a maximum of eight years of service by the constitution. Biden's forerunner Donald J. Trump is running for re-election to a second term under the Republican Party. Losing the last election to Biden, Trump is running for a non-consecutive term. If he wins the election, Trump would become

the second president in history to be elected a non-consecutive term after Grover Cleveland in 1892. There will be a presidential rematch for the first time since 1956 (if both receive nominations from their respective parties.)

Some teachers expect this election to be a status quo election where there is no big change in direction for the nation. Cypress High School's U.S. History and Government teacher Mr. Michael Cobleigh showed concerns for the current situation with two separated powers on the rise. He explained, "I expect that [the election] is going to remain status quo and either Trump and Biden are going to win, causing further divisions in the country... voters, politicians, and people in power should look at it and say, 'what have we done wrong and how can we fix it?' If we don't make changes the current climate will continue, and that's not good."

Leading competitors for the party's nomination compete in a sequence of primary elections that determine the delegates who will vote for the nominee at the national convention. Like the previous years, the pres-

ident will be elected through an indirect election in which Electoral College votes casted by citizens will directly determine the next president running in office. AP Government teacher Mr. Scott Eastridge spoke for the importance of acceptance of an election result. "We as Americans first agreed to basic democratic principles, and really as an American regardless of ideology or political party preference, I hope we would all agree to the basic principles of democracy: Respecting the rule of law, accepting the results of an election, and allowing the peaceful transfer of power." Although it is a long process, many are holding attentive eyes and ears for the upcoming year of election, which is significant leading to another opportunity of improving our society with better safety, rights, healthcare, economy, and environment. For our ideas and interests are important to our lives and the choice is given to us, it is our responsibility to choose the people who are right to represent us in the government.



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