

THE LARIAT

CHINO HIGH SCHOOL

THE MILKCAN STAYS HOME FOR ANOTHER YEAR!

By Alyssa Candelaria
and Evan Gray

On Friday September 15th, the Chino Cowboys took on the Don Lugo Conquistadores in their annual Milkcan game. This year's game was held at the football stadium at Don Lugo.

It was an exciting game, with both teams putting up significant points. The Chino Cowboys kept a commanding lead throughout the game and let the clock run out at 59-35.

"The game was a lot better this year, it felt like both teams had a chance to win" Kevin Esquivel, senior left tackle said.

The offensive MVP for that game was senior quarterback and linebacker Diego Ogata of Chino, and the



CHINO FOOTBALL, CHEER, AND TEAM MANAGERS CELEBRATING THE WIN

defensive MVP was junior cornerback Nathan Sena of Chino. The overall MVP was senior running back and linebacker Nathan Blanco of Chino.

According to MaxPreps, the Leading scorer of the game was Ogata with 3 rushing touchdowns and 2 passing touchdowns. Lugos top scorer was senior wide receiver Curlee Kirkpatrick Jr. with 2 receiving touchdowns.

After Chino beat Lugo, they brought the coveted "Milkcan" back on the bus to celebrate the third win in a row against the crosstown rivals. The Cowboy's celebration was not long lived as they look towards this week's game against El Dorado High School.

THE FIGHT FOR THE CAN!

By Elena Alvarado and Dominic Jimenez

Every year since 1980, the Milkcan game has been played between Chino High School and Don Lugo High School. This game determines which school keeps the can.

The first every Milkcan game was in 1980, with the score of 28-13, taking Don Lugo to the win. Since 1980, Lugo was on a winning streak for the next 7 years.

During the week of Milkcan, both schools celebrated with one another with spirit days, fun activities, etc. This allows both schools to show their school spirit and pride.

Charles Blank has been a teacher here for over 10 years, he says, "his prediction for the 2023 Milkcan game is that's it going be a high scoring game for both teams and that this game will not go into overtime."

After talking to students at Chino High, they enjoy the game better when it's a close call score. It gives tension to the viewers and makes the game more enjoyable.

Minus the drama between the two schools, the Milkcan allows families and friends to have a good time and support the players an how far they came for this moment. Jacob Alvarado (11) says, "He loves his family coming down to support and watching him play."



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IN THE CHINO HIGH
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CHINO KICKS OFF MILKCAN WITH A SPIRIT WEEK

By Evan Gray & Kirra Finneran

With the annual game Milkcan coming, Chino High students were excited to see what ASB had planned for spirit week.

The spirit days were: “Got milk?”- Wear cow print, “You Wish You Were a Cowboy”- Wear western attire, “3PEAT”- Triplet Day, “We Run This Town”- Wear football gear, “MILKCAN”- Go all out and wear chino gear.

Students loved these spirit days, and the campus saw amazing levels of participation. Students also love the decorations that ASB has put up.

“I think the decorations are nice and they did an excellent job putting them up. They really show our school spirit,” said Makani Telles. ASB spent the Sunday before Spirit Week putting up the decorations to make the campus look amazing.

“I’m most excited for Thursday’s spirit day because I get to wear my old football jersey,” said Charles Blank, a teacher at Chino High.

“I’m ready for cowboy day, because then I finally get to wear my cowboy hat!” said English teacher Michael Surina.

“MY PREDICTION: PAIN!” said athletic director, Mike Hinkle.



CHINO HIGH TURNS INTO BARBIELAND

By Alyssa Candelaria

Through the week of August 21st through August 25th, Chino High had their first rally spirit week of the year. The theme of course was “Barbieland” vs “Kendom” after the hit movie that took the world by storm.

The ASB created an amazing spirit week to celebrate the start of school and our first sports rally.

The different themes for the week were included: Monday was sleepover barbie and students wore pajamas; Tuesday was Sports Barbie—wear sports attire; Wednesday was Barben-Heimer—wear all pink or all black; Thursday Superstar Barbie—wear sunglasses.

On rally day students dressed as their rally theme. Freshman were Weird Barbie and wore mix-matched patterns, crazy hair/socks. Sophomores were Beach Ken and wore beach attire, Juniors were Mojo Dojo Casa House Ken and wore western attire. Seniors were Stereotypical Barbie wore Business Attire Students from each grade level take part and some teachers give out extra credit for participation.

On Friday 8/25, the sports rally began at 11:15 after third period and started with our 77th Calvary and cheer team welcoming students and staff into the rally with songs and dances. This rally celebrates our different sports teams and their seniors. Each team had a video made of all their seniors being spotlighted.

The Fall sports teams are Football, Girls Tennis, Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, Girls Golf, and Boys' Water polo.

Many games were played that included students and teachers. These included lasso Ken where students were in groups of three and they are trying to throw hula hoops and hope to score with throwing the hoop on another person. Activities include a dance game where teachers danced to a song and the audience picked who was best. Teacher Charles Blank was a fan favorite and won the dance game besting teacher Jennifer Lang.

Cheer, Folklorio, Dance and Color Guard also performed, and the rally ended with the class chants, where every class got to show their school spirit.

Ava Flores, a student at Chino said, “Rallies are the best way to show school spirit and interact with the students and sports teams and are so much fun to watch.”



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CHINO HIGH SCHOOL SAFETY ISSUES AND CONCERNS

By Jessica Hernandez Custodio

As the 2nd school year in Chino High School’s new campus, many wonder if the campus is safe enough for any dangerous acts. As students can walk in and out freely it can create many dangerous situations as intruders can walk in with no question.

Chino high schools' new campus is expected to be safer than the old campus from 1897 which was one of the oldest schools in California.

The new campus now has over 70 cameras around the school compared to the old camps with zero video footage, but will 70 cameras really protect students from any attacks?

There are many concerns about the large glass windows the classes have which can be dangerous if any intruders were to walk in.

“One thing we are looking at, is to have someone come in and talk about maybe window shades.” Mr. John Miller Chino School principal said.

Students can easily walk out of school during school, which can create any unsafe situations due to the many dangerous things on the streets.

“What do we do if they do not have one (student ID) do we give detentions, now we have 40 kids in detention.” Miller said.

Many believe requiring student IDs to walk into school can prevent letting a non a student or staff on campus.



GAMING CLUB MARIOKART 8 DELUXE TOURNAMENT

By Valerie Jimenez

September 15 was a good day at Chino High. The gaming club officially started its first tournament of the school year.

The tournament is a MarioKart 8 Deluxe tournament with a total of 12 participants.

The tournament actually began on September 14th in classroom D102 with all participants playing in 12 races. Everyone played at the same time, and the first few races were completed.

The current lead from the few races held is Jaiden Mister, with Jessie M.D in 2nd, and Aiden San Martin in 3rd.

Club president Jesse Ramirez kicked off the match, and there are still many races to be held, so the match isn’t over yet.



THE LEO CLUB PREPARES FOR FALL

By Shawn Nelms

The LEO Club has begun to take strides as the school year continues to make way. Under the direction of club advisor, Kevin Lentz, the club aims to partake in future events as the fall season approaches.

The LEO Club is an organization that primarily focuses on providing community-based services to the community of Chino. The club serves as an extension of the Lions club, another organization that specializes in community services.

The club allows Chino students to become more. Through this, students can build a stronger sense of community



MR. LENTZ, THE NEW LEOS CLUB ADVISOR

through their services and provide help to those in need of it.

Club members are given a certain period of time to complete at least thirty hours of volunteer work. They are, however, capable of choosing how they fulfill their obligations.

“The most recent one that we’re going to have is the trunk or treat that will be at the Chino Park.” Lentz said when asked if there were any plans the LEO club had.

While plans are still underway, full details are still to be determined about the event.

DRAMATIC ARTS PROGRAM BACK IN ACTION AFTER SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH LAST YEAR

By Presley Penman and Mia Cardin

After decades of performing on a small cafeteria stage, Chino High's theatre program is now on stage in their very own facility. With their new and advanced technology, including lighting and sound, the program is now able to provide shows better than ever.

Theatre is now back for yet another hit and is ready to further produce more enjoyable shows this upcoming year. Two shows to look out for this year will be the fall and spring musicals; Disney's "Frozen Jr." and "Beauty and the Beast Jr. Frozen Jr." will be playing throughout November 29 through December 2 of this year. Dates for other productions are soon to be announced.

Anyone is welcome to join the program whether it is to be a part of the acting or tech aspects involved. No experience is needed.

Many more other productions will soon be announced, but please look forward to what this program has to offer this years.

In April of 2023, theatre hit the stage with their performance of Disney's "The Lion King Jr" providing a beautiful and lively experience for children, students, parents, and staff alike. Many of the audience's reactions were nothing but positive, with standing ovations and loud cheering.

"I enjoyed watching the performances. It was my first musical ever to see, and watching

everyone try their hardest performing was very inspiring," said Aiden Pagua, a graduate here at Chino High who attended the show.

Not only does the program graze the surface of audience enjoyment, but many of those involved with the program have had nothing but enjoyable experiences to speak on.

"The Chino high drama program is not only run by an amazing director and staff, but by its amazing students as well. Theatre has become my safe space where I can laugh, learn, and express myself amongst a phenomenal group who have the same passion and drive as me." exclaims Maddison Minister, a senior student and president of the Drama Club.

"Since joining theatre, it has been so much fun to get over my fear of talking in front of people and watching others do it as well. No matter what role you get, you are a part of one memory. It is truly such a wonderful experience." states Ashley Ryan, also a senior student and Vice President of the Drama Club.

"It was such an honor to be a part of such a talented team. Together we brought the magic of the show to life in a way that left a lasting impact on both the audience and me."

mentioned Giorgio Hadid, another senior student apart of the program.

CYBER SECURITY AT CHINO HIGH

By Landen Doyle & Natalia Castillo Cortes

With the start of the school year, some of these students found an unlikely interest: Cyber Security. The class allows students learn how to script, protect themselves from online threats, and identify problems within an online space.

Students taking the elective use tools on "Project: Lead the Way" such as Nasa Scans and a Program called "Wireshark."

"I am hoping that every one of my students have a deeper understanding of cybersecurity ... I believe students can achieve whatever they set their minds to" He describes Cybersecurity as "So vast and new that it covers all disciplines," said Mr. Trey, cyber security teacher.

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Students describe the class as fun, enjoyable, interesting, and fulfilling when you manage to work through a problem.

"Since I spend a lot of time in front a computer and it's something I do for fun, being able to do a class and get credits and a grade for a hobby makes me really like the class, and I really enjoy it," said junior Daniel Schmidt.

"Students who choose this branch of study will be immersed in the vital emerging field of Cyber Security and be sough-after group of experts responsible for keeping company and government networks and information systems safe and secure," says the Chino High website.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS WELCOMED TO CHINO HIGH

By Evelyn Alva and Giada Sacchi

This year there is an excellent group of foreign exchange students completing one year of school at Chino High.

Foreign exchange students from all over the world come to California and face challenges in their year abroad. They come to meet new people and to have life-changing experiences, but there is a part of being an exchange student that not everyone knows: missing their old life, and family

"It was scary leaving my family, I felt homesick and missed friends, and family," Vanessa Stofkova a 17-year-old exchange student from Europe.

After facing the hardest challenge, which is feeling homesick, and meeting new people, being here becomes the paradise that others say about California. Vanessa says "Yes, the first days were very difficult, but every day is better now."



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL STARTS SEASON OFF WITH A WIN

By Addison Ortiz and Jezzari Bugarin

Tuesday September 12th, 2023, the Chino High girls' volleyball teams had their first home league game against Chaffey High School. All the teams won. Varsity's overall score was 3-0, JV's overall score was 2-1, and Frosh's overall score was 2-0.



CAPTAINS, LYNDSLEY VALVERDE AND CELINA MOSQUEDA POSING FOR MEDIA DAY. -PHOTOS COURTESY OF RHIANNA VALVERDE.

Thursday September 15, 2023, was the Queen of the Court game against Don Lugo. Frosh won 2-0 unfortunately, JV and Varsity didn't win.

Kennedy Young #1 on the freshman team told the Lariat "My favorite thing about being on the volleyball team is the new friends and the bonds I have made.

Some of my best friends are the ones I've met on the team."

The teams do team bonding time, so they communicate better to play hard.

"That keeps me going on the court is my team always being so positive and making sure to celebrate every point no matter what." said Amanda Johnson #18 on the junior varsity team.

They all had a good winning streak for this year's pre-season. All three teams played 8 games, and all defeated Covina, Charter Oaks, La Sierra, and Jurupa Valley.



CAPTAIN LYNDSLEY VALVERDE SPIKING THE BALL TO DEFEND HER HOME COURT

CHINO HIGH FOOTBALL RECAP

By Austin Gonzalez and Melanie Plascencia

Chino High's varsity football team had a great start to the season. The cowboys were 2-1 through the first week of September with wins over Laguna Beach, and Valley Christian.

The Cowboys beat Laguna Beach in overtime with a 27-26 victory and beat Valley Christian 33-0.

Chino has some difficult opponents but were confident of getting a 3rd win in a row against Don Lugo High school.



CHINO COWBOYS PREPARING TO EXIT THE TUNNEL BEFORE THE GAME WITH THE HELP OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. -PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNIFER LANG

Friday September 15th Chino High was able to get their 3rd win against Don Lugo with a score of 59 - 35.

From the beginning of the season many athletes have been working to improve their endurance, strength,

We're trying to take it like every other week, we're trying to calm everyone down, everyone's really excited." said coach Blackburn. "We just want to treat it like any other game week. Our preparations been good for all our games so far, we don't want to change anything up."

The hardest opponent they are bound to face is Covina High school.

"It's going to be Covina, they've beat us the past two seasons, they're looking better than they have in any of those seasons but we're looking a lot better also." said Blackburn.



DIEGO OGATA, SENIOR QUARTERBACK AND LINEBACKER WARMING UP. -PICTURE BY RYAN IHMUD

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER?

By **Samantha Sandoval**

It's a new school year here at Chino High, and The Lariat polled students asking about who they thought their favorite teacher was from last school year. Results are in, and the teacher who had the most votes was English teacher, Michael Surina.

How do you feel about being most voted as favorite teacher from last school year?

"It feels super honored. Honestly, what I try to do every single day is give the kids the best hour of their day. So, I mean, to be looked at as somebody that is positive on campus and that kids enjoy coming to means a lot to me. It probably means the most important thing to me, as being a teacher"

How do you feel about teaching at Chino High?

"I really love teaching here. I graduated from here in 2006 and I've grown up here....I have a lot of pride in it"

What led you to want to teach English and or become an English Teacher?

"The reason I originally wanted to be a teacher was just so I could coach baseball. And then I had to decide what kind of subject to teach. English has always been something that's most interesting to me because there's a lot of freedom of thought and a lot of chance to be unique"

Before being a teacher, did you want to do something else, did you want to pursue a different career?

"I actually wanted to be a Lawyer, and then I realized that being a lawyer was not going to fit my more lackadaisical personality, so I decided to deviate away from it"

What was your best year teaching at Chino?

"My best year teaching and my favorite year honestly is every

year. I just try to look at it as like this is my favorite year because every day, I try to have the best day, enjoy myself the most, try to make the kids laugh, and try to make me laugh honestly"

What is it about your teaching style that makes you stand out over the other teacher?

"I think it's that I try to treat my kids like people. I don't try to treat them like students. I try to ask what's going on in their lives. I try to care. I just try to make them feel like their lives matter and that they're just not some kid at a desk"

You talk about your family often in class, what do you feel is the most important part of being connected to your family?

"I think it's just trying to be present as much as possible. I don't go home every day after this job, I go to another job, and as a family, we do need that job to help us to be able to have the nice things and the house that we have in life. For me, when I'm home and I'm with my daughter and wife, I try to put my phone away from me, so I don't even look at it. I try to be able to do things that are different so when we spend time, it's important"

We know that you have a daughter, so how is it like being a girl dad?

"Honestly, It's the best thing I could ever ask for. I love being a dad. I love having a daughter. When we found out my wife was pregnant, we didn't know if it was a boy or girl, but I always had this little feeling that it was going to be a girl and I was super excited. It's made me realize parts of myself that I didn't know existed"

Students at this school know that you and your brother both teach at this school. Do you think you and your brother have competition amongst each other as both being teachers?

"Honestly, I don't think so. I think it's just super cool that

we get a chance to teach at the same place. I think there's a lot of pride between both of us that we get a chance to represent and essentially help make us as people. I think we kind of just build off each other. He's honestly one of my best friends, so I think there's just a whole lot more support than competition"



CHINO VALLEY'S NEW POLICY

By **Lizette Rueias and Rachel Gomez**

Chino Valley unified school district proposed a policy to make it a requirement to inform parents if their child requests a pronoun change or to use a different restroom other than the one, they are "assigned to." The school board wants to implement this new rule as soon as possible.

The proposition initially passed but San Bernardino County Judge Thomas Garza granted a temporary restraining order last week putting the policy on hold.

In late August, Attorney General of California, Rob Bonta sued chino valley over its gender identification policy, he claims that it violates student's civil rights.

The Chino Board argues telling parents about the pronoun/name change makes them more aware of their child's mental health, but the opposing side says this policy "outs" students, strips them of their privacy and can put them in danger.

The next court hearing on the issue was scheduled for Oct. 13.

