

The Lariat

CHINO HIGH SCHOOL

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Suicide Prevention Month Starts Off the New School Year in September

By Sarah Olguin

It was Suicide Prevention Month in September. Whether you are new to the campus, or a returning student, everyone has low points, and counselors are here to help.

Studies show that over 726,000 people take their lives each year, 10% are high school students.

"The more you get distracted, you have to make time to catch up. The more work you have to do, the more overwhelmed you might become," said Katherine Lowe, English teacher and Link Crew advisor, on taking care of your grades as well as your mental health.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death in teenagers and young adults. "I believe that if you want to

improve your mental health you really have to put yourself first, which is not selfish or self-centered at all," said Aaron Tovar, a freshman and president of Emotion Wellness Club. On the average, over 3,703 students from 9-12 grade attempt to commit suicide each day.

Whether you're currently struggling mentally or have in the past, the student "one-stop-shop" on the Chino High School website has all the resources for you whether it's a social, mental health, or safety concern for the well-being of yourself or others around you.



English teacher Ms. Lowe sharing her thoughts about taking care of your mental health.

Saving Lives One Pint at a Time: Milkcan Blood Drive

By Jasmine Garavito

Twice a year, Chino High joins LifeStream so students can donate blood to local hospitals. Donating blood through school is saving lives of our fellow SoCal residents.

Students are asked to give one pint of blood which can save three lives, according to the LifeStream website. Before the blood that is taken at blood drives that can be used in hospitals, it is checked at a local lab in San Bernadino. At this lab, doctors check that the blood is healthy, along with the blood type,

so it can be sorted.

At the school blood drive, regional account manager Luis Maldonado who oversees all the blood drives in the SoCal area has been working with Life Stream for the last two years.

Maldonado says that the last two years have been more fulfilling than any previous career he has had. Maldonado said, "I have a job that give me purpose."

Maldonado used to work with the Red Cross, but he enjoys

working with life stream because he feels like he is befitting his own community because all the blood that goes through life stream stays in Southern California. Maldonado himself has given blood 8 times in the last two years of working at LifeStream.

On September 17, the school had a blood drive in the gym. About 70 students and teachers partici-

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pated in giving blood.

For students that did give blood during this year's Milkcan blood drive, they are able to create a LifeStream account and track their blood. The LifeStream website will show the donors blood type along with the hospital that the donor's blood was transferred to.

To participate in the school blood drive, others must be at least 15 years or old with parent permission. For those unable to participate, there will be another blood drive at the school during the spring.



Chino staff and students gathered in the gym to donate their blood to help a good cause for people in need. On the left, ASB Advisor Ms. Castillo happy to give blood at the blood drive.

The Army Path to the Future

by Jose Meza

Soldiers from the army visited Chino High on September 10th to share all it has to offer.

Most people join the army for the sense purpose or benefits because they do not have any plans for when high school is over. "The reason I decided to join was for the

self," said Chris Monre.

Joining the army for the sense of purpose is good but not all people join for that reason. The recruiters often convince and tell them about the benefits.

Students who did not know about the army had some help from teachers. Some teachers sent students to become more aware of what they benefit from in joining the army, like senior Diego Canche.

"I am here because my teacher sent me like to inform ourselves about the army. It is important to inform ourselves about what the army does and what our country offers," Canche says.

There are many reasons why some students don't know about the army but when they do its either for the benefits sense of purpose, or the recruiters convince them, but it still benefits all students to know that there's options open to them after high school

that can lead up to 200 or more job oppurtunites along with lifesaving skills.

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Army recruiter ready to share information about his position in the army.

sense of purpose and community of serving something bigger than my-

Folklorico Club Dancing Through Time

By Jasmine Garavito



Chino High Folklorico team welcomes new members to be apart of the club for the 2024-2025 school year!

In September, the Folklorico Club held tryouts after school and during lunch. Although the club welcomes all cultures and ethnicity's, the club is a way for student of Mexican decent to express and learn about the cultural dance known as folklorico.

Folklorico is a traditional Mexican dance that originated in the 1500's. It was a way for those native to Mexico to express themselves through music.

According to the club members,

the folklorico tryouts went very well, and are happy to bring on more fantastic people into their club. Senior Cassidy Barragan, also vice president of Folklorico said, "I hope we all have fun and have a good time."

The club cabinet was happy to bring new members to the club with the tryouts, one of the members compared their other members as one big family. Junior Alysia Medina who is the club's secretary and 3-year member said, "It's

like a family"

The club was able to find new boys and girls excited to join!

This sets much hope for the club's future. Club president Amory who is a senior and has been a part of the club for 3-year said, "This is going to be the best year so far."

The club started off the school year with a performance at the last rally. The club's cabinet and members are looking forward to their next out of school performance, on October 30th.

Local Wildfires Roaring in Southern CA

By Katya Quezada

The fires in the mountains of San Bernadino, Los Angeles, and Orange County in early September led to many evacuations and poor air quality in Southern California.

According to USA Today, smoke from wildfires severely impacts breathing. There have also been reports of asthma flares due to pollution in heavily congested regions.

According to CNN, wildfires in San Bernardino County, California,

has four thousand residents under evacuation orders in the area near the fire.

Based on CNN's website, a dramatic time lapse video captured by alert California shows wildfires sweeping across Santiago Peak in Southern California.

Wildfires converted the entire forests to grass and shrubs, dependent native forests and can no longer survive.

The airport fires in Orange and Riverside County have four evacuations as parts of Southern California battle three major fires.

People that live near the fires have mostly evacuated causes by the air quality. Also, it helps fire-fighters get through the roads where people have already evacuated.

Alarming Rise of False Threats in Schools

By Lizette Ruelas

Over the past few years, threats of violence targeting schools have unfortunately become a regular occurrence across the country. At our own school district, CVUSD, these threats have been steadily rising, driven by a disturbing social media trend that glorifies this behavior. Although most of these threats are false, they have consequences for students, staff, and the community.

CVUSD Superintendent Enfield recently addressed these concerns in a district-wide message to families and staff. She highlighted how the "tranquility and positive energy" of the district have been

disrupted by these false threats, which have become alarmingly frequent. The impact of these threats is far-reaching. While they may be intended as jokes or pranks, their consequences are serious.

When a false threat is made, students, teachers, and parents are left feeling anxious, unsafe, and unsure of whether the next threat could be real. These threats, regardless of their legitimacy, rob every one of their peace and sense of security.

As the Superintendent pointed out, the investigation of these threats also diverts attention

away from actual emergencies, potentially delaying the responses to actual crises. Every threat must be taken seriously, which means that law enforcement and school personnel must drop their regular duties to investigate. This can result in wasted resources, time, and money, all of which could be better spent on improving the community or addressing genuine issues.

Making false threats or reports is not only irresponsible but also illegal. The Superintendent's message emphasized that students found guilty of such actions will face serious consequences, which could include legal and disciplinary actions from the school. It's important for everyone to understand that even if a threat is made "as a joke," it still has severe consequences.



The Milkcan Heads Across Town As Lugo Breaks the Streak

By Marc V Hernandez

The big historic game, The Milkcan, was played here at Chino on September 20th against out rival Don Lugo.

It was a long and entertaining game. Even with Chino losing to Don Lugo with a 20-14 final score, they never gave up until the end. The Chino spirit never once died throughout the whole game; it stood high until it was over.

"I have no doubt that we'll bring it back home," teacher, Mr. Lentz claims. Mr. Lentz was confident that we'd take the Milkcan back home, sadly Chino couldn't bring it back home for a sixth consecutive year.

"It's pretty good, better come out with the dub," senior, C.J Gibson said. Being a player in the Milkcan,



Gibson was fully prepared to give his all in the big game, and that he did. He made 2 catches and one of them was a touchdown, giving us a 14-0 lead in the first half.

"We mainly watched film and ran a lot of defense drills to get to the quarterback quicker," said sophomore Niko Garcia. Garcia and the rest of the team practiced hard to

prepare for the big game by running through more drills than they normally would and watched much more film.

With all the preparations and high spirits going into the game, they couldn't bring it back home this year. The team made it a close scoring game in the end, next year Chino will take it back for sure!

The Spanish Club Takes 'Em Out to The Ball Game!

By Samantha Sandoval

On September 22nd, the Chino High Spanish Club took a field trip to the Dodger Stadium to watch the Los Angeles Dodger's play against the Colorado Rockies.

This was an early afternoon game, which started at 1:00 pm. This game was also a celebratory one as it was a night dedicated to local firefighters.

Ms. Cardenas, Chino High Spanish teacher, and Spanish club advisor has been taking her kids to the Dodger Stadium for many years now and enjoys it.

Upon arriving to the game, the Rockies took a great head start of the game by scoring 3 homeruns at only the first inning, putting the Dodgers behind.

This game was a close game since the Dodgers were expected to win after losing their game against the Rockies with a score of 3-6 on the 21st.

By the fourth inning, the Dodgers scored their first homerun by player Teoscar Hernández. Two more innings later, the Dodgers succeeded by scoring three more runs to put them at a great advantage.

It still depended on the Dodgers to finish the game strong in the ninth inning. It still did not look good for the Dodgers since they were still losing by two runs, putting them at 4-6.

At the last possible moment, it came to players Shohei Otani and Mookie Betts to win it all for the Los Angeles Dodgers. It was a back-to-back run from both these players, putting the Dodgers in the lead 6-5, winning the game, when Ohtani scored the fifth run, and Betts scoring the last run.

Ms. VanEmbricqs' Daughter at the 2024 Paralympics

By Evelyn Alva



Arelle Middleton represented team USA at 2024 Paralympics.

Arelle Middleton, 16-year-old, and daughter of French teacher Alexandra Vanembricqs, took part and won a medal in the 2024 Paris Paralympics.

Competing as one of the youngest participants in the women's shotput, Middleton placed 2nd, winning a silver medal. Middleton has been throwing in track and field since she was 10 years old but started getting serious when she entered high school two years ago.

It was a crazy six months for Middleton and her family as she first got noticed when she threw a standard A throw at the National championship for USA, shocking her family and others. This impressive throw qualified Middleton for the world championship, which she got 2nd place in. After that amazing performance, Middleton competed in the paralympic summer trails which took place in Florida.

It was not until the end of July when Middleton was told she would be participating in the 2024 Paralympics in Paris. Middletons mother Vanembricqs said, "It was so impressive to know that the country puts this event on it was just so grandiose."



The Dodger team welcoming the Chino High Spanish Club students during the game on the billboard.

Chino High's First Official Fall Girl's Flag Football Season



Varsity Flag Football team after their home game win against Chino Hills with a score 32-20. Photo courtesy of photographer Isaiah Cardenas.

By Lizette Ruelas

Chino High is making history this year with the launch of its first official girls' flag football team. As league games progress, the varsity team has shown remarkable performance with a record of 5 wins and 4 losses. This season has been a significant milestone, not just for the team, but for the entire school community.

Senior and one of the varsity team captains, Ciara Granados, said "The goals my team and I have this year are to win league and CIF but

also to just stay positive and to not give up on each other and to always have each other's backs when we are needed!"

She spoke passionately about the broader impact of the team on girls' sports at Chino High School. "I believe that my team and I have made and will continue to make a huge impact on the future of girls' sports in our school. We have already had so many girls try out for our team, and I feel like flag football has brought girls from

all different sports together to try something new and create something good for our school. I believe that this is just the beginning of flag football for Chino, and it will just continue to grow and become bigger day by day!"

For those considering joining the team next season, Granados offered some heartfelt advice: "Don't be nervous about what other people will think about you playing football. Just do it for you. Flag football is something I never knew would have such a big impact on me, but it did. It makes me happy, and I enjoy playing it so much. Be ready if you are planning on trying out because the coaches are always pushing you to keep going and to not give up!"

As the girls' flag football team continues to break new ground, they are not only setting a precedent for future athletes but also fostering a sense of unity and school spirit. This season marks the beginning of what promises to be a long and successful journey for girls' flag football at Chino High School.

As of now, the girls have defeated don Lugo at the new rivalry game, the Dairy Queen, with an outstanding score of 26-0.



Photo courtesy by Isaiah Cardenas.

New Call of Duty Black Ops 6 Open Beta Review

By CorDea Hamilton

The Call of Duty Black Ops 6 Open Beta offered gamers a glimpse into the future of the series by allowing them to play the multiplayer before the game's full release.

The beta was open to any players with an Xbox (Series X, One), PlayStation (4,5), or PC. Black Ops 6 hopes to push the game forward by adding new movement options, maps, weapons, as well as returning features like the original level up and prestige system. The beta was open the weekend of September 6th and early access was the weekend before for players who already purchased the game.

Many gamers were most excited to see how the new movement options would feel. Omni-Movement, short for Omni Directional Movement, now allows players to run, dive, and slide in any direction. This is not the first time the developers have tried to change the way players moved around a map, in Advanced/Infinite Warfare there was Exo-Movement that allowed players to use a powered-up version of boost, slide, and pound. Black Ops 3 also had wall running.

Fans of the series quickly

installed the demo the second it dropped. Omni-Movement made the games feel more fast paced and players have been hitting crazy shots like never before seen on previous entries. On the PS5 and Xbox, the game looked vibrant and besides some server issues it ran smoothly. All the maps had a lot of variety, taking players to various countries around the globe.

Due to the longer development period, many people are looking forward to what else is in store. Hardcore 'Zombies' fans are looking forward to the two new maps available at launch, Terminus and Liberty Falls. Fans are also looking forward to seeing where the 'Single Player Campaign' takes them and how it will relate to the previous entries.

The beta gave players a chance to explore the core gameplay of this year's Call of Duty, but only gave them a quick taste of the multiplayer. Still though, the massive changes and return to classic features make it seem like the most exiting release there has been in a long time. Overall, I would give the game a 9.5/10.



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Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice!

By Bellissima Becerra

It's showtime! Tim Burton's famously kooky and spooky film, Beetlejuice (1988), made an exciting comeback on September 6th, 2024 with its sequel, premiering in theatres for all fans of anything and everything crazy, wild, and spooky!

Recently, I went to go watch the second movie myself. If you are a fan of kooky and crazy, this is the perfect movie sequel for you.

By bringing back the iconic actor Winona Ryder as a grown-up version of Lydia Deetz, Lydia and her family face a new challenge when an unexpected family tragedy comes to life. Many Beetlejuice film enjoyers might argue that the number of new characters in the second movie feels a bit unnecessary, however, I argue that the new characters are a great addition.

The movie introduces a new character, Astrid Deetz, played by actor Jenna Ortega, as Lydia Deetz's daughter. She makes a powerful addition to the new story in the Beetlejuice sequel.

The story also introduces "Delores," a figure in Betelgeuse's past, who, I felt, was a little unnecessary to the movie. Her character

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was intriguing, well thought out too, but the way it was executed in the movie was strange. It felt like

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they made a huge buildup only to throw it in the trash all at once at the end. Other than that, her character was intriguing.

Beetlejuice, the man himself, was perfectly played by actor Michael Keaton. His chaotic nature and backstory tied to Delores in the movie was perfectly executed, and it was interesting to see how he was tied to Delores and why Delores was so important to his backstory.

For the story itself, there was no story. It was just a "Mash things together and let's see how much fun we can have with this" type film. And I am not mad, in fact, it was perfect.

To me, it felt like Tim Burton decided to just have some fun with this film. The film itself was just so perfectly chaotic in an overwhelming, but fun way. It is hard to describe, hard to understand. It is so interesting and so

creative in a way that makes you think, "Wow, I want to watch that again!"

I would recommend this movie to friends and other people in a heartbeat. This is fun for people who love horror and jokes that only adults might understand. If you are a fan of things that are kooky, spooky, chaotic, and trippy, then this movie is something you would enjoy!

2024 Presidential Election: What to Know About the Candidates

By Anthony Alvarado

On Tuesday November 5, the election for the president of the United States of America will take place. During this election it will be former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamla Harris fighting for President of the United States.

Other people running include, Cornel West, Jill Stein, and Chase Oliver.

The election day will be held on Tuesday November 5. Leading up to this election we have had debates with formal President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamla Harris. One of these debates happened on Tuesday, Sept 10.

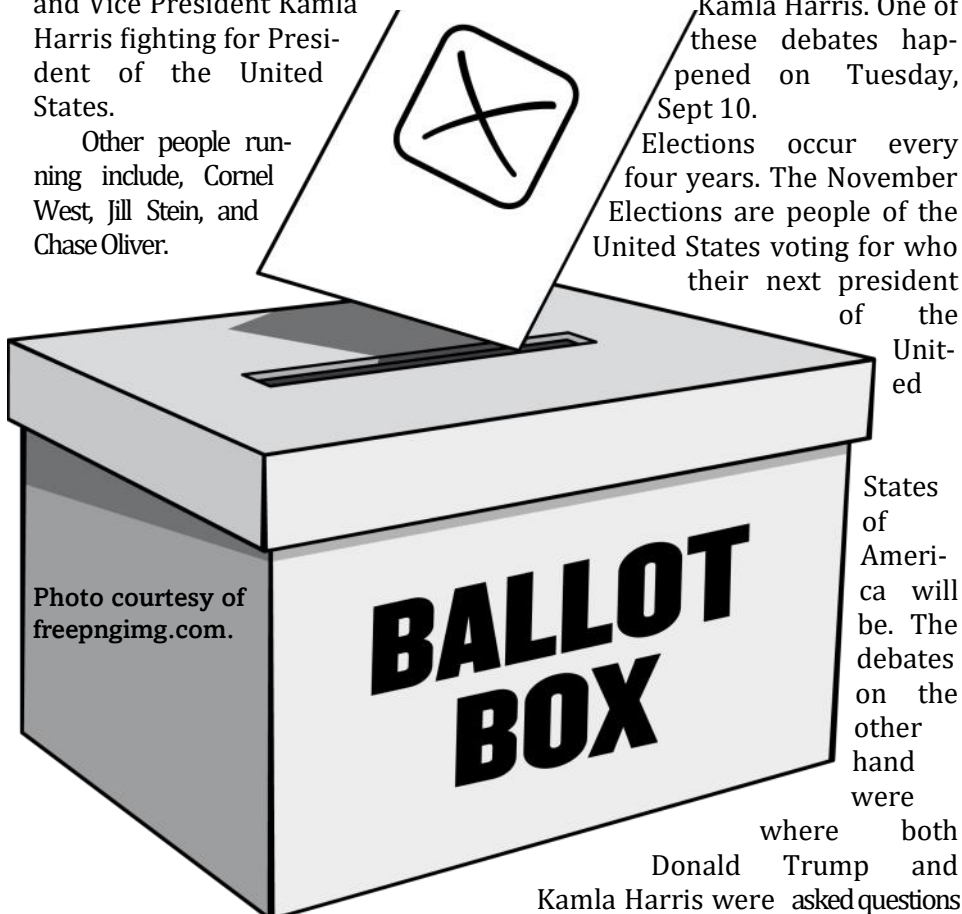
Elections occur every four years. The November Elections are people of the United States voting for who their next president of the United

and what their plans will be if they get elected.

The election take place all over the United States where people vote. People can find the election on local news channel when they announce who will be the next president. However, the debate took place at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

The reason to this Presidential election every four years is to see who our next president of the United States will be. During these elections a lot of drama and stress happens because it's a big deal who will be our next president. The reason for our presidential debates is to encourage non-voters to vote. About 3% or 6% voter to watch their two runners debated and being asked questions like what their plan will be if they get elected as president.

The presidential debate works in a way where people watch these people who are running and watch what their plans would be or what will they do to help America as President. Whoever the people vote for will lead up to election day will be next president.



States of America will be. The debates on the other hand were

where both Donald Trump and Kamla Harris were asked questions

When Should you Decorate or Halloween?

By Alyssa Santiago

Halloween is one of the spookiest times of the year, but when should people start decorating and celebrating? Many stores begin displaying Halloween decorations as early as the beginning of August. Although, there is no right or wrong time to put up Halloween decorations.

While shopping at a department store in the middle of August you may find yourself wandering down a small section of Halloween decorations. Typically, full of Jack O' Lantern's, black cats, and other spooky decorations.

One may wonder to themselves, isn't it too early to have Halloween decorations out? It seems that many people have the same question, when is the best time to put up Halloween decorations. I have interviewed three people to get their opinions about when the best time to decorate is.

Tiffany Hartwell-Santiago, a mother and registered nurse, was asked if she decorates for Halloween and she replied, yes. When asked when she starts to decorate, she replied, "I decorate the week-end before Labor Day, so September 1st." She explained that she likes to start the inside of the house first. When asked when do you think it is too early to decorate, she replied, "No sooner than Labor Day week-end." When asked when do you think it is too late to decorate, she replied, "the week of Halloween is too late. You don't have enough time to have the vision."

Fabian Hartwell-Santiago was asked if he decorates for Halloween, he replied, "only because my wife does. If she didn't, I would not decorate." When asked when do

you start decorating, he replied, "whenever my wife decided to decorate, which is always way too early." When asked when do you think is way too early to decorate, he replied, "before the month of October." When do you think it's too late to decorate for Halloween, he replied, one week before."

Based on an internet article by "The Spruce" a survey conducted by "You Gov in 2021" Out of nearly 6,000 respondents, the majority (43%) believe the earliest acceptable time to display Halloween decorations is between October 1st and October 15th. Only 3% responded that before Labor Day is acceptable, while 13% responded that between Labor Day and September 30th is okay.

Victoria Lopez, mother of four was asked if she decorates for Halloween, she replied, "no." When

asked why she doesn't decorate she replied, "I live with my in-laws, and they don't like to decorate." She also explains that she lives up on a hill and does not get trick or treaters. She was asked if she did decorate when she would start decorating, he replied, "I would start mid-September." When asked when it is too early to decorate, she replied, "In August." When asked when do you think it is too late to decorate, she replied, "a week before Halloween."

In Lopez's case she explained location would be a factor. If no one can see the decorations, there is no point.

Any time during fall is A great time to start decorating. Regardless there are many different answers and there is no right or wrong time to begin to decorate for Halloween there are only opinions.



How Theatre Prepared for *Shrek the Musical Jr.*



By Ivan Pedraza

Shrek Jr. opened on September 19 and had its final showing on September 24. With this being the Chino High School Theatre Company's fifth production on the new campus, they've finished all construction on the semester's musical. Everyone involved in the production worked hard piecing together this year's play, bringing actors of all grades and backgrounds to combine their skills to make this interpretation work.

This year's show is one that will truly stand out as it was the only musical to not be affiliated nor adapt a Disney property. Instead, they chose to bring DreamWorks' Shrek to the theatre stage. This show might possibly give way to a wider variety of productions for the theatre to look at, bringing interesting challenges to the whole theatre

company. With plays such as Frozen and Beauty and the Beast Jr. having received lots of praise last year, it seems that everything that theatre works on will be met with applause after applause.

A dedicated, yet playful, cast, makes this whole show turned out to be better than just another high school musical. Layne Da Rocha, a senior in Advanced Stagecraft and part of the team responsible for building the play's dragon, was quoted saying,

"The two aren't really that different from each other, you would have to be way too invested to truly care about any differences," said Da Rocha. Of course, two noticeable changes made to the play to differentiate it from the 2001 film, is the exclusion of the song, "All Star" by Smash

Mouth, from the beginning and exclusion of all action scenes that were in the film.

The hype around the play, strong bonds between actors, and amazing production quality must be what will truly separate this show from others and bring the theatre company the flowers that they deserve. A finishing quote from Zackery Salgado, a senior actor from the huge ensemble, was that,

"It feels like such a cool moment every time we're applauded on by the audience," said Salgado. This show really is something that you'll just need to have seen for yourself to believe in the careful craft taken to bring a popular film to the school stage.

Students Show Spirit for the Milkcan Rivalry Game

By Rachelle Alvarez and Vanneil Borders

Milkcan Spirit week occurred from September 16 to the 20th. Each day students should try and represent each theme each day.

Monday was quadruples day, Tuesday was wearing sunglasses, Wednesday was wearing pajamas, Thursday was wearing boots and Friday was blackout.

Milkcan spirit week is important to support the football team and get them motivated by

showing school spirit. One of the reasons why the Milkcan game is so important is because the rivalry has been going on for years now. Don Lugo High School booster club had an idea of the Milkcan game in 1980. The idea was to emphasize the rivalry between Chino and Don Lugo.

Senior Lelon Holiday said, "I like spirit week it a lot of fun dressing up with friends and hav-

ing fun," the experience that students have by participating in spirit week reflects how much students love their school. "I like dressing up for pajama day because I could wake up and just go to school," said Adrain Gonzalez, Grade 12.

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 introduce four new staff members with others to be introduced in the following issue.

New Assistant Vice Principal Ms. Flores

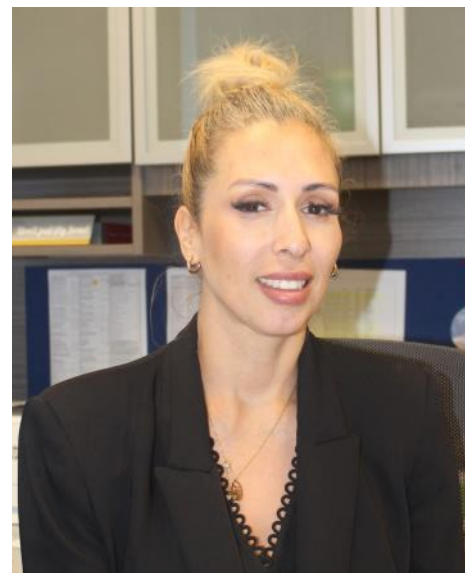
By Deja Hernandez

A new assistant principal has arrived! Before becoming AP, Eliva Flores was a Spanish teacher here at Chino for 18 years. While a Spanish teacher, Flores worked as the department chair and other committees and leadership roles!

Prior to becoming a teacher, Flores worked as a paraprofessional for the Ontario-Montclair School District.

"Things are thrown at me every day and I'm doing okay. I ask a lot of questions so if I don't understand or know how to do something I ask the other assistant principals, or I'll call personal at the district so they can guide me, and I have my secretary that also helps me a lot," said Flores.

Flores is onto bigger and greater things. Flores told the



Lariat, "I loved being a Spanish teacher, but I think I needed a change."

Chino will continue to support her and her transition from Spanish teacher to Assistant Principal!

New Teaching Assistant for the Music Department: Flint Parrell

By Sophia Jimenez

Flint Parrell began teaching at Chino this year as a teaching assistant in the Music Department, with band and choir. The last time he set foot on this campus, he was a student in the 77th Cavalry. Parrell said, "When I graduated from Chino High, I always wanted to come back."



He said this was his first job as a teacher, but not his first time teaching. He took many classes in preparation for his current career, including basic music theory, extra education, and the credential preparations program. Aside from being his Alma Mater, Parrell had already been working at Chino since 2021 as a Brass Tech. "The only new thing I've been doing is being here during the day, and then working with the choir," said Parrell. Collectively, he feels like he has a very good head start in his teaching ability and experience.

"I want to be somebody that inspires kids to try their hardest, not just in music. I want everyone to come through every year and realize the hard work they put into band and choir translates into other things. So, they'll

understand what it takes to work hard and to contribute," said Parrell.

Parrell hopes to be here for a long time and step up more. Eventually, he'd like to become the new music teacher at Chino. "Right now, Mr. Bowden is trying to show me the ropes to be as prepared as possible if I take his position."

"The process to become a teacher is harder than people think. A lot of times students look at teachers and think 'I don't know how this guy became a teacher,'" said Parrell. "But maybe they've just lost what teaching is supposed to be or don't keep current with things they're supposed to do. But that person still worked really hard to get to where they were. So, I think as students, it's good to give your teachers the benefit of the doubt."

New Culinary Arts Teacher Mrs. Tolliver Ready to Whip Up New Dishes

By Deja Hernandez

Sarah Tolliver, the new Culinary Arts teacher, blessed us with her presence at Chino High in January of 2024. Mrs. Tolliver was formally known as her last year students as Mrs. Boyzo. When the new school year started, she changed her last name to be the same as her husband's, Tolliver. She is also in charge of Chino Highs Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

FCCLA is an extracurricular club that promotes the culinary program. The Lariat asked Mrs. Tolliver to talk a bit about the program.

"FCCLA helps students use networking and leadership skills and

is also a way for students to use their culinary skills to participate in competitions to where they can earn scholarships and recognition for their efforts."

Tolliver explained that she began working as a preschool teacher at the beginning of her career. She then became a preschool director and realized that there weren't many opportunities to move on.

Tolliver stated that she worked in Pomona for a couple of years and later on accepted a job from Chino High School as the new culinary teacher!

Tolliver told *The Lariat*, "My favorite part of working at Chino



High is being able to use a big facility where my students are able to learn and is stocked with all supplies and tools we need. I love having a principal who is supportive and proactive providing materials, and money we need to run the program."

Teacher Benjamin Valadez Already Beloved By Students

By Evelyn Alva



Mr. Valadez is welcomed to his first year as an official teacher for Chino seniors. Although he is new as a teacher, Valadez is not new to the school. Valadez's teaching career started as an instructional aid.

After four years in that position Valadez became a student teacher, working with Patrick Surina (history teacher). This September, Valadez started as an official teacher "I love being able to be that person who guides students to understand things," said Valadez.

Valadez's passion for teaching is evident in the way his students speak of him. Senior Katarina Delgado said, "He is very understanding, and you can tell he really cares for the students."

"My grandfather is the one who inspired me to teach government, so I decided to honor him," said Valadez. With a clearly dedicated new government teacher, Chino seniors are in for a year of knowledge.

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