

# THE WARRIOR CHRONICLE

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## 2020 Summer Olympics add fresh sports as a new chapter in history

Elijah Maquilan Reporter

The 2020 Summer Olympics will be taking place in Tokyo, Japan. The main thing about the Summer Olympics is that Tokyo is adding six new sports; surfing, karate, skateboarding, rock climbing, baseball, and softball

According to olympic.org, IOC (International Olympic Committee) President Thomas Bach stated, “We want to take sports to the youth. With the many options that young people have, we cannot expect any more that they will come automatically to us. We have to go to them. Tokyo 2020’s balanced proposal fulfils all of the goals of the Olympic Agenda 2020 recommendation that allowed it. Taken together, the five sports are an innovative combination of



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The 2020 Summer Olympics will be adding surfing, karate, skateboarding, rock climbing, baseball, and softball to appeal to the next generation.

established and emerging, youth-focused events that are popular in Japan and will add to the legacy of the Tokyo Games.”

Ansel Al-Mehdi, 7th grader, thinks it is a good idea to add new sports to the Olympics. “It is especially more fun that more people can join, and those people can share their talent,” he said. He thinks that it

could lead to a higher chance of people watching and of joining the Olympics.

“Through these additional events, the Tokyo 2020 Games aims to inspire new generations and become a turning point and a model for future Olympic Games,” said Yoshiro Mori, the president of Tokyo. He is really pleased that he was allowed to add the new

sports. He appreciates the support from IOC and says that this is a new chapter in history.

“Honestly, I think that Tokyo added new sports because they wanted to give people more of an advantage of joining the Summer Olympics,” stated Mikaela Fronda, a 6th grade student.

8th grader Isaiah Villalvazo thinks that it’s more fun to add new sports, especially now that these sports have become popular. He stated, “Skateboarding is getting really popular these days because it is really fun, so why not add it to the Summer Olympics?”

The main reason that the president of Tokyo added these new sports is that he wants more people to join the Summer Olympics.

## Wrestling club welcomes all to come and learn new skills after school

Emrick Ramirez Reporter

The wrestling club practices from 3:30 to 5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the mini gym. Since this is considered to be a club, other schools are welcome to join. The club consists of grades 5-8 from schools such as Centerville and Horner. The club is held by the Jackson family, who are all wrestlers. The coach is an experienced, Jay Jackson. He has two sons, one in 8th grade, Casey Jackson, and a 6th grader, Cameron Jackson. (With reporting by Yuliya Eruslanova)



Photo By Yuliya Eruslanova

The Walters Wrestling club allows people from all schools to participate.

# Boys basketball teams continue doing well

Shane Hong Reporter

The Walters basketball team is more than halfway through the season, and the teams are doing great. Both the 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade teams both have a four and two win-loss ratio. Both teams have been playing their best with the help of their coach, Mr. Campana. Hopefully, both teams, at the end of the season will have a six and two win-loss ratio.

Starting point guard for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team Nasir Shannon, said that I think we are going to win our last two games because we have good chemistry and we play well together. This shows that he has enough confidence in him and his team and that they are going to win the rest of their games and go six and two at the end of the season. Clearly Nassir has a lot of confidence to win the games.

The basketball teams wouldn't be able to play as well as they are without the help of their coach, Mr Campana. Coach Campana stated, "We will continue to improve and work hard. If we can play a full game we can win. For the seventh graders I'm impressed with the way they meshed together. For both teams we'll improve

and get them prepared for next year." Mr. Campana has plans for the next games and is assured that both teams will win the next two games.

Kayden Shaw, who is the starter for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team, stated, "We are going to keep playing good and we are going to win the next two games." This quote is important because he is committed to the team and is comfortable to

know that the team is strong enough to win the next game. So far it has been working, and they will continue to play well.

In total, both teams have been playing well and will hopefully continue to play as well as they have been. Hopefully, both teams finish the season ending six and two, and they will be prepared for the next years to come.



Photo by Kirsten Hoang  
Hunter Padilla, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader on the basketball team, dribbles during a practice.

Happy Second Semester from  
the Publications Class!!!

## On This Day in History...

- Jan. 31-** Congress passes the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment, abolishing slavery, in 1865
- Feb. 2-** By this date in 1349, at least 200 people a day were being buried in London due to the Black Death
- Feb. 4-** George Washington is elected as the first president in 1789
- Feb. 5-** First Winter Olympic ends in Chamonix, France in 1924
- Feb. 7-** The first untethered space walk was done by *Challenger* astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart in 1984

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# Are printed books or digital copies better for learning?

*Abby Campos*

There has been a discussion on whether reading with technology is effective or ineffective on learning how to read and write. I think that reading with technology is good but in the learning aspect I don't think that reading with technology will benefit your writing in the future. When people text they usually use words like "wut", "y", "u", or abbreviations for most words and since they are so used to typing that way they transfer it to their writing at school. Most people rely on autocorrect in order to spell things correctly, but when you write on paper you have to know the correct spelling.

According to Psychologytoday.com, there are beneficial factors to reading online like helping kids with different disabilities, learning how to read and write, using computers helps with most people literacy, and using an iPad makes better readers and writers.

There are also detrimental factors to reading online such as how your eyesight could get worse from looking at a big screen all day, if the electronic you are using runs out of battery you can lose your spot in the

book, and if you're in a place where you can't use electronics and you have to read a book then what are going to do.

Although there are many good things about reading on electronics I still think that you should read on a regular paper books instead. They are way more beneficial ways and it can be used as a calming element.

Many people don't like reading because they think it is boring but they only think that because reading mostly inquires peace and quiet. I like reading because it helps me relax and it expands my knowledge. Reading on technology is cool as well but I just prefer reading on books.

Ms. Weber stated, "I think reading of any kind can increase peoples learning and reading. For me I have an app that has different audio books and that helps my commute go faster, or you can as well download different books and read it on a Kindle or an iPad."

Ms. Kent-Berge commented, "I have seen an increase this year of people getting books, yes. It seems people are more excited to read now especially with graphic novels. I like to read paper books because it is a better experience but I do also read books on



Photo from Google Images  
Printed books are a classic way of learning.

technology and we have different varieties of sixty internet books in the library."

Jacqueline Garcia-Lopez, an 8th grader, answered, "I think you should not read on technology because you will hurt your eyesight and be legally blind."

Many people think that reading on technology is beneficial for your brain and many people think that reading on technology is detrimental for your brain. Although I do think reading on the internet is detrimental in the long run, I also think that it could be beneficial. No matter what you are using, everyone should read.

## Best books to read for:

6<sup>th</sup> graders: [A Wrinkle in Time](#) By Madeleine L'Engle;  
[Bridge to Terabithia](#) By Katherine Paterson

7<sup>th</sup> graders: [Stargirl](#) By Jerry Spinelli; [Matched](#) By Ally Condie

8<sup>th</sup> graders: [The Giver](#) By Lois Lowry; [Sold](#) By Patricia McCormick

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## CALENDAR

Feb 11-13	Valentine Grams at Lunch
Feb 14	Valentine's Day (Minimum Day 8:15-12:44)
Feb 17	President's Day (No School)

## Helicopter crash ends in 9 deaths

[Jasmine Maung](#) Editor

Kobe Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter Gianna Bryant, John, Keri, and Alyssa Atobelli, Christina Mauser, Ara Zobayan (the pilot), Sarah and Payton Chester tragic deaths were announced on January 26, 2020. Due to the foggy weather in Calabasas, California, the helicopter flew too low and then crashed into a hill.

According to Jennifer Homendy of the National Transportation Safety board, the pilot of the helicopter told air traffic controllers in his last radio message that he was climbing to avoid a cloud layer which caused the helicopter to plunge down. Many are mourning the sudden deaths of these passengers.

## Students plan for the second semester

Yuliya Eruslanova Reporter

As the school year comes to the middle, a new semester starts. Each year consists of two semesters, each with different classes. However, some students still have the same schedule due to having an all year elective.

"Honestly it's [the first semester] been smooth. I got to know the students more," stated the 8th grade counselor Mrs. Fiala. She says that she is "looking forward to getting the 8th graders ready for high school."

During the second semester, Mrs. Fiala will be going into the 8th grade history classes and introducing the many classes Kennedy High School offers. She is doing this so that the 8th graders start thinking about going into high school, and for them to feel more comfortable about the transition.

7th grader Randy Oyler explained that the first semester was great for him because he made many new friends. For him, this semester will also include the second year of the UC Berkeley

trip. Randy Oyler says that he is looking forward to the trip that will happen in March. One goal that he has for the new semester is to raise his math grade.

Jaylin Jackson, a 6th grader, said that a good thing that happened in the first semester is that he got many new friends. Another great thing was that he was able to raise his grades from C's to A's, and he was really proud of it. One goal that Jaylin has is to keep up his grades and even try to raise them.

An 8th grader, Tabitha Masamitsu, commented that her first semester went pretty well and was even easier than expected. One thing she wants in the second semester is more projects in art. One goal Tabitha has for the upcoming semester is to try and get straight A's. She also thinks that 8th graders should start thinking about high school now, since it is different than middle school.

Teacher Feature:

## Mrs. Keiper

Malia Clum Reporter

This is Mrs. Keiper's 12th year teaching at our school. Mrs. Keiper is in room 60. She is a special ed teacher. She has nine students and four aides. She pursued her teaching career in Hayward for three years previously. She chose to work in special ed because she knew there was a need for it. She developed a love for the kids.

She explained, "They are sweet and awesome and fun to work with. I love working with kids, but sometimes it can be a challenge trying to get them to focus."

Mrs. Alana in the office commented, "Mrs. Keiper is calm with her students and she has dedication to her job. Mrs. Keiper is very compassionate about her teaching and her career. We hope she stays at this school to help her future students."



Photo by Isabella Hembruch  
Mrs. Keiper has taught special ed here for 12 years.

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Students in  
Mr. Kinnear's  
class work  
hard on their  
assignments.



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